

No God Like God: The Message of Micah For Our Generation
Micah 1:2-16 *Initial Contact: Broad Strokes for Bad Times*
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AN INTRODUCTION TO MICAH

An excellent introduction can be found on the fbc.org site from 9/8/19. Both the notes and the message are online due to the good work of Bruce Ellsworth & Company. It includes the historical, geographical, national, geo-political, relational, societal, cultural, grammatical and spiritual realities surrounding the book of Micah...and then some.

Introduction for tonight

As is proper, let us recall the purpose of bible study: *A changed life*

1) Few passages speak so clearly to this as 1 Timothy 1:5 NASB

But the goal of our instruction is (the aim of our charge, ESV) love from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith.

2) And, may we ever be like Ezra as it says of him in Ezra 7:10

For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach His statutes and rules in Israel.

Therefore, let us:

¹Set our heart to study the Scriptures, ²to do what they say and ³to teach others.

Micah 1:2-16:

1. God will judge all (2-4)
2. God will judge His own (5-7)
3. God's judgment is comprehensive, fierce and irrevocable (8-16)

Samaria: 726–722 BC, the new king of [Assyria](#), [Shalmaneser V](#), invaded Canaan and besieged the city of Samaria. After an assault of three years, the city fell and much of its population was taken into captivity and deported. Little documentation exists for the period between the fall of Samaria and the end of the Assyrian Empire. Samaria was condemned by the Hebrew prophets for its "ivory houses" and luxury palaces displaying pagan riches.

Jerusalem

The capital of the Hebrew kingdom was established after this Canaanite cite was **captured** by David around 1000BC (*or BCE, Before the Common Era*).

destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon in 586BC;

taken by the Romans in 63BC;

devastated in 70AD (*or simple CE, Common Era*)

again in 135CE during the Jewish rebellions against Rome;

fell to the Arabs in 637CE and

to **the Seljuk Turks** in 1071CE;

ruled by Crusaders between 1099 – 1187CE and

then by the Egyptians and Turks until

Conquered by the British (1917);

Centre of **the British mandate** of Palestine from 1920 to 1948,

Arabs took the old city and the Jews held the new city;

Unified after the Six Day War (1967) under the Israelis;

...and continues to be in the news daily.

Jerusalem is the holy city of Jewish people. Yet, this city on a hill, the de facto (*is in fact*) the capital of Israel, is yet to be recognized by the United Nations. It is situated in the Judaeen hills. A city, according to Worldatlas.com which has been **destroyed** 2 times, **attacked** 52 times, **besieged** 23 times and **recaptured** 44 times.

Jerusalem is held in high esteem among Jews, Christians of almost every stripe and Muslims who actually rule the temple mount – just east and literally on the inside the western wall/wailing wall, the outer wall of Herod's temple which is continuously being excavated because it has been repeatedly conquered, reduced to rubble and rebuilt – burying all that was before over and over and over again.

In the future The Golden Gate along the eastern wall of the temple in Jerusalem will be the site of one great big event.

Wise words from Charles Haddon Spurgeon to avoid God's judgment:

If we would learn from our prosperity we would not need so much adversity.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon