

The Book of MICAH

Name means: "one who is like Jehovah" **Date:** 735-700 BC

722 BC The fall of Israel to Assyria 701 BC Sennacherib Crisis 2 Kings 19:35 Isaiah 37

Micah is a contemporary of Isaiah, both are Prophets to Judah and Israel
Micah is from the fields, Isaiah was an educated city boy

Key Verses: Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." NKJV

Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God? NKJV

OVERVIEW OF MICAH

Chapters 1-5

Sin and Judgement
- But, Restoration
(The Sermon)

Chapters 6-7

Conversation between God and the people
This is what it takes to please God
(The Invitation & Response)

Chapter 1:1 Micah is from Moresheth, a small town 20 miles Southwest of Jerusalem
During the reign of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah

1:6 Samaria a heap of ruins in the field Fall of Samaria 722 BC
1:12 Disaster came down from the Lord to the gate of Jerusalem
701 BC Sennacherib Crisis

Chapter 2

2:1 Lay awake at night to scheme against people
2:2 to oppress a man and take his house and land. his inheritance and his heritage.
See Ruth: Levirate Marriage- Heritage and inheritance are important to God.

Verses 6-13 Authentic Preaching:

2:6 Brings opposition
2:7 Declares God's Word
2:8-10 Denounces evil
2:11 Tells the truth
2:12-13 Offers hope - Israel is restored

Chapter 3

3:12 Jeremiah quotes 3:12 in Jeremiah 26:18 The Destruction of Jerusalem prophesied
The book of Lamentations is what Jeremiah experienced and lived through in the desolation of Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 26:18 "Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Zion shall be plowed like a field, Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, And the mountain of the temple, Like the bare hills of the forest." NKJV

Chapter 4 Micah 4:1-3 is the same as Isaiah 2:1-4 :4 a time of peace and rest

Chapter 5

5:2 The coming Messiah See Matthew 2:1-11 The Christmas Story
The eternal God, became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14), Born in Bethlehem

Chapter 6 God calls His people to court

6:1 Plead your case
God pleads with Israel in Isaiah 1:18 Come now, let us reason together

6:3 What have I done to you?

6:4-5 God's faithfulness to His people

6:6-7 How shall I get right with God?

6:8 God's answer. God's expectation

Practice God's Justice, Practice God's Love, and Practice God's Presence

6:13-15 The sentence from the Judge

:11-12 Their crimes deceitful weights, violence, lies

:14-15 Shall Eat but not satisfied,
Shall sow, but not reap,
Shall tread olives, but no oil,
Shall make wine, but not drink it.

See Isaiah 1:11-17 & 18

Chapter 7

7:1-7 Sorrow and sin

7:1 Summer fruit, a few leftover grapes but no clusters

7:5 Don't trust a friend, be careful what you say even to your own wife

7:6 A man dishonors his father, A man's enemies are in his own household.

7:7 I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

7:8-13 :8 Don't rejoice over God's judgement on me; when I fall, I will arise
Failure is not final

:12 Post-Assyrian Crisis

7:14-20 Israel Restored

7:18-19 God forgives and forgets and restores His promise.