

## 1. Micah 1:1-16

Prayer: Dear Lord, You are always our hope and strength. Help us obey Your warnings and show true sorrow for our sins and trust You for forgiveness. Then help us live in hope and show hope to all people. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

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Micah 1:1-2. Introduction.

- Micah says when he prophesied and who he prophesied to. Why do you think that is important? Why should we care who he spoke to?
- Did Micah preach his own ideas? Where did his message come from?
- People often hated prophets and their message. Prophets needed a lot of bravery and strength to preach. Imagine you are Micah. God's word gives you strength to preach. But people hate you because you preach God's word. How does that feel?
- Who did Micah preach to (vs. 2)? Was this message only for the Jews?

Micah 1:3-7. A message of judgment.

- When God comes, what will it look like? How will He come?
- These verses are especially about Samaria (the capital city of Israel in the north). What was Samaria/Israel guilty of doing? Hints: high places means worship places especially for idol worship, images or statues means idols, and prostitution was often part of idol worship.
- What will God do to Samaria because of their sin?

Micah 1:8-16. Micah's response to the judgment.

- What did Micah think about the messages he preached? (vs. 8-9)
- Most of the cities named were in Judah (south), not Israel (north). If Israel got punished, why should Judah be sad? See vs. 13-16 (Zion means Jerusalem, capital city of Judah.)
- What should be our attitude when we see unbelievers going to hell?