



God Speaks: Micah 3-5

Read **Micah 3** and discuss the following:

1. The Lord denounces the rulers and spiritual leaders of Israel. What reasons does he give? List the charges He brings against them and the consequences of their actions.
2. How does Micah's ministry contrast the other prophets of his day **(3:8)**?
3. What does this particular chapter teach us about God and what He desires of and for His people? Explain.

Read **Micah 4** and discuss the following:

1. Having described the coming destruction of Jerusalem in the previous chapter **(3:12)**, here Micah prophesies of a future day when those fortunes will be reversed. Jerusalem will be rebuilt and exalted. What does the Lord promise to His people?
2. How does this oracle describe the nations **(4:1-5)**? What most stands out to you about their depiction? Explain.
3. Why might **verse 10** be both discouraging and hopeful for Micah's original audience? Explain.

Read **Micah 5** and discuss the following:

1. Micah announces a new and forever ruler to come. How is this ruler described? What makes this specific prophecy so remarkable? Explain.
2. What else do we know from Scripture about the little town of Bethlehem? How are each of these additional details significant? Explain.
3. How does the coming ruler (Jesus) contrast the rulers of the day described earlier? How does He shepherd differently? Explain.
4. How does this passage of Scripture most comfort and/or convict you personally?