

## **A Study of the Prophets**

### **O.T. Survey Lesson 140--Micah 1:1-3:12; 6:1-7:7**

**Introduction:** Micah, a contemporary of Isaiah, also prophesied of the destruction of both Samaria and Jerusalem, and the future glory of the kingdom of the Messiah. In this lesson we focus on Micah's message of God's judgment because of Israel's sins.

**Lesson aim:** To reveal the causes of God's judgment against Samaria and Jerusalem

#### **Judgment on Samaria and Judah--Micah 1:1-2:13**

1. In the reign of what kings did Micah prophesy? Micah's prophecy concerns what two cities? (v. 1)
2. What does Micah picture the Lord as doing in v. 2-3? Why? (v. 5)
3. What does Micah say God will do to Samaria? (v. 6-7) What cities does Micah predict will be affected by the invasion of the Assyrians? (v. 8-15) What will be the result for the people? (v. 16)
4. Upon whom does Micah pronounce "woe"? (2:1) What specifically is their sin? (v. 2)
5. How do the people respond to Micah's message of rebuke? (v. 6-7) How does Micah respond?
6. What are the consequences of the sinful people's actions upon the helpless or innocent? (v. 8-9)
7. What message did Micah say the people would be glad to hear? (v. 11)
8. What promise did Micah give in v. 12-13? How was this fulfilled?

#### **Sins among Israel's leadership--Micah 3:1-12**

1. What were the leaders of Israel obligated to know? (v. 1) Yet of what does Micah accuse them? (v. 2-3)
2. How did Micah say the false prophets dealt with the people? (v. 5) How would God deal with these false prophets (v. 6-7)
3. What did Micah say his purpose was as prophet of God? (v. 8)
4. What was the practice of the leaders, the priests, and prophets? (v. 9-11) Yet, what did they say would not come upon Jerusalem? (v. 11)

### **God's case against Israel and the prophet's response--Micah 6:1-7:6**

1. What is it that the Lord urges the people to do in v. 1-5?
2. What question do the people ask in response to Micah's charges of sin? (v. 6-7)
3. What did God really want from His people? (v. 8)
4. With what sins does God charge His people in v. 9-16?
5. What does Micah indicate he cannot find in the city? (v. 1-2) What does he find instead among the people? (v. 3-4)
6. To what extent does Micah say the wicked among men has done? (v. 6) What use did Jesus make of this language in Mt. 10:35-36?