

**MICAH**

- Micah was a prophet in the Southern Kingdom of Judah (he lived and ministered at the same time as Isaiah), and Micah's primary message was that things are not what they seem.
- From the outside looking in, Judah was at peace and her people were prospering financially.

- However, the few wealthy people were getting rich at the expense of everybody else.
- The king and the politicians were on the side of the rich – they had become corrupt and unjust.
- The average person was suffering and was at the mercy of the rich and the powerful.

- So, God's Word comes through his prophet Micah – stop sinning and turn back to God!
- Micah is one of the few prophets who explicitly stated his purpose: “But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression, to Israel his sin” (3:8).

- This purpose is reflected in the large proportion of judgment oracles in the book. The people, especially the upper class, were guilty of injustice (2:1-2; 3:1-3, 9-11; 6:10-11).
- As a result they would suffer destruction and exile.

- Yet, despite this sin and judgment, there are several sections in the book offering hope and deliverance to at least a remnant of the people.
- This deliverance included both short-term deliverance from the Assyrians (2:12-13; 5:2-9) and restoration of the nation in the indefinite future (4:1-5; 7:8-20).

- Micah 5:2-15 tells this will happen through a Savior-King, a person who was both God and man, a person we know as Jesus Christ.

I. Jesus Christ is our Shepherd-Savior-King who triumphs over sin and saves us from it (2-4)



II. Through Christ we receive security, peace, and protection, both now and in the future (5-6)

III. Through Christ we receive vindication, both now and in the future (7-9)

IV. Through Christ we receive purification, both now and in the future (10-15)