"THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MICAH" Series

Message #1 of 7

"The Coming of the Lord"

Micah 1:1-4 June 25, 2017

Why the Old Testament? Why Micah? What about Micah 6:8?

"Micah takes a sweeping view of history. He takes in thousands of years of history at a glance. He moves confidently from imminent Syrian invasion, then to Babylonian invasion still a century and a half away, then seventy years of exile followed by a return to the land, and then into the future, the coming of Jesus Christ as Messiah. Finally, he looks to what he calls 'the last days,' God's final restoration, setting things in order on earth." – Doug Goins, Peninsula Bible Church, Palo Alto, CA

1. <u>JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT</u> –

- "And beginning with <u>Moses and all the Prophets</u> Jesus explained to His disciples what was said in <u>all the Scriptures</u> concerning Himself." (Luke 24:25-27)
- "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and <u>opened the Scriptures</u> to us?" (Luke 24:32)
- "I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." (Luke 24:45-49)

2. THE GOSPEL IN THE OLD TESTAMENT -

(Acts 7 – Stephen's Sermon)

• **Abraham** – "Go to the land <u>I will show you</u>." (Acts 7:3)

- **Joseph** "The time drew near for God <u>to fulfill his</u> <u>promise</u> to Abraham." (Acts 7:17)
- Moses "<u>God will send</u> you a prophet like me from your own people." (Acts 7:37)
- The prophets en masse "This agrees with what is written in the book of the prophets ... Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? <u>They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One</u>. And now you have betrayed and murdered him." (Acts 7:42, 52)

3. JESUS IN MICAH -

- "One who breaks open the way will go up before them; they will break through the gate and go out. Their king will pass through before them, the Lord at their head." (Micah 2:13)
- "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." (Micah 5:2)
- "He will bring me out into the light; I will see his righteousness." (Micah 7:9)

4. THE GOSPEL IN MICAH -

- PROBLEM: Micah 1:5-13 & Romans 3:23
- SOLUTION: Micah 7:18-20 & Romans 3:22

"Micah's prophesies in this little book focus on two characteristics of God: (1) the fact that he is a God of justice and judgment, (2) but also a God of mercy, hope and grace. He is a God who delivers his people from the hopeless of moral failure." – Doug Goins, Peninsula Bible Church, Palo Alto, CA