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Micah | Critical & Historical Information

- Micah was a younger contemporary of Isaiah in the South, along with Amos and Hosea in the North. Although his prophecy clearly includes Israel (i.e., the northern Kingdom), the introductory superscription lists only Southern kings (ca. 640-690), perhaps indicating that his ministry was in the South, or that he didn't recognize the kings in the North as true kings.
- Micah hailed from Moresheth, a small town about 20-25 miles southwest of Jerusalem near the fortress town of Lachish. Aside from a name meaning "who is like Yahweh," little else is known about Micah's background.
- A century later, Micah's prophetic legacy was very much alive and well as evidenced by the elders of the land who appeal to his prophecy (Mic. 3:12) to justify sparing the life of Jeremiah (Jer.26:17-19).

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