

A TIME OF REFLECTION

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Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah are the first six “*minor*” prophets. You will see quickly that “*minor*” does not mean unimportant, or addressing small problems. Let’s look.

Hosea was directed by God to take a wife from the prostitutes. Gomer gave Hosea three children, then went back to prostituting. For fourteen chapters, Hosea spoke God’s words of love to Israel and warned her of the results of continuing to satisfy their own desires instead of living right. At God’s command, Hosea took Gomer back and loved her. ***That is God’s commitment to us.***

Joel writes three brief chapters of God warning that trouble is coming. And, in spite of Joel’s recommendation for preparing for God’s blessings, the hard times come. Another illustration of the hard-heartedness of humans.

Amos was a farmer, not a prophet, so sending a blue-collar guy to talk to a very prosperous Israel didn’t work very well. But in Chapter 5:4 Amos declares God’s call for social justice and true piety (holiness). Nine chapters did not change Israel, so God sent the Assyrians.

Obadiah provides one chapter of God’s opinion of self-conceit and pride. It’s graphic and direct.

Jonah’s story has been taught for so long that everyone knows it. Nineveh had years of oppression against her enemies, so God sent Jonah – against Jonah’s wishes – to tell Nineveh to repent. To Jonah’s disappointment, they did, and God forgave them and blessed them. And Jonah wasn’t happy. You know the rest.

Micah writes in chapter 6:8 (ESV): **He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?** If you could pick any verse in the Bible that tells us more clearly and succinctly how to live, this would do it. **Micah is God’s prophet to Judah and they listen!** Another key from Micah’s writing is **You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.** Micah 7:19 (NKJV) Ever lose something in the ocean and find it again?

God’s greatest promise to us comes through the prophet Micah.

Welcome!

March 3rd, 2024



"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
Unity in Prayer & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club
Prayer ½ hour before services

WORTHY IS THE LAMB – 1ST PART



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our new study, “The Great

Disappearance” – Rapture of the church, taken from Dr. David Jeremiah’s study. We have student study guides available for \$10 each. Please see the Pastor for more details.

Flagging Class – Wednesday evenings, at 6:00 PM. We will be focusing on a praise presentation for our Easter Service on March 31st. Parents, please try to have your children here on time. Thank you!

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TEXT: Revelation 4:1; 5

There then is a _____ going on for someone who might be _____ to open up that book.

The Book of Revelation was never intended to be a _____ book. 1 Corinthians 14:33

God is _____ and up front in _____ He does.

The very word “_____” means an “_____”.

Revelation 1:19

- Chapter 1 reveals God’s _____.
- Chapters 2-3 reveals God’s _____.
- Chapters 4-22 reveals God’s _____.

John is describing the _____ to the earth.

God’s _____ down through the ages would come to a _____.

1. _____

This world has yet to produce anyone _____ to open the book.

Civilization cannot nor will ever _____ anyone worthy to _____ this book!

- Men and women caught up with _____.
- Civilization has produced a _____ move.

Violate God’s _____ at your own _____!

Christians _____ while sin _____!

2. _____

This is the celebration of the _____ of Jesus Christ!

3. _____

Jesus’ _____ in this is centered in His omnipotent _____!

He came as and to be the _____, but now He is a _____!

Philippians 2:9-11; Romans 8:37-39; Psalm 149:6; 22:3