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# Micah

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## Author

Micah, a contemporary of Isaiah, Hosea, and Hezekiah, was from a small town (Moresheth) in southern Judah. He was a country preacher whose ministry lasted at least 20 years.

Micah is a short form of Micaiah which means "Who is Like the Lord?" He was one of the few prophets who saw changes in Judah's behavior as a result of his warnings. According to [Jeremiah 26:18](#), Hezekiah repented after hearing Micah's prophecy of the coming fall of Jerusalem ([Micah 3:12](#)).

## Key Verse and Theme

*Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God? (NKJV)*

Theme: repent of idolatry and injustice

## Audience of the Prophets

Amos	minds of Israel's people
Hosea	hearts of Israel's people
Isaiah	leaders of Judah
Micah	people of Judah

## Book Background

Judah was isolated with many powerful enemies including the Assyrians. Judah had become weak and taken on the idolatry of the surrounding nations. Social sins were common. All classes of people experienced corrupting influences. The time in history is around the time that the northern kingdom is invaded (721 BC).

## Book Outline

### Micah's Messages

<a href="#">Micah 1-2</a>	sins of the people <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• idolatry</li><li>• robbing others</li></ul>
<a href="#">Micah 3-5</a>	sins of the leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• rulers consuming</li><li>• false prophets</li></ul>
<a href="#">Micah 6-7</a>	trial of the nations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• rich cheating poor</li><li>• judges taking bribes</li></ul>

## Prophecy of the Messiah

*Micah 5:2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting. (NKJV)*

*Matthew 2:6 But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel. (NKJV)*

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## Personal Reflection and Application

Have you ever looked around to find no source of support and no one to trust? Consider how your experience compares to the circumstance in [Micah 7:1-7](#).

Where did Micah look for comfort? Can you turn to the same source of comfort?

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## Small Group Conversation Guide

Discuss what God requires of us according to [Micah 6:8](#).

Compare this with Christ's instructions in [Matthew 23:23](#).

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## Leadership Principles from Micah

### Consequences Beyond You

Leader, your sins have consequences not just to you, but to others around you ([Pro 14:34](#)). How can meditating on [Micah 6:8](#) make you a better leader and bring positive consequences to those around you?

How can your justice, mercy, and humility create an environment that stimulates those qualities in others?

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## Something to Find in Each Chapter

As you read through the book, it may help to have something to find in each chapter. Try these:

01. What will happen to creation when the Lord arrives	02. How God planned to judge the greed of those in power
03. How the leaders of Israel were treating their people	04. How the nations of the world will someday seek God
05. What the Messiah from Bethlehem would someday do	06. What Micah says the Lord requires of His people
07. What Micah says about God's forgiveness and mercy	