

THE
GOSPEL
IN MICAH

WHERE JUSTICE & MERCY MEET - IN GOD HIMSELF.



MICAH

The

Prophet

His ministry
was about
735-700
B.C.

What do we know about MICAH?



1:1 Prophet “Micah of Moresheth”.

1:14 “Moresheth Gath” South Judah.

➔ Micah ministered during reigns of three of Judah’s kings:

- Jotham (+ 16 years)
- Ahaz (– 16 years)
- Hezekiah (+ 29 years)

He foretold & saw the destruction of Samaria (722-721BC).

1:6

He also foretold the captivity of Judah into Babylon (586BC).

4:10

MICAH was contemporary with **ISAIAH & HOSEA & AMOS**.

MICAH: To whom does he speak?



1:1-2 Micah's Prophecy is from **THE LORD** & for:

→ **Samaria** (capital of the northern kingdom of Israel)

→ **Jerusalem** (capital of the southern kingdom of Judah)

→ All of the **Earth!**
This includes you & me...

MICAH'S DOUBLE MESSAGE:



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DOOM

GOD'S JUSTICE DEMANDS PUNISHMENT

**Because of Israel's transgression and sin,
The Holy God plans to destroy them...**

HOPE

GOD'S MERCY & GRACE & FORGIVENESS

**He delights to restore and deliver those
who repent and turn to Him. He plans to
establish His Kingdom of Peace forever...**

MICAH'S WARNINGS OF JUDGEMENT

1:3-4 The Lord comes down to meet out Judgement:
Trampling & Splitting...
Fire – Burning & Melting...
Water – Washing away
& Drowning...

1:5-7 God's Punishment of SAMARIA & JUDAH:
Because of their sin,
transgression, idolatry,
immorality...



MICAH'S WARNINGS OF JUDGEMENT

1:8-16 Micah's response:

to weep, to go barefoot,
naked, to howl & moan,
shave head in mourning...

Play on Hebrew Words & Places:

Gath = "Tell",

Beth Ophrah = "House of Dust",

Shaphir = "Pleasant",

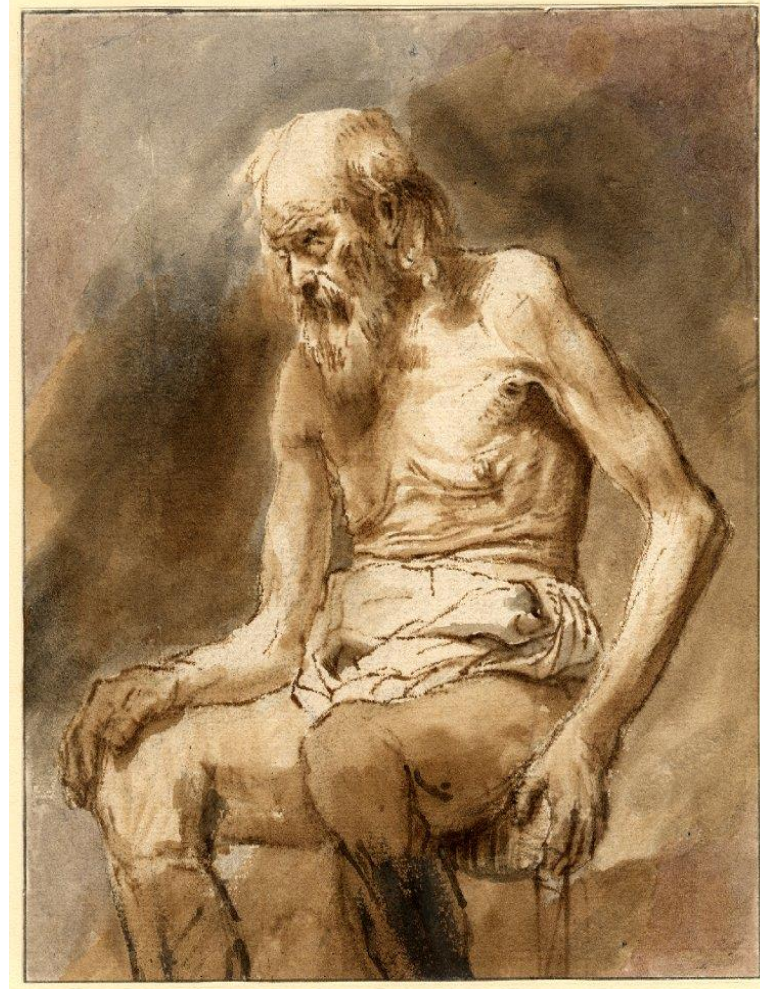
Zaanan = "Come out / Flocks",

Maroth = "Bitter / Hard",

Lachish = "Team",

Aczib = "Deception",

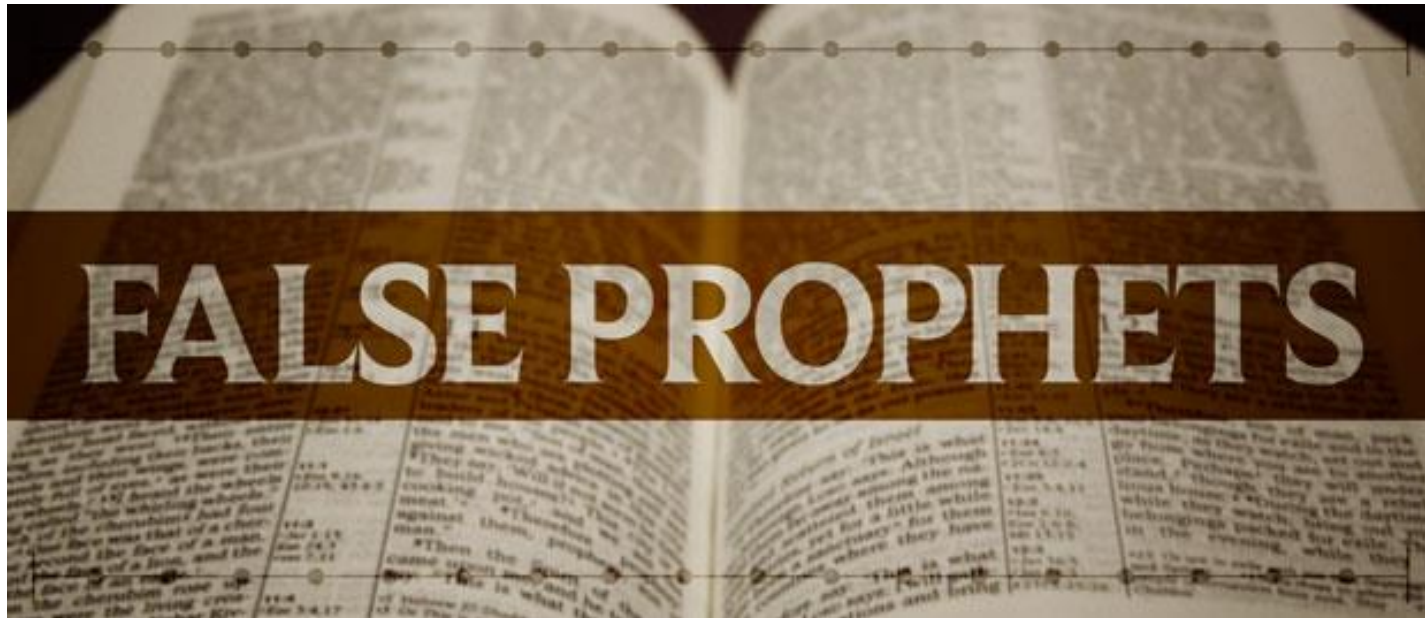
Mareshah = "Conqueror"...



WARNINGS about **FALSE PROPHETS**

2:6-11 These FALSE PROPHETS didn't prophesy painful warnings (v.6), nor warned of the Lord's anger (v.7), they winked at oppression (v.8), undermined marriage & family life (v.9), chased away true prophets (v.10), & prophesied indulgence of sinful passions (v.11) ...

➔ // Some preachers & churches today?! ➔ WATCH OUT!



GREEDY LEADERS AND PROPHETS

3:1-4 GREEDY LEADERS:

Don't "know" justice (v.1)

Hate good & love evil (v.2)

Devour the people (v.3)

➔ God will hide from them,
because of the evil they've done.



3:5-7 MERCENARY PROPHETS: Lead the people astray & proclaim a pleasant message to those who pay them (v.5)

➔ God will bring on them darkness, shame, disgrace...

They will receive no answer from God (v.6-7)

GREEDY LEADERS AND PROPHETS

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

2 Timothy 4:3-4



But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

2 Peter 2:1-3

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3:12 → Quoted in **Jeremiah 26:18-19...** (150 years later)

“Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah. He told all the people of Judah, ‘This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets.’ Did Hezekiah king of Judah or anyone else in Judah put him to death? Did not Hezekiah fear the Lord and seek his favor? And did not the Lord relent, so that he did not bring the disaster he pronounced against them? ...”

➔ This led to repentance & revival in Judah!

➔ God forgave & delivered them in the time of Hezekiah.

THE PROMISE OF THE MESSIAH

5:2-5 This future Ruler would be born in Bethlehem... He will shepherd the flock in the strength of the Lord... His greatness will reach to the ends of the earth... He will be their peace...

This was fulfilled in **Jesus**, born 700 yrs later !



THE PROMISE OF THE MESSIAH

// **Jesus** was born in Bethlehem, as prophesied. **Matt 2:1-6.**

// **Jesus** became the Good Shepherd. **John 10:14-16.**

// **Jesus** also gave us His Peace. **John 14:27 & 16:33.**

// **Jesus'** name continues to be preached throughout the whole world!

Acts 1:8.



HOW SHOULD WE WALK WITH GOD?



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6:6-8 With Burnt Offerings?
Calves & thousands of Rams?
Ten thousand Rivers of Oil?
Offering my firstborn?!

→ God has shown us how:

(a) to act **Justly**...

(b) to love **Mercy**...

(c) to **walk humbly** with your God...



PRAISE GOD OUR MERCIFUL SAVIOUR

- 7:7** Place our hope in God our Saviour, He will hear us...
- 7:8** Though I have fallen, I will rise...
Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light...
- 7:9** Recognize my sin & accept correction & punishment;
Seek His forgiveness and restoration...
- 7:11** Look forward to rebuilding the walls and
extending the boundaries...
- 7:14** Ask the Lord to shepherd us, to correct us,
to live with us, to feed us, as in the past...
- 7:18-20** Praise the Lord for His Forgiveness and His delight
in showing Mercy. He will again show Compassion...

*“He will turn again, he will have
compassion upon us; he will subdue
our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all
their sins into the depths of the sea.”*

Micah 7:19



Some Personal Questions for each one of us:

(1) Am I listening to God's warnings? Have I Repented & accepted His forgiveness & salvation?

(2) Do I listen to those voices that tell me I'm ok, and refuse God's prophets who call for change?

(3) If I am in some form of leadership, is my life consistent with my message and position?

(4) Have I welcomed God's Messiah in my life?

(5) Am I acting Justly, showing Mercy towards others and walking humbly with my God?

(6) Is Jesus really my Shepherd? Do I follow Him?