

Micah

Summary

Micah ministered to both the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. He foresaw the birth of the Messiah in Bethlehem. The people in power were practicing bribery, confiscating the fields of the people, oppressing the poor, and abusing women and children. Micah's message is that the spiritual must not become disconnected from the social. When the spiritual is applied to the social, in righteous ways, God blesses.

Author and Date:

Micah. 700 BC.

Audience/ Setting:

People of Judah. During Micah's lifetime, Micah was a contemporary of Isaiah and Hosea. There was new wealth in the cities, primarily because of long period of peace, allowed the rich to expand their wealth to the detriment of the lower class. This led to privileges being extended to one group while they were being denied to the other.

Purpose:

Warn the people of Judah and Israel to repent of their idolatry and injustice or face exile. God would eventually send a Ruler from Bethlehem to redeem His people.

Key People:

People of Samaria and Jerusalem.

Key Places:

Samaria, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem.

References

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