

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.