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Study Outline

Main Point: By the time Micah's ministry began, God was already in the midst of judging Israel. Assyria had begun their siege and the fall of the Northern Kingdom was inevitable. In the three messages recorded in this book, Micah paints for his audience a divine conflict. Though each of these sermons begins with Micah denouncing sin and explaining the reasons for God's judgment, they all end with Micah consoling the people and reassuring them of God's love and willingness to forgive.

Micah presents a God in emotional conflict. On one hand God would act as a righteous judge who had to punish His people for their sins. But on the other hand, God would also be the loving Shepherd who would honor His covenant promises by forgiving and restoring His people. In essence, every message begins with a condemnation of sin and declaration of coming judgment, but they all end with encouragement of future restoration and reaffirmation of God's love for His people.

Historical & Scriptural Placement: (730 B.C.) Micah ministered in the Southern Kingdom during the reigns of Jothan, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. Assyria had begun its invasion of the Israel and Micah's prophetic word was aimed at both Samaria and Jerusalem. Contemporaries: Isaiah, Hosea, Amos.

THREE SERMONS OF MICAH

SERMON 1: A MESSAGE TO ALL PEOPLE

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| ch. 1 | DENOUNCEMENT: GOD WILL JUDGE SAMARIA & JERUSALEM |
| ch. 2:1-11 | CASE AGAINST: ABUSES CONCERNING THE LAND, FALSE PROPHETS |
| ch. 2:12-13 | CONSOLATION: GOD WOULD GATHER THEM BACK TO THE LAND |

SERMON 2: A MESSAGE TO JACOB

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| ch. 3 | DENOUNCEMENT: GOD WILL JUDGE THE RULERS OF THE LAND |
| | CASE AGAINST: CORRUPTION, MATERIALISM, VIOLENCE, BRIBERY |
| ch. 4 | CONSOLATION: GOD WILL ESTABLISH A KINGDOM IN ISRAEL |
| ch. 5 | CONSOLATION: GOD WILL ESTABLISH A KING TO RULE (MESSIAH) |

SERMON 3: A PERSONAL PLEA FROM MICAH

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| ch. 6:1-8 | DENOUNCEMENT: GOD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE |
| ch. 6:9-7:7 | CASE AGAINST: ISRAEL HAS BROKEN IT'S COVENANT PROMISES |
| ch. 7:8-13 | CONSOLATION: THE PEOPLE WILL REPENT AND RENEW THEIR FAITH |
| ch. 7:14-20 | CONSOLATION: GOD WILL FORGIVE AND RESTORE HIS PEOPLE |

Key Verse: "Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities." - Micah 7:18-19



Day 1: Outside the Box.....

Micah 1:2-7 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What is an idol? Provide examples of idols in your life. (2). Compare and contrast an idol and the Living God of the Bible. What is the basic difference? (3). Since God is alive, you can't keep Him in a box. What area's of your life have you been trying to keep God out of or trying to hide from Him?

Day 2: Breaker.....

Micah 2:12-13 // THINKING POINTS: (1). The name used for God in this passage "The one who breaks open" is meant to communicate what trait concerning God's character? (2). Provide some examples of things or situations that God will often "break open?" (3). In what area of your life do you need God to open the floodgates? Trying Situations, Hardened Heart, Strained Relationships, etc.

Day 3: The Winner.....

Micah 4:1-5 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What do you learn about the ultimate conclusion of human events from this prophecy recorded in Micah four? (2). In what way should knowing the conclusion of world events effect the way you live your life today? (3). If the whole world will stand accountable before Jesus, then who's opinion of you should matter the most?

Day 4: Pleasing God.....

Micah 6:6-8 // THINKING POINTS: (1). According to this passage, what tends to be our misconceptions concerning the things that God finds to be pleasing? (2). If you want to please God, what does He ask of you? (3). Since it's really hard to fake integrity, mercy and humility, would you say your life is well pleasing to God?

Day 5: Waiting.....

Micah 7:1-7 // THINKING POINTS: (1). How does Micah handle a tough set of circumstances? (2). When faces with problems, trials, or trying situations, why do we feel a deep need to act as opposed to wait? (3). What is the benefit to waiting on God and why is waiting so hard, especially when faced with a crisis?

Day 6: Signature Trait.....

Micah 7:18-20 // THINKING POINT: (1). Of all the things there is to know about God, what does Micah describe as the most mysterious? (2). How can God pardon sins and yet still maintain His justice? (3). If you've recently blown it, how does this passage encourage you?

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