

BAD NEWS, GOOD NEWS
MICAH 1:1-2-13 / 11-11-18 / PM

I. MICAH'S LIFE.

A. Micah: The Man.

1. His name means "Who is like Jehovah"--1:1 and 7:18.
2. His home town was "Moresheh-Gath"--1:1, 1:14. It was 25 miles southwest of Jerusalem, near Gath, home of Goliath.

B. The Book of Micah

1. The date: 735 to 700--1:1.
2. The message:
 - a. Brief Outline of the book.
 - i. Coming Judgment Followed by Restoration--1:1-2:13.
 - ii. Reasons for Judgment--3:1-5:15.
 - iii. Call for Repentance and Promise of Forgiveness--6:1-7:20.
 - b. Book arranged around three sermons or messages all beginning with the word "hear" or "listen"--1:2; 3:1; 6:1.
 - c. Same themes for all three sermons....
 - i. Coming judgment.
 - ii. Reasons for judgment.
 - Taking advantage of the poor.
 - Listening to false prophets.
 - iii. Future restoration.

- d. Purposes of all three sermons....
 - i. To warn the people of coming judgment.
 - ii. To encourage the people to persevere in judgment.
- e. Directed to both the Northern and Southern kingdoms, but mainly the Northern Kingdom.

II. MICAH'S LESSONS.

1. God speaks—1:1
2. God judges those who take advantage of others—2:1-3.
3. God is merciful and forgiving—7:18.
4. God expects us to live godly lives—6:8.
5. God preserves a remnant of those who follow him—2:12.
6. Micah prophesied the birth place of the Messiah—5:2.