



Class 10 - Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah

Old Testament Seminar - Immanuel Church

Amos

Theme

Yahweh is angry because His people are getting rich by oppressing their own kinsmen, and despising the righteous and His word.

I. God Judges the Nations

1:3 – Damascus

1:6 – Gaza

1:9 – Tyre

1:11 – Edom

1:13 – Ammon

2:1 – Moab

II. God Judges His People (2:6ff)

- Sins of Injustice
- Religious Sins

III. God's Judges with Justice and with Certainty

7:7-9

IV. God Judges with Mercy

5:14-15

9:11-15

Obadiah

Theme

Yahweh will judge those who arrogantly mistreat His people.

Obadiah 1-9. The Sentence: Coming Destruction

Obadiah 10-14: The Charge: Oppressing God's People

Obadiah 17-21: The Result: Establishment of God's Kingdom

A Study Outline for Amos

- i. Amos 1-2:5 – Yahweh deals with the nations
- ii. Amos 2:6-4 – Yahweh deals with His people
- iii. Amos 5-6 – The call to repent
- iv. Amos 7-9 – Five visions

A Study Outline for Obadiah

- i. Obadiah 1-9 – Coming destruction of Edom: serves as a type of the Day of the LORD
- ii. Obadiah 10-14 – Reason for the coming destruction: oppression of God's people
- iii. Obadiah 15-21 – Coming destruction upon all: the antitype - the real Day of the LORD
 - a. Judgment vv. 15-16
 - b. Salvation vv. 17-21

Micah

Context

- Late 8th century BC
- Assyria is about to invade Israel; then does invade Israel
- Israel is falling
- But Yahweh provides hope for the future

Theme

God will judge all people; yet he will save a remnant through a future king.

A Note on Style

“You cannot *wash* the corruption out of *Washington*; sin is nothing *new* in *New York*”

God wants wrongs to be rebuked

Micah 1:3ff

Hebrews 3:12-13

God wants his people to be restored

Example of hope after judgment: 4:6-8

Promise of a ruler: 5:1-5

God wants his character to be known

Acknowledgment of his supremacy (4:1-3)

Remembrance of his righteousness (Chapter 6)

Demonstration of his mercy (6:18-10)

What does it mean to repent?

Jonah

Context

- Early to mid 8th century BC
- The Assyrians have been Israel's enemy for a long time
- Not the first time Jonah has prophesied (2 Kings 14)

Theme

Salvation — of all nations — is Yahweh's sovereign work.

What is Jonah?

- Allegory? Parable? Myth?

Jonah Chapter 1

Who is following God? Jonah? The pagan sailors?

Jonah Chapter 2

Jonah's repentance

Jonah Chapter 3

Jonah preaches only about judgment, not about repentance.

The Ninevites repent (3:5)

The king repents (3:6)

Contrast between Jonah and the Ninevites

Jonah Chapter 4

Jonah was afraid of God's mercy.

God's unstoppable grace.

"Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

Conclusion

"God has always been more committed to reaching the world than his own people have been"
(*Promises Made*)

A Study Outline for Micah

- i. Micah 1-2 – Judgment is coming.
- ii. Micah 3-5 – But the remnant will be saved through the coming King.
- iii. Micah 6-7 – Therefore repent and be saved.

A Study Outline for Jonah

- i. Jonah 1:1-16 – Yahweh saves those ignorant of Him.
- ii. Jonah 1:17-2:10 – Yahweh saves those disobedient to Him.
- iii. Jonah 3 – Yahweh saves those rebellious against Him.
- iv. Jonah 4 – Jonah needs a lesson about the heart of mercy that overflows in salvation.

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