

MICAH

chapter 1

See the attached chart showing the kings and prophets.

Let's set Micah in his time and place in history.

1:1-2

What is significant about the first words of the book?

What is the general content of Micah's book?

Who is the audience in verse 2?

1:3-7

What is being described in verses 3-4?

Why is that happening?

What is Jacob's transgression? What is Judah's high place?

What was the LORD's forecast for Samaria?

1:8-9

Who do you think is speaking? Why do you think that?

What is the cause of the weeping and wailing?

1:10-16

Why would the prophet not want Gath to know what was happening to Samaria?

The prophet uses a bunch of plays on words to get the message across.

gat (Gath) and *gid* (tell)

aphrah (Ophrah) and *aphar* (dust)

Shaphir (*a beautiful place*) versus nakedness and shame

zaanan (Zaanah) and *iazaah* (come out)

Beth Ezel (*a place right beside*) versus “takes from you a place to stand”

Maroth (*a bitter place*) finds no good but only disaster

lachish (Lachish) and *rechesh* (horse teams)

moreshet (Moresheth—the prophet’s hometown!—*an inheritance place*) versus parting gifts

achziv (Achzib) and *achzav* (deceptive, disappointing)

yoresh (possessor) and *mareshah* (Mareshah)

the glory of Israel (the leaders) come to Adullam (a cave of refuge)

The words in verse 15 are spoken as if to a woman. Who do you think that is?

Why do you think it’s healthy for us to read a prophet’s message like Micah chapter 1?

Israel's Kings

Judah's Kings

Prophets

930 BC – Divided Kingdom

Jeroboam

Rehoboam

Nadab

Abijah

Baasha

Asa

Elah

Zimri

Omri

Ahab

Jehoshaphat

Ahaziah

Jehoram

Joram

Ahaziah

Jehu

(Athaliah)

Jehoahaz

Joash

Jehoash

Amaziah

Jeroboam 2

Azariah/Uzziah

Zechariah

Shallum

Menahem

Pekahiah

Pekah

Jotham

Ahaz

Hoshea

Hezekiah

722 BC – Assyria conquers Samaria

Manasseh

Amon

Josiah

Jehoahaz

Jehoiakim

Jehoiachin

Zedekiah

586 BC – Babylon conquers Jerusalem

539 BC – Persia conquers Babylon

Zerubbabel

516 BC – Rebuilt temple is dedicated

ca 450 BC – Ezra and Nehemiah

