

Meet the Prophets

Micah's Vision of the Kingdom

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Lesson Four

The Days of King Hezekiah

2 Kings 18:1-13

- Hezekiah's Reforms
- The Fall of Samaria
- The Siege of Judah
- A Miraculous Salvation

Micah

The word of the LORD which came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem. (Mic 1:1)

- Contemporary of Isaiah, Hosea, Hezekiah
- Witness to fall of Samaria (722 BCE)
- Moresheth Gath (Modern Mareshah)

Summary of Micah's Work

- Instrumental in Hezekiah's Reforms
Cf. Jeremiah 26:18-19; Micah 3:12
- Judah's Repentance
- God changes his mind (cf. Jonah 3:10)

Theophany; Lawsuit, and Intercession

Micah 1

The LORD enters the Court
(1:2-4)

The Charges and Sentence
(1:5-7)

Micah's Reaction
(1:8-9)

Tell it not in Gath

Micah 1:10-16

- Cf. 2 Samuel 1:20
- Moresheth Gath
- Word Play and Puns
- The Coming Exile

Social Injustices and False Prophets

Micah 2

The Charges
(2:1-5)

Prophets of Beer and Wine
(2:6-7)

The Good Shepherd and Bad Shepherds

Micah 2-3

Good Shepherd
(2:12-13)

Cf. Matthew 11:12

Bad Shepherds
(3:1-4)

Judgment on False Prophets
(3:5-12)

The Kingdom of Heaven

Micah 4

The Glorious Coming Kingdom
(4:1-8)

Cf. Isaiah 2

The Current Travail
Siege of Judah
(4:9-13)

Messianic Deliverers

Micah 5

Messiah from Bethlehem
(5:1-5)

Cf. Matthew 2:5-6

Seven Shepherds / Eight Leaders (n+1)
(5:6)

Judgment on Nations
(5:7-15)

What does the LORD Require?

Micah 6:1-8

- Haftarat Balak
- Changes of Speaker
- Oral vs. Written
- Three things

He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you but to do justice (mishpat), to love kindness (chesed), and to walk humbly (tz'nia) with your God? (Micah 6:8)

Statutes of Omri, Works of Ahab

Micah 6:9-16

- Social Injustice and Corruption
- Curses of Exile
- Omri and Ahab

Micah's Complaint

Micah 7:1-7

Corruption and Social Decay

Birth Pangs of Messiah

Cf. Matt 10:35-36; Luke 12:52-53

With the footsteps of Messiah, impertinence increases and famine increases. The vine gives its fruit and wine is expensive. The government turns to heresy and there is no reproof. The house of assembly will be for prostitutes, and Galilee will be laid waste and the [Golan] made desolate. The border inhabitants will go from town to town, receiving no hospitality, and no one will take pity on them. The wisdom of the scribes will sour, and those who fear sin will be rejected. Truth will be sealed away, children will shame elders, and elders will rise before children, as it says [in Micah 7:6], "For son treats father contemptuously, daughter rises up against her mother, daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own household." The face of the [last] generation will be like the face of a dog. A son will not feel any shame before his father. Upon whom shall we depend? Upon our Father in heaven. (m.Sotah 9:15)

Waiting for Redemption

Micah 7:7-20