

OUR FELLOWSHIP IN THE WORD
Schedule for September 25-October 1, 2017

MICAH

- MON CH. 5:** Messiah will come from Bethlehem. Until then, Israel will be abandoned and without a king. *"The rest of his brothers"* refers to the many nations in the flock that Messiah will shepherd forever. Assyria represents the enemies of Messiah's kingdom over whom the remnant of Israel will rule. God will remove all that Israel had once trusted instead of trusting God.
- TUE CH. 6:** Micah delivers the LORD's indictment against His people asking what did God, who is faithful, do to cause Israel to abandon Him; He has been faithful. Someone asks what the LORD wants. He wants them to *"do justice, and to love kindness; and to walk humbly with [their] God."* But they have not, and God will judge them and frustrate their lives.
- WED CH. 7:** Micah laments Jerusalem's poor state: godlessness, corrupt government, and social breakdown. The book ends with a hymn of praise that begins with a confession of sin and expressed confidence that the LORD will rebuild Zion, where all nations will worship. God promises to shepherd his people. The nations will come to know that Israel's God is the LORD.

NAHUM

Nahum preached to Judeans in Nineveh about 100 years after Jonah

- THU CH. 1:** Nahum's name means *comfort*; he comforted his audience (possibly exiles in Assyria) by reminding them that the Sovereign LORD will avenge His righteousness. The Assyrians had captured Judah, but God would liberate them. Nahum brings the good news of victory; Assyria will be utterly cut off.
- FRI CH. 2:** Nahum's prophecy vividly describes the defeat of Nineveh. The "LORD'S" unstoppable army reduces the city to ruins and its people are either captured or flee. The LORD says to Nineveh, *"I am against you."*
- SAT CH. 3:** The LORD is against Nineveh for being a bloody city of lies and plundering, and for trusting her allies rather than trusting God. Destruction is inescapable. Just like mighty Thebes, Nineveh will fall and the nations that she oppressed will applaud her fall.

HABAKKUK

- SUN CH. 1:** Habakkuk asks God why He sits idly while wickedness is rampant in Judah. The LORD tells him to look beyond Judah and be amazed; He is raising up the relentless and dreaded Chaldeans. Habakkuk questions why Holy God would use these idolaters against His people.

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