

Micah

Micah started prophesying during the reign of Jotham in Judah. Jotham was a good king who served God like his father, Uzziah. But, he didn't go into the temple to try to sacrifice like Uzziah did. When Jotham went to war against the Ammonites, he won and grew powerful because he obeyed God.

During this time, Micah prophesied about what would happen to Israel and Judah. God was coming to judge these people for their wicked ways. God had already sent prophets that had warned the people of this. The people didn't want to listen to the truth from God's prophets. They wanted to listen to false prophets. God was going to let an enemy come and take away these people to punish them for not obeying.

God called the mountains, hills, and foundation of the earth to witness all that He had done for His people and how they had behaved. God wanted to know what He had done to them and how He had made them tired. "Tell Me, because I saved you from Egypt and gave you Moses and Aaron! I saved you from King Balak and Balaam. I wanted you to know the righteousness of the Lord!"

The people wanted to know what God wanted from them. More sacrifices? More rams? More oil? Their children? No!

Micah tells them that God had shown them what He wanted. God wanted them to do right and love mercy. He wanted them to obey Him in their lives with the right attitude.

Even though Israel and Judah had sinned and would be punished, a day would come when God would send a ruler to save them and He would come from Bethlehem. No one would be able to stand against Him and all the enemies would be defeated!

The people deserved to be punished because they had behaved wickedly, but God gave them hope of a time when He would not be angry with them anymore. Who is God like that? Even though the people deserved it, He would forgive them and it would be like He had thrown their sins into the deep sea. Their sins would be that far away.

Main Points:

1. God will punish those who do not obey.
2. God wants His people to do right with the right attitude!
3. God will put the sins of those who turn back to Him far away!
4. God promised He would send a ruler who would save the people.

Song: Purer in Heart, O God

Purer in heart, O God,

Help me to be;

May I devote my life wholly to Thee.

Watch Thou my wayward feet,

Guide me with counsel sweet.

Purer in heart,

Help me to be.

Lesson 8 Questions: Jotham and Micah

(2 Chron. 26:21; 27:1-9; 2 Kings 15:5, 32-38; Book of Micah)

1. What kind of king was Jotham?

Good

Bad

2. How had the people behaved when Micah told the people that God was coming to judge them?

Good

Bad

3. Have we talked about other prophets that God sent with this same warning?

Yes

No

4. Had God done great things for His people so they would know that He was a righteous God?

Yes

No

5. God wanted His people to do right with the right what?

Face

Attitude

6. When God sent the One who would save the people, where would He be born?

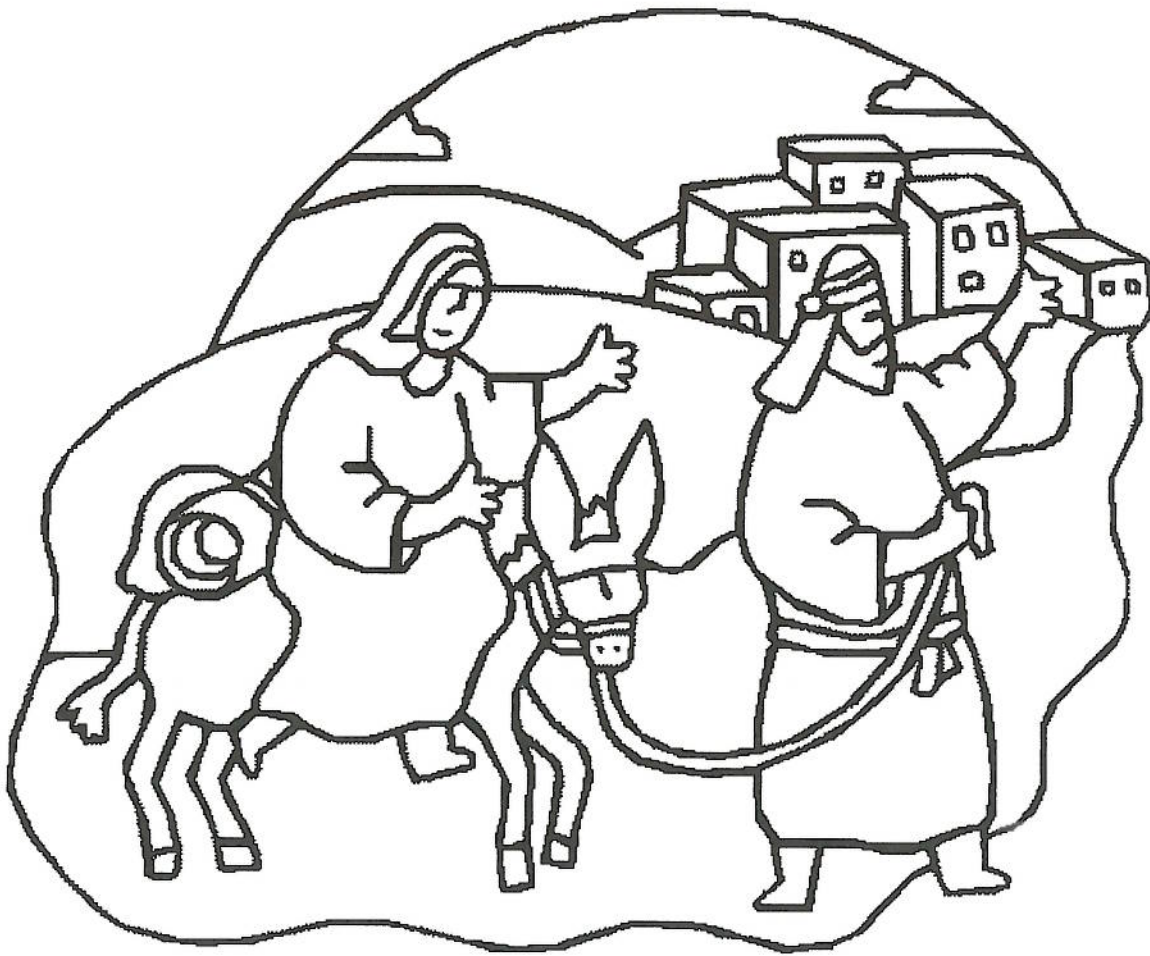
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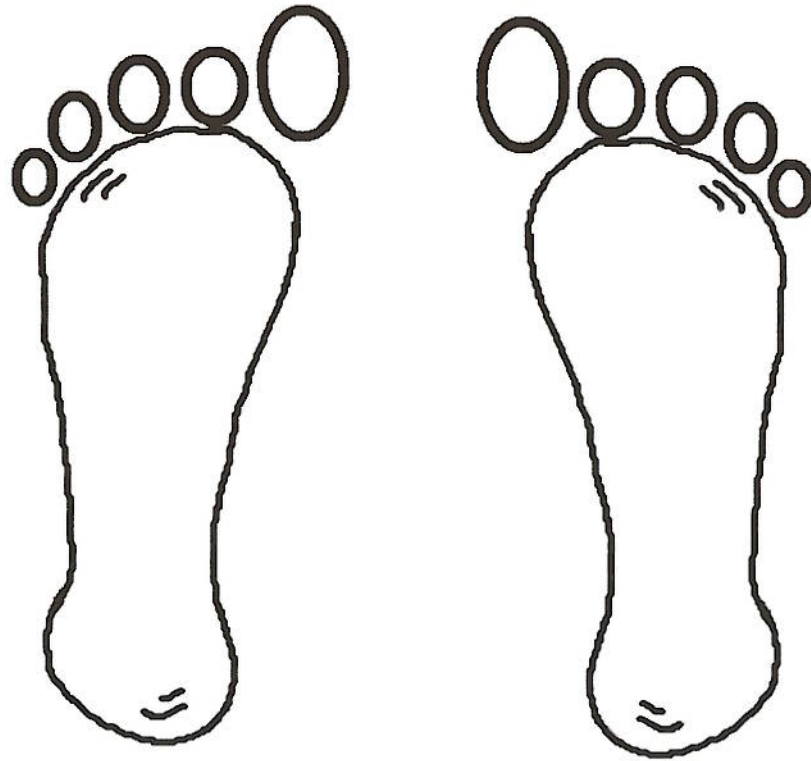
Bethlehem

7. How far would God put the sins of those who turned back to Him?

To the sky

In the deep sea





**"Walking In
His Footsteps"**