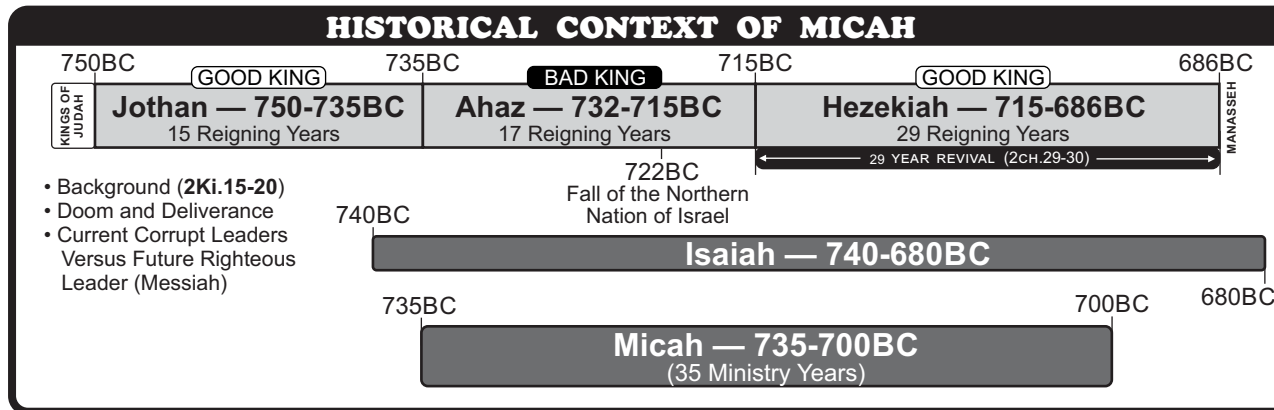


# MICAH (“WHO IS LIKE YHWH”) OVERVIEW

|                | <b>First Oracle (Cycle)<br/>Chapters 1-2</b>                  | <b>Second Oracle (Cycle)<br/>Chapters 3-5</b>                                   | <b>Third Oracle (Cycle)<br/>Chapters 6-7</b>                               |
|----------------|---|---|--|
|                | “Hear, all ye people...” (1:2)                                | “Hear, I pray you...” (3:1)   | “Hear ye now...” (6:1)   |
|                | Condemnation of Judah's People with Future Restoration        | Condemnation of Judah's Leaders with Future Hope                                | Controversy Between Judah & YHWH with Future Triumph                       |
|                | Exposes the sins of his countrymen                            | Illustrates the punishment God is about to send                                 | Speaks of Hope of restoration (after discipline has ended)                 |
|                | <b>Micah's Response</b><br>“I will weep and mourn” (1:8)      | <b>Micah's Response</b><br>“I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD” (3:8) | <b>Micah's Response</b><br>“I will wait for the God of my salvation” (7:7) |
| <b>OUTLINE</b> | <b>Judgment (1:1—2:11)</b><br><b>Salvation/Hope (2:12-13)</b> | <b>Judgment (chapter 3)</b><br><b>Salvation/Hope (chapters 4-5)</b>             | <b>Judgment (6:1—7:6)</b><br><b>Salvation/Hope (7:7-20)</b>                |

**Theme:**  
Our relationship with God is linked to how we treat others. Theme is linked with Micah's name, “Who is like YHWH” (cf 7:18). There are twin themes of judgment and hope.



**Focus:**  
Micah focused on the poor and oppressed.

**Social injustices:**  
 (1) Oppression  
 (2) bribery in judges, prophets, and priests  
 (3) Exploitation of the powerless  
 (4) Covetousness  
 (5) Cheating  
 (6) violence  
 (7) pride

- Key Verses:**
- “He shall judge between many peoples, And rebuke strong nations afar off; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.” (Mh.4:3)
  - ““But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.” (Mh.5:2)
  - “He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?” (Mh.6:8)