

# Housekeeping Issues

- Turn in your homework assignment.
- Pick up one new handout entitled *Aramaisms...* & the notes *Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk & Zephaniah*.
- Pick up your homework & quiz from last week.
- If you missed last week, see a TA to get copies of the handout material.

**Do you have any  
questions?**

Put away your books  
and notes because it is  
time to take a quiz.

# **Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah and Habakkuk**

- Micah - God judges & redeems
- Nahum - Judgment against Assyria
- Zephaniah - God is sovereign
- Habakkuk- History is in the hands of God

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Micah reads like a miniature Isaiah.

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- Gath - 'in weep town, weep not at all'; OR 'do not tell them in tell town';
- Beth Ophrah - 'dust town, roll yourself in the dust'
- Shaphir - 'nakedness & shame you who live in beauty town'
- Zaanah 'those who live in going forth will not go forth'
- Beth Ezel - 'the house of taking away is in mourning; its protection is taken away'
- Maroth - 'in bitter town, writhe in pain'
- Jerusalem - disaster has come...to...the city of peace'
- Lachish - 'who live in team town harness the team to the chariot.'
- Moresheth Gath - Judah must give parting gifts (tribute to Assyria) as she takes Moresheth Gath away.
- Aczib - 'the town of deception will prove deceptive to the kings of Israel'
- Mareshah - a conqueror against you who live in conqueror town.'
- Adullam - as David was driven away from Israel by Saul to the cave of Adullam, so shall the high ranking officials of Judah be driven into hiding OR high ranking Judah officials had to go to Adullam once it was captured by Assyria.

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  - Ch.6-7 Israel's present & future state.

**Will you steal and murder,  
commit adultery and perjury,  
burn incense to Baal and follow  
other gods you have not known  
and then come and stand before  
me in this house, which bears  
my name, and say, “we are safe”  
- safe to do all these detestable  
things? Has this house, which  
bears my name, become a den of  
robbers to you?**

**Jeremiah 7:9-11a**

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- This occurred in 612 BC (c.f. 2:6)

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  - Since Thebes fell in 663 it must have been written afterward.

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- 1:8-2:2 For Assyria-destruction; Judah-rest
- 2:3-3:19 Assyria will be utterly destroyed.

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  - God is patient but when all else fails, he will judge

**For my own name's sake I delay my  
wrath; for the sake of my praise I  
hold it back from you so as not to cut  
you off. Isa.48:9**

**For my own name's sake I delay my wrath; for the sake of my praise I**  
**The Lord is not slow in keeping his promises, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come...the heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.**

**2Peter 3:9-10**

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- It's a reader's digest version of Isa.13-23

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  - Josiah ruled from 640-609 BC
  - 2:13 Ninevah had not yet fallen (612)

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- 3:1-20 God will purge, cleanse & restore

# Habakkuk

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- Habakkuk is honest with God

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  - I AM ACTING - I'M RAISING UP BABYLON

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**YOU'LL HAVE TO TRUST ME ON THIS ONE HABAKKUK.**

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- 1:12-2:19 Lord, why are you acting this way?
- 3:1-19 O.K. Lord...I will wait for you.

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  - God is in charge.
  - You must be willing to struggle with God.
  - Trust God in spite of your circumstances.

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Judah goes into exile!

**Please help tear down  
the room!**