

**02 – Micah 3:1-5:15 – Doom and Hope - pt 2****Micah so far**

... addressed ALL the people of the world

... focussed on those who were from Judah & Israel.

- false worship of YHWH,
- worship of false gods instead of YHWH
- godless way they treated each other as God's people.

... he offered them hope.

**1) God addresses the leaders of his people**

... God's judgement on the rulers - 3:1

- hate good and love evil

... God's judgement on the prophets – 3:5

- only interested in what is in it for them.
- ... the prophet's selfish motives are achieved
- ... they will be silenced.

But Micah ... Filled with power from God's spirit he will be speaking God's word of judgement on God's people.

Jeremiah 26:17-20 - <sup>17</sup> *Some of the elders of the land stepped forward and said to the entire assembly of people,* <sup>18</sup> *“Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah. He told all the people of Judah, ‘This is what the Lord Almighty says:*

*“Zion will be ploughed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets.’*

<sup>19</sup> *“Did Hezekiah king of Judah or anyone else in Judah put him to death? Did not Hezekiah fear the Lord and seek his favour? And did not the Lord relent, so that he did not bring the disaster he pronounced against them? We are about to bring a terrible disaster on ourselves!”*

... God's judgement on the priests – 3:11

God will reduce Jerusalem to rubble

God will desert his people and no longer be with them.

**2) But God will restore**

v 2...restoration will come.

- people will come from many nations.
- They will be taught his laws, and they will obey them.

**3) How God will restore**

**Out of the most insignificant clan of God's people will come a ruler.**

**... the shepherd he spoke of in Micah 2:12-13**

### **For us today**

#### **1) Fulfilment**

**God's people were carried off into exile**

**God brought them back as he promised he would.**

**...one born in Bethlehem who was of old but who comes with the power, authority and majesty of YHWH has been fulfilled.**

**... a future glorious hope**

**How are you involved in gospel mission here and throughout the world?**

#### **2) Heed the warning**

**... those who claim to be followers of YHWH but who teach for money and turn gospel ministry into a means of making money,**

**... prophecy what people's itching ears want to hear.**

**Who do we listen to and why do we listen to them?**

#### **3) What we need from our leaders**

**....what we should be looking for in our leadership as God's people.**

### **My one thing**

- **Challenge or confirm your thinking**
- **Change, trust, encourage, spur on,...your actions**

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