

## Welcome to the Book of Micah

We have chosen 7:18 as a key verse for the book that reflects the theme of God's matchless mercy and unchanging love. Even against the backdrop of His lengthy indictment of both Israel and Judah, God's message of unchanging love is crystal clear.

Also note the passages listed within the overview chart below. How does each passage relate to the corresponding section title? We have chosen 7:18 for our key verse reflecting the theme of unchanging love.

Micah's name means who is like Yahweh. He was a contemporary of Isaiah and prophesied during the time of the Northern Kingdom's captivity to Assyria (Isaiah 7-12). His specific prophecies include: Samaria's Fall (1:6-7), the invasion of Sennacherib (1:9-16), Jerusalem's Fall (3:12; 7:23), Babylon's exile (4:10), and return from captivity (4:1-8; 7:11,14-17).

# MICAH Unchanging Love

**LISTEN**  
**to the Truth**

**PREPARE**  
**for the Day**

**WAIT**  
**in Hope**

1-3

4-5

6-7

*"Because He delights in His unchanging love." 7:18*

### Open your heart as you read!

We cannot run from our Lord! Often God will request that we do things that we find distasteful or threatening. Yet the word of the Lord will be accomplished! We can either run or submit. His plans will be accomplished with or without our cooperation. God is a God of compassion, choosing to display His compassion in the world through Jesus Christ and the servants of His own dear Son!

The book of Micah can help us to receive further instruction about the judgment and wrath of God, helping to emphasize our responsibility, and to focus upon the coming King and His Kingdom. This can motivate us in living for that which is eternal versus that which is temporal. In a world where the standards for love shift constantly, God's love remains constant. Are you growing in your understanding of true love? Is true love even possible today?



# Micah Chapter Chart

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Questions	Chapter	Title	Verse
What does God mean when He says that Samaria is the rebellion of Jacob? To What sin do the “high places” of Judah refer?	1		
What is the common theme of the “woes” in this chapter?	2		
What verse in chapter 2 explains the erroneous thinking of the leaders? Would God’s presence save them?	3		
Notice how this chapter marks a change in attitude within the book. While we still see the judgment it takes on more a character of discipline with a hopeful purpose. Which verse best reflects this emphasis?	4		
What New Testament teachings about Jesus Christ are supported in this chapter?	5		
How does the indictment of this chapter differ from those in chapters 1-3?	6		
Notice the use of the term unchanging love. In what ways is this chapter a promise?	7		

## What about today?

It is neat to think about God’s unchanging love. Human love can be so fickle that security can be difficult to find. But God delights in His consistent compassion for His children. What a privilege to know and be known by the Living God!



## AMAZIAH - AZARIAH - HEZEKIAH

Micah spoke to three kings in Judah. Each provides a great backdrop as you try to get the most out of the book of Micah. You can read the story of these three kings (nice) in 2 Kings 15-20.

Remember, there are two kingdoms in Israel. The northern kingdom includes Samaria (woman at the well and Jesus) and is called Israel, and the southern kingdom is identified as Judah, with her capital in the city of David - Jerusalem. The northern kingdom will go into captivity about 100 years before the southern kingdom is judged for her sins. Manasseh of Israel (in the north) is the nail in the coffin of Israel's corruption.

For the scope of this study we will focus on Hezekiah. For a moment, however, let's turn our eyes to Manasseh in Israel. Read 2 Kings 21. What was the problem? How does Manasseh reflect things which occur in our own world?

### **Hezekiah's story is filled with helpful insight.**

#### **2 Kings 18:1-8**

What were his strengths and what was the result?

#### **2 Kings 19:1-20**

This situation is intense. Where does Hezekiah go for courage?

What is the result of his strategy?

How does Isaiah help him?

What do verses 35-37 teach you about God?

#### **2 Kings 20**

What do you learn about Hezekiah's heart?

What did his relationship with the prophet Isaiah look like?

How did Hezekiah blow it?

Why so harsh?

If you were a king what would be your values? How would you treat your people?

Where would God fit into your approach to ruling?

**Kings come and go.** The One true King reigns forever.

We can see a lot of great principles from these three kings and the prophets Micah and Isaiah!