

Micah 1

Author. Short for Micaya(hu) as in Jer 26:18. -Who is like God. Name itself challenge to false deities.

From small village of Moresheth in Gath. Spoke as small villager defending people from exploitation of city folks. Lived and prop in S but condemned N and predicted fall. Coll of messages, not systematic.

Date. 750-710. Reigns of Jothan 739-35, Ahaz 735-15, Hezekiah 715-687 of Judah (cr Jer 26:18f) and Pekahiah, Pekah and Hoshea of Is. Revival of Hez result of Micah.

Background. Assyrian kgs Tiglath-pileser III 745-727, Shalmaneser V 727-22, Sargon II 722-705, Sennacherib 705-681. Senn besieged Jerus but never captured. Neb did later. But harassment was hard on villagers. Rulers of Judah oppressed people.

I. MESSAGE OF DESTRUCTION, 1:1-16.

Intro-Man, times, audience, means (saw=visions).

A. Call concn message of destruction, 2. 1. Nature-harken-point-sharpen ears. 2. Extent-all. 3. Content-Lord witnesses from temple of holiness.

B. Coming of Destroyer, 3-4. 1. Character, 3. Judgment. 2. Consequences, 4.

C. Causes of Destruction, 5. 1. Described, Transgression-breaking away-apostasy. Sins=missing mark. 2. Center-capitals. e.g. Washington.

D. Consequences of Destruction, 6-10.

1. To people, ^{of Samaria} 6-7. Make heap of dity (Isa 21:1-3) Make ashes of idols. All her hires=wages pd to harlots.

2. To prophet, 8-10. Weeping, 8; justifying, 9; Shame 10-don't tell enemies.

E. Course of Destruction, 11-16. Esp addressed to females in cities. Puns on names of cities.

Shaphir, pun on word beauty. In Judah. Zaanan on go out. Bethel on foundation, Marath waits for good, gets evil.

Lachish=impregnable hill. Moresheth, Micah's home.

Achzib, 8mi N Moresheth. Mareshah. Will flee to Adullam which was noted for caves. Summary 16-shave heads bec such sorrow will come on Is.

II. MESSAGE OF DOOM, 2:1-3:12.

A. On the People, 2:1-13.

1. Conduct, 1-2. a. Devised at night, 1. b. Unopposed, c. Illegal, 2.

2. Condemnation, 3-5. a. Nature, 3-evil for evil.

b. Extent, 4-5. Ruin, 4. Captivity, 5.

3. Complaint of people, 6. Don't say such. Get false prophet to tickle ears.
 4. Complaint of God, 7-11. Doesn't want to do this, 7. Still rebellious, 8; oppressive, 9; base, 11.
 5. Compassion of God, 12-13. Will assemble them, 12. Will lead them, 13. Breaker, 13=He who opens the breach to lead back, i.e. Messiah.
- B. On the princes, 3:1-4.
1. The Question, 1. Implies an affirmative ans.
 2. The Accusation, 2-3. Treat poor as cannibals treat their victims.
 3. The Conclusion, 4. God refuses to hear them.
- C. On the Prophets, 3:5-8.
1. Their Character, 5.
 2. Their condemnation, 6-7. Ashamed, 7=turn red. Cover lip
 3. Their Contrast, 8. Micah /bec nothing^{to} say Filled, faithful.
- D. On Prominent People, 3:9-12.
1. Address, 9
 2. Accusation, 10-11. Lead in sin, 10. Take bribes, 11. Prophecy good, 11.
 3. Outcome, 12. City and temple destroyed.

III. MESSAGE OF DELIVERANCE, 4:1-5:15.

- A. Religion in the Deliverance, 4:1-5. 1-3=Isa 2:2-4
1. Its Time, 1, last days.
 2. Its Center, 1.
 3. Its Character, 2-5
 4. Its Coverage, 3-5. Tr v 5=All peoples do now walk in name of their god, but shal walk in ...
- B. Remnant in the Deliverance, 4:6-7.
1. Their Condition, 6.
 2. Their Restoration, 7.
- C. Jerusalem in the Deliverance, 8. Tower of flock=Jeruss, tower from which shepherd watches over flock.
- D. Antecedents of the Deliverance, 9-5:1
1. No king 9.
 2. Suffering, 9-10. Captivity in Babylon.
 3. Armageddon, 11-13. Jumps to this.
 - a. Who? 11-12. Nations out to get Is=enemies of God
 - b. Outcome, 13. Is will conquer (God intervenes).
 4. Immediate battles, 5:1 (4:14 in Heb Bible). Refers to battles immediately preceding captivity.

- E. Leader^h in Deliverance, 5:2-15
1. His Birthplace, 2. Thousands=families-too small.
 2. His eternality, 2.
 3. His work, 2-3. Ruler in Is to lead remnant, 3.
 4. His reign, 4-15.
 - a. Feed, 4. Guard, 5-6. Assy=all Is's enemies or maybe Kg of N.
 - c. Bless world, 7. Make^h Is strong, 8-9.
 - a. Purge, 10-15.
 - a. Of natural weapons, 10-11
 - b. Of false rel, 12-14
 - c. Of enemies, 15.

IV. MESSAGE OF DENUNCIATION, 6:1-7:10. Form of lawsuit in which Micah is presenting God's case as prosecutor.

- A. First Complaint of God, 6:1-5.
1. Call to order, 1. Hear.
 2. Opening of court, 1. Contend. God calls Micah to do.
 3. Opening statement, 2. God has case and will plead= fully prove it.
 4. Formal ~~sm~~ charge, 3-5. In view of His faithfulness in del from Egypt, giving leaders, del from Balak and Balaam, Numb 22-24, They should remember and turn, 5b.
- B. First Reply of Is, 6:6-8.
1. Stated, 6-7. We'll make it up to you by sacrifices. Ordinary ones, 6; many ones, 7; unusual ones, 7 (1st-born to be sacrificed).
 2. Reacted to, 8. Won't do any good. God wants sac of heart. Love mercy-exhibit steadfast loving kindness. Walk humbly-right relatn to God. Do justly-live right with others.
- C. Second Complaint of God, 6:9-16.
1. Sins. a. Cheating, 9. b. Stealing, 10-11. c. Extortion 12; lying, 12.
 2. Suffering, 13-16. a. Hunger, 14. Thy casting down=a sinking feeling in stomach due to hunger. b. Bankruptcy, 14. c. Failure, 15. bec keep antigod laws of Omri and Ahab, 1 Kg 16-22.

D. Second Reply of Is. 7:1-10

1. All are sinful, 1-6.
 - a. Universal, 1. No good man like no good grapes after harvest, 1
 - b. Unrestrained, 2-3. Against brother to death, 2. Use both hands, 3.
 - c. All classes, 3. Wrap it up=twist justice.
 - d. Perverse, 4. Like briars and crooked.
 - e. Unnatural, 5-6.
2. But God is merciful, 7-10.
 - a. He will save, 7.
 - b. He will vindicate before enemies, 8.
 - c. He will punish, 9 (but even this is welcomed now showing Is's repentance)
 - d. He will subdue enemies, 10.

Epilogue, 7:11-20. Is's Promised Blessing

1. Restoration, 11-13. Fortress=Egypt. River=Euphrates.
2. Blessing, 14-15.
3. ~~Ex~~ Exaltation, 16-17.
4. Forgiveness, 18-19.

All these blessings are on basis of Abrahamic cov, 20. Need M to have this fulfilled or church does it or disobedience abrogated (but Micah doesn't think so!). Or fulfilled in Sol's time (but Micah later!).