

MICAH: THREE ORACLES WITH FUTURE HOPE



ORACLE OF JUDGMENT 1

"Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth" (Mh.1:2)

The Need to Judge - It is Coming

- Message of why God will judge His people ("rebellion of Jacob...Sins of the house of Israel", (1:5). He defines the sin as idolatry (1:5, "high places").
- Idolatry is a religion that does not represent a real relationship with YHWH.
- Charges: greed (2:1), theft (2:2), and compromise of truth (2:6)

1:1—2:11



ORACLE OF JUDGMENT 2

"Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob" (Mh.3:1)

The Rulers will Receive Greater Judgment

- "Heads" and "princes" (3:1). He is talking to rulers. It is the leaders job to know the difference between right and wrong.
- When you are not leaning on God, you may read your Bible but it will not mean anything to you (3:7).
- Their priests were in it for money (3:11).

3:1—3:12



ORACLE OF JUDGMENT 3

"Hear ye now what the LORD saith" (Mh.6:1)

When Falsehood is Accepted as the Norm

- God's case of past deliverance (6:1-5).
- The Lord desires justice, mercy, and humility over burnt offerings (6:8).
- They used false weights and measures to gain advantage (6:9-12).
- The Lord will not allow them to enjoy what they obtained through dishonestly (6:13-16).

6:1—7:6

(Parenthesis, 4:9—5:5a)
Jumps back and forth in time.

MESSIAH: GODS SOLUTION

Glimpse of hope not easy to see.

- The same Lord that will bring judgment, will also bring a blessing on His people.
- These are the Lord's remnant.

2:12-13

MESSIAH'S TWO COMINGS

Details of the Messiah, but still not easy to see.

- This is "in the last days" (4:1)
- Judge (5:1)
- King (5:2)
- Woman (5:3)
- Birth (5:3)

4:1—5:15

MESSIAH BLESSES ISRAEL

Seems clear, but we could not "get it" without the progressive revelation of the NT.

- Jerusalem extended (7:11).
- Nations judged (7:13)
- Protection (7:14-17)
- Song of praise (7:18-20)

7:7-20