

## Micah (“Who is like Yahweh?”)

**Introduction:** A contemporary of Amos, Hosea, and Isaiah. Message to the Southern Kingdom. Micah lived 20 miles southwest of Jerusalem in a town called Moresheth-Gath (1:14). Years later, Jeremiah referred to Micah in Jer. 26:18-19. Thanks to David Dorsey.

### 1) The coming defeat and destruction—1:1-16

### 2) The corruption of the PEOPLE—2:1-13

### 3) The corruption of the LEADERS—3:1-12

### 4) **Focus:** the glorious future restoration under Yahweh’s own strong and righteous rule—4:1-5:15

#### a) The establishment of Yahweh’s reign over the nations [*goyim*]—4:1-5

- In the last days the temple mount will become the focal point of exclusive worship (including Washington, Moscow, London, Beijing, Brussels, etc.); universal love for Yahweh’s Word, weapons (false sources of security) converted to peacetime implements;

#### i) The good news for the remnant [*she’erith*]—4:6-7

(1) Rulership [*memshalah*] from an earlier time (David’s line) will come to Midgal-eder (near Bethlehem)—4:8-10

- The region is currently suffering like a woman in labor [*yoleda*]; Zion and her king are humiliated (4:9-10)

(a) **FOCUS:** Yahweh will reverse Israel’s present hopeless situation—4:11-5:1

#### (i) Zion saved from the present crisis (4:11-13)

1. Note “the whole earth”
2. While the nations gather to destroy Jerusalem during the Tribulation, God is actually gathering them for his threshing floor.

#### (ii) Zion and her king are humiliated (5:1)

(2) A Ruler [*mashal*] from an earlier time will come to Bethlehem—5:2-5a

- The region is suffering like a woman in labor [*yoleda*]; the Ruler will arise from David’s hometown (cf. Matt. 2:5-6)

#### ii) The good news for the remnant [*she’erith*]—5:5b-9

#### b) The establishment of Yahweh’s transforming control over the nations

[*goyim*]—5:10-15

- Weapons (false sources of security) will be destroyed

### 5) The corruption of the LEADERS—6:1-16

a) This contains the most familiar verse of the book: 6:8 “*what does Yahweh require of you, but to do justice [*mishpat*] {actions}, and to love loyal-love*

*[hesed] {affections}, and to walk humbly/modestly [tsana] {attitude} with  
your God?*

**6) The corruption of the PEOPLE—7:1-7**

**7) Future reversal of defeat and destruction—7:8-20**

**8) Things we need to remember (think, feel, do):**

- a) Only God can accomplish His eternal plan for His created universe.
- b) Only God can direct the nations to fulfill His purpose.
- c) Only God can transform the individual human heart.