

MICAH

FROM JUDGMENT RISES HOPE



Idolatry, Judgment, & Hope

Micah 1&2

Main Idea

Idolatry kindles the Judgment of God, but His kindness brings the remnant a Shepherd King who is the Lord.

Overview

- **Idolatry kindles the Judgment of God**
 - Micah prophesies to the Northern & Southern Kingdoms
 - Northern: Vss 2-7
 - Southern: 1.8 - 7
 - God will till Samaria (Northern Kingdom) like a field and destroy her foundations (v 6)
 - This is done for both the northern and southern Kingdom due to their idolatry (v 7)
 - God's Judgment comes as a response to His covenant as seen in passages like Deuteronomy 28.9-10
 - The names of the cities in Vss. 10-15 are used as an illustration for the destruction of cities in Judah
 - Ultimately they will be exiled (v 16)
- **Oppressors inherit wind**
 - Chapter 2 is a polemic against leadership in Judah
 - They scheme on their beds for destruction and they have the power to do it (v 1)
 - The Lord says he going to bring destruction and they cant get out of it (v 3)
 - He will give the spoils away to apostates (v 4)
 - They don't like preachers who preach judgment instead they like to have preachers that will tell them what they want to hear (v 6, 11)
 - The Lord will bring them a terrible destruction (v 10)
- **Hope is found in a Shepherd, Lord, King to the Remnant (Vss 12-13)**
 - Remnant are the few who remain faithful amidst the unfaithful
 - The Shepherd, Lord, King will open the door and lead them to pasture
 - He will go with them
 - This is a Messianic reference given the thrust of the book in looking to a Kingly ruler that rules forever and forgives sin (4.7-8, 5.2-4, 7.19)

Questions

Discussion starter: What would your family say about the concept of Judgment and its relationship to love?

1. Describe why the Lord is acting in such extreme Judgment. Is the Justice in keeping with the offense?
2. What is it about idolatry that grieves the Lord?
3. Take a moment to describe the leaders of Judah in Chapter 2.
4. How can we as a congregation be careful to guard against such poor leadership?
5. What kind of hope is found in the Shepherd, King, Lord that is described in Vss 12-13?
6. How does this passage point to Christ?
7. In what ways can you find Hope in these passages for your life.

Accountability Question: Where are the places that you are failing to find hope and how can the Shepherd, King, Lord be brought to bear in those situations?