

An Overview of the Book of Micah

Who was Micah?	Micah was an Old Testament minor prophet, "minor" because the quantity of his written word is small in comparison to others. "Michah" מִיכָה means - who is like Yahweh. He lived in Moresheth-Gath, a small town southwest of Jerusalem in Judea. Micah 1:1 & 14
When did he live? Contemporaries?	Micah 1:1 also tells us that his book was written during the three kings of Judea - Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah before Judea was taken captive to the Babylon empire. See here for timeline. Hosea & Isaiah were contemporaries, their first verses mention the same kings of Judah.
Theme of Book	Parts of the book of Micah describe sins committed, coming Judgment and hope to eventually follow. That is God's justice in action. Progressively capital cities, leaders and the general population are addressed. God hates sin but loves sinners and mercy.
Some Subsections of Book	The trial of the capitals & cities (chapter 1 & 2) The trial of the leaders (chapter 3 - 5) The trial of the people (chapter 6 & 7)
Near term Prophecies (in Micah's lifetime or not long after)	Micah prophesied while both the northern and southern kingdoms were independent. He warned that Samaria and the northern kingdom of Israel would be destroyed at the hands of Assyria. He also prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem and the south kingdom of Judah at the hand of the Babylonians.
Other Prophecies Long after Micah	Ecclesiastical Babylon & The Church The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem & His suffering Prophecies related to "the remnant" Christ's Kingdom & Israel's Role Judgment Day

A study of the Book of Micah can take several approaches.
Our emphasis will be on personal practical applications.
Secondarily, a few of the prophecies will be discussed.