

## Minor Prophets?, Micah Facts, and Micah 1-2

### WHOLE BOOK:

#### Theme:

Our sovereign God is both the Judge, who scatters his people for their transgressions and sins, and also the Shepherd-King who in covenant faithfulness gathers, protects, and forgives them.

#### Purpose:

Micah writes to indict both the Northern and Southern Kingdoms of Israel (Samaria and Jerusalem) for their sins and transgressions against the Lord...

#### Aim:

...so that the reader/ hearer will examine her heart for evidence of the same sins of unfaithfulness to God's covenant commands, and then confess, repent, and ask the Lord to grow in her faithfulness to God and love for acting with justice and mercy towards others..

### 3 Cycles of Judgment and Salvation (Warnings and Hope) for Israel

- I. God Gathers to Judge and Deliver (1-2)
- II. God Judges Rulers and Comes to Deliver (3-5)
- III. God Brings Indictments and Ultimate Deliverance (6-7)

### God Gathers His People to Judge and to Deliver (1-2)

#### Theme:

The Lord will judge the wickedness of His people, but in His covenant faithfulness, He will deliver a remnant and gather them back to Himself.

#### Purpose:

Micah writes to inform the people that God is a witness against them and is coming in judgment for their sins against Him and against each other...

#### Aim:

...so that the reader/hearer will repent of her own idolatry and her failure to love her neighbor as the Lord desires and then ask for the Spirit's help to make progress in loving the Lord above all else, worshiping Him rightly, and loving her neighbors as she loves herself.