

MICAH

1. TITLES:

- A. Micah = who is like Jehovah, God-like
- B. The Book of Sermons
- C. The Book of Conviction

2. AUTHOR:

Written by Micah, the prophet of Messianic Conviction, who ministered to both Israel and Judah. (He was the only “minor” prophet to do so.)

3. DATE:

- A. Micah’s ministry covered a period of about 35 years (735-700 B.C.), during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah of Judah and the reigns of Pekah and Hoshea of Israel. Thus he witnessed the Captivity of Israel to Assyria.
- B. Written between 745 and 700 B.C.

4. KEY WORDS:

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| A. Israel – 12 | E. Sin (s, ed) – 7 |
| B. Hear (d) – 10 | F. Transgression (s) – 6 |
| C. Zion – 9 | G. Gather, Assemble – 6 |
| D. Jerusalem – 8 | H. Remnant – 6 |

5. KEY VERSES: 3:8; 6:8; 7:18

6. PURPOSE:

- A. To convict Israel and Judah of their sin and to show their subsequent judgments in their respective captivities to Assyria and Babylon.
- B. To give to the faithful remnant promises of restoration in Messiah’s times.
- C. To pinpoint the city of Messiah’s birth. (Micah is the only prophet to do so).

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7. MESSAGE:

- A. God hates transgression and ritualism, and after dealing with them, delights in pardon.
- B. Those who remain faithful can be assured of God's mercy and redeeming grace.

8. OUTLINE:

- I. Sin and Judgment Ch. 1-3
To the People ----- "Hear Ye"
- II. Grace and Restoration Ch. 4, 5
To the Leaders ----- "Hear Ye"
- III. Controversy and Conflict Ch. 6, 7
To the Mountains ----- "Hear Ye"

9. SUMMARY:

The prophecy of Micah consists of several "sermons" intermingled with warnings, judgments, exhortations, promises of restoration and Messianic predictions. In the first sermon to the people he witnesses to Israel and Judah concerning their apostasy from God and their subsequent judgments. In his second sermon to the leaders he consoles Israel and Judah with distinctive Messianic promises of restoration, then in the third sermon to the mountains (kingdoms) he pleads with Israel concerning the essence of true religion and closes with the comforting words that God will pardon.

10. CHRIST SEEN:

Christ is seen as the Heavenly Micah, who is "like God"; born in Bethlehem (5:2; Matthew 2:1-6), rejected as the King of Jews (5:1; Jn. 19:15), and the Establisher of His House (4:1, 2; Hebrews 3:6).