



# Walking the Ancient Path

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**Micah**

**16 This is what the Lord says:**

**“Stand at the crossroads and look;**

**ask for the **ancient paths,****

**ask where the good way is,**

**and walk in it,**

**and you will find rest for your souls.**

**Jer. 6**

# History of Israel

God's  
Covenant  
With  
Abraham

Israel

Israel

Assyria

Judah

Babylon

Exile

Return

# Prophets of Israel

Amos  
Hosea  
Micah

Zephaniah  
Isaiah, Jeremiah  
Nahum  
Habakkuk

Obadiah  
Ezekiel

Haggai  
Zechariah  
Malachi

Joel (?)  
Jonah  
(Ninevah)

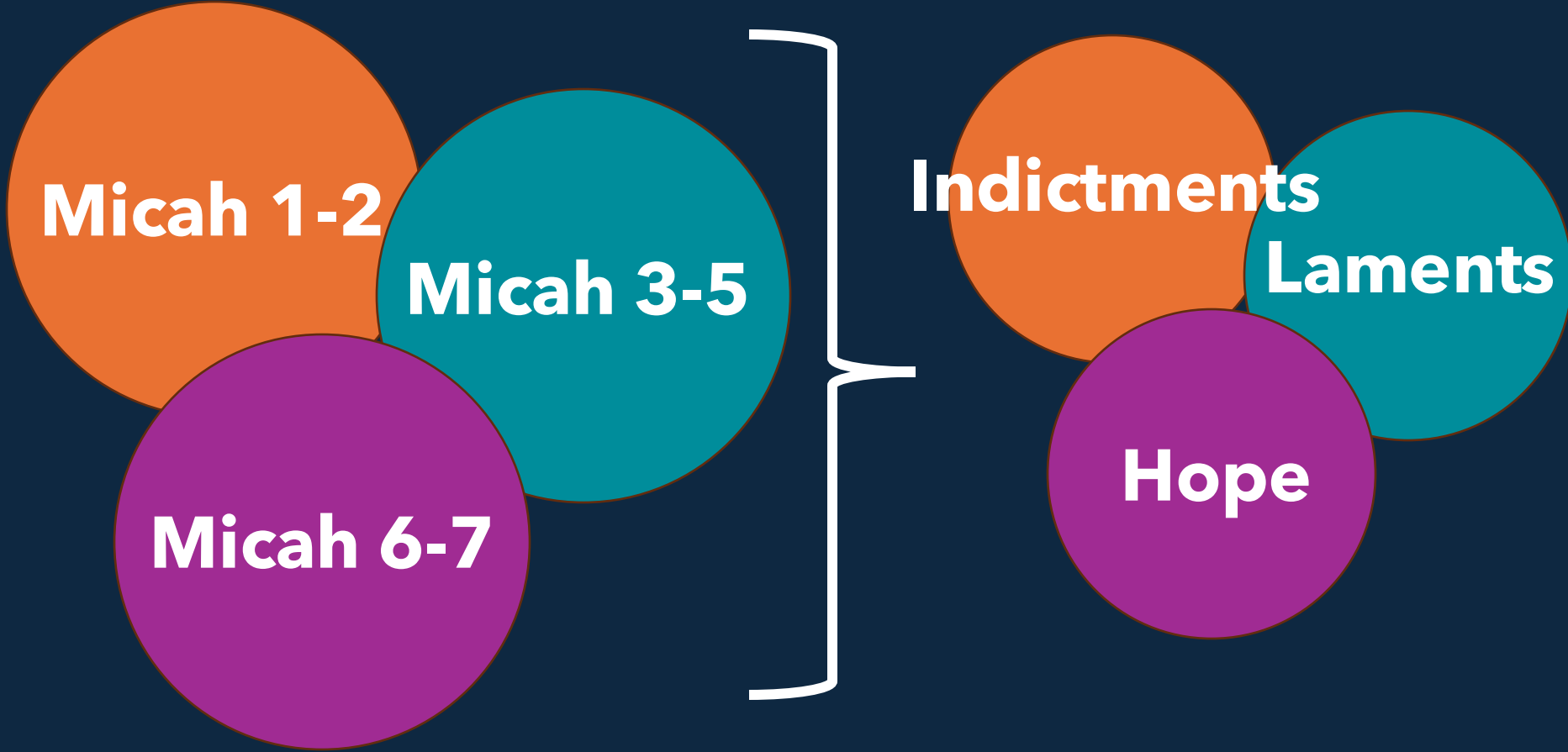


# Who is Micah?

- Rural Prophet
- "Bridge" Prophet
- Voice of the Marginalized
- Witty

# Micah: Book of Three's

**3 Sections:  
Listen**



**3 Themes Within  
the Book**



## Indictment

I said, “Listen, you leaders of Israel! You are supposed to know right from wrong, but you are the very ones who hate good and love evil.

3:1-2

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## Lament

Therefore, I will mourn and lament. I will walk around barefoot and naked. I will howl like a jackal and moan like an owl. For my people’s wound is too deep to heal.

1:8-9

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## Hope

Where is another God like you, who pardons the guilt of the remnant . . . You delight in showing unfailing love.

7:18



# Brilliance of Micah 1:10-15

<sup>10</sup>Don't **tell** our enemies in **Gath**; don't weep at all. You people in **Beth-leaphrah**, roll in the dust to show your despair.

In Hebrew, the words *tell* and *Gath* are similar.

*Beth Aphrah* means "House of Dust."

# Brilliance of Micah 1:10-15

<sup>11</sup> You people in **Shaphir**, go as captives into exile—naked and ashamed. The people of **Zaanan** dare not come outside their walls.

*Shaphir* means “pleasant” (a contrast to their shame).

*Zaanan* sounds like the word for “come out” (they couldn’t).



# Brilliance of Micah 1:10-15

The people of **Beth-ezel** mourn, for their house has no support. <sup>12</sup> The people of **Maroth** anxiously wait for relief, but only bitterness awaits them . . .

*Beth Ezel* means “House of Firmness” (they had none and could not stand).

*Maroth* sounds like the word for “bitter”

## Brilliance of Micah 1:10-15

<sup>13</sup> Harness your chariot horses and flee, you people of **Lachish**. You were the first city in Judah to follow Israel in her rebellion, and you led Jerusalem into sin.

*Lachish* sounds like the word for “team” (as in “team of chariot horses”).

# Brilliance of Micah 1:10-15

<sup>14</sup> Send farewell gifts to **Moresheth-gath**; there is no hope of saving it.

*MoreshethGath* is similar to the word for “betrothed” and refers to Judah being forced to pay a dowry.

# Brilliance of Micah 1:10-15

The town of **Aczib** has deceived the kings of Israel. <sup>15</sup> O people of **Mareshah**, I will bring a conqueror to capture your town.

*Achzib* means deception.

*Mareshah* sounds like the word for conqueror.

## 3 Key Passages 5:2-5

<sup>2</sup> But you, O **Bethlehem Ephrathah**, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the **distant past**, will come from you on my behalf. 5:2





<sup>4</sup> And he will **stand** to lead his flock with the Lord's strength . . . Then his people will live there undisturbed, for he will be highly honored around the **world**. <sup>5</sup>And he will be the source of **peace**.

5:4-5

## 3 Key Passages

4:1-4



In the **last days**, the mountain of the Lord's house will be the highest of all—the most important place on earth. It will be raised above the other hills, and people from all



over the world will stream there to worship. <sup>2</sup> People from many nations will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob’s God. There he will teach us his ways, and we





**will walk in his paths.” For the Lord’s teaching will go out from Zion; his word will go out from Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> The Lord will mediate between peoples and will settle disputes between strong nations far away.**



They will hammer their  
**swords into plowshares**  
and their spears into  
pruning hooks. Nation will  
no longer fight against  
nation, nor train for war  
anymore. <sup>4</sup> Everyone will



live in peace and prosperity, enjoying their own grapevines and fig trees, for there will be **nothing to fear**. The Lord of Heaven's Armies has made this promise!



# Partial Fulfillment

Last Days

Jerusalem

## Last Days:

No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: 'In the **last days**,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.'

Acts 2:16-17

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In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these **last days** he has spoken to us by his Son

Heb. 1:1-2


## Concerning Jerusalem: Luke 24

<sup>44</sup> Then he said, “When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the **prophets** and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

<sup>46</sup> And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise



from the dead on the third day. <sup>47</sup> It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in **Jerusalem**: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’





# Yet To Be Fulfilled

Peace

Prosperity

No Fear



## 3 Key Passages 6:6-8

With what shall I come  
before the Lord and bow  
down before the exalted  
God? Shall I come before  
him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
<sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased



**Justice**

**Mercy**

**Walk  
Humbly**

with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousand rivers of  
olive oil? Shall I offer my  
firstborn for my  
transgression, the fruit of  
my body for the sin of my  
soul?



***Justice***

***Mercy***

***Walk  
Humbly***



<sup>8</sup> He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To **act justly** and to **love mercy** and to **walk humbly** with your God.



**Justice**

**Mercy**

**Walk  
Humbly**