

Micah 1:1-2:13 – Doom and hope – pt 1**God is coming as Judge****Micah in context**

Gen 1... God created

Gen 3 People rejected God's right to rule his earth

Gen 3:15 ... God made a promise to reverse the effects of sin

Gen 12 ... God chose Abram

Despite this God remained faithful to his promises

King David... a man after God's own heart

... split due to the sin of Solomon's son... in 922BC.

Israel, represented 10 tribes, was in the north

Judah, representing two tribes, was in the south.

Moresheh (map / picture)

742 – 686 BC... = 8th C BC.

Micah's kings

Jotham (2 Kings 15)

Ahaz (2 Kings 16)

Hezekiah (2 Kings 18)

Kings of Israel = like Ahaz

What Micah says**1) God's judgement is coming due to false worship**

... set up high places which involves their corrupt worship of YHWH and their false worship of other gods.

v 9 tells us it has spread even to Jerusalem

v 10-16 Micah lists places that God's judgement will come upon

1:16 ... they need to repent before it is too late

2) God's judgement is coming upon unrestrained evil people**3) A message of future hope**

A remnant will be gathered by a shepherd

For us today

a) Today God's people are the church not a nation

Firstly, ... a very different stage of salvation history

Secondly ... God is still concerned about greed among his people and he is also concerned about the way others are treated by his people.

b) Some challenges for us today

Do I take right worship of God seriously?

Do I worship other gods? (like money, material things, my job, my sporting heroes or mother nature)

Am I greedy? Or am I generous?

Do I treat people lovingly or do I exploit them?

c) A message of hope

A remnant will remain ...

a Shepherd is coming

God always offers people the opportunity to turn back to him

My one thing

- Write down how God's word speaks to you today