

### 3. Micah – “If I have to come down there...”

*Reflect: Micah 1:2-3 “Hear, all you peoples! Listen, O earth, and all that is in it! Let the Lord God be a witness against you, The Lord from His holy temple. For behold, the Lord is coming out of His place; He will come down And tread on the high places of the earth.” – What sorts of things/conditions (going on among God’s people) would cause God to need to leave His home and come down to deal with it? What does it look like when God does “come down”? How does the world typically respond to this unsettling experience? How does Micah want the Church to respond?*

Micah of Moresheth

Setting of Micah: (most likely - Days of Hosea, Amoc) - prosperity, peace, poverty

- List some of the reasons that God is “coming down” - 1:2-7; 2:1-2, 3:9-12;
  
- Empty Religion - 2:5-8; 6:6-8
  - What makes for empty worship and how can it be avoided?
  - How do you feel about the need for God to “come down” to correct the church? Read what the prophets were preaching 3:5-8, 11
  - Look up Matthew 23:23-24 What is Jesus saying about the scribe’s religious practices? How does this compare to Micah’s words in 6:8
  
- What is God going to do when He comes down?
  - 3:12
  - 4:1-7
  
- Longing for David to Return
  - For Leadership, Salvation, and Peace - 5:2-5
  - Judgment against enemies - 5:7-9
  - Matthew 2:1-6 - How does the story of the magi also fit with Micah’s message of God “coming down” to deal with his people and enemies?
  
- Lamentation with Hope - chapter 7
  - How is lamenting a helpful practice for us?
  - What does Micah say in 7:14-17 that encourages him?
  - 7:18-20 - Compare this to Exodus 34:5-7 What does the “covenant” have to do with Micah’s message to Israel and God’s message to us?