# Micah

## 1 – Micah 1—The Lord Is Coming – For Judgment

Micah writes during the last years of the Northern kingdom (Israel) – note Samaria the capital of Israel and Jerusalem the capital of Judah... Read <u>2 Kings 15:32–20:21</u> for the historical events fulfilled. What is the significance of using the name "Jacob" instead of Israel? Who is the One who brings disaster? Why does He do this? (Compare Israel and Judah to Nineveh – and God's message through Jonah.)

## 2 – Micah 2—The Lord Is Coming – As Shepherd

What "woe" is spoken against man's plans? (v.1-11) Why? What do they say about Micah? What comfort is spoken about God's plans? (v.12-13) Note" Jacob" and "Israel" in v.12 – as well as "the remnant"!

## 3 - Micah 3—Paid Predictions Of Peace

How are the leaders the opposite of a shepherd? (v.2-3) How does Micah compare to the false prophets? Why the difference? How do we compare to the message of the world? Why does Micah also prophecy against Jerusalem and Zion?

# 4 - Micah 4—The True Peace - The Lord's Plan

When are "the last days"? What is "the mountain of the LORD's temple"? Where is "Zion" and "Jerusalem"? (With v.4 see also John 1:48) Note also the prophecy of Babylonian exile! (v.10) But note also the promise! What are "the thoughts of the LORD"? (v.12) Why is it vital and comforting to know these?

## 5 – Micah 5—Christmas

How did the Jews eventually understand v.2? (<u>Matthew 2:3-6</u>) Note the shepherd theme again – Ch. 2 and see John 10. What does he write about "the remnant of Jacob"? Why is this so important? How was v.9 literally fulfilled on Good Friday?

## 6 - Micah 6—Divine Courtroom

What is the LORD's case against His people? What significance is it that the LORD addresses them as "My people"? (v.3) What does the LORD require? (see v.6-8) What is the judgment?

## 7 – Micah 7—The Only One We Can Trust

What is meant by "gathering Summer fruit"? What do we know about Micah's ministry? How could Micah "watch in hope"? (v.7) What does this teach us / remind us about speaking God's truth in our world today?