

## The Bible - Week 19 (May 16th)

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# Isaiah + Micah

**Author:** Isaiah is self written & Micah is self titled from a prophet from Moresheth Gath in Judah.

**Date:** Isaiah has a great list of the people he served under so we assume 700-680 BCE. Micah works during the reigns of Jothan, Ahaz and Hezekiah so 700-689 BCE.

**Audience:** Isaiah was focused on the southern kingdom but wrote for the entire Israel people and the gentiles. Micah spoke to the leaders of Judah who were oppressing the poor.

**Reason:** Isaiah makes it clear how seriously God intends to keep his covenants & God's plans are for the future good of the people. Micah wrote to share God's heart was for social justice and offered a way out of the destruction of those who oppressed others.

**Theme:** Judgement against social injustice

### Key Verse:

#### Isaiah 12:1-2 CEB

<sup>1</sup> You will say on that day: "I thank you, LORD. Though you were angry with me, your anger turned away and you comforted me. <sup>2</sup> God is indeed my salvation; I will trust and won't be afraid. Yah, the LORD, is my strength and my shield; he has become my salvation."

#### Micah 6:8 CEB

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, human one, what is good and what the LORD requires from you: to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.

**Sections:** Isaiah is Judgement (Ch1-39) and Salvation (ch40-66) Micah has - Judgement (ch1-3) Hope for the future (ch4-5) and the case of God's against the people (ch6-7).

**Key Words:** Children of Zion, Sin, Remnant

**Basic Intro:** Isaiah and Micah were contemporaries of their time. Micah may have even been a disciple of Isaiah, calling his book the "Little Isaiah". Both spoke for the same reasons and were largely ignored in their time. Micah was closer to the injustice and so his work appears to be more emotional but both had the same heart.

**Questions for Discussion:**

- **Are you involved in any social justice groups? What category of social justice speaks most to you? In line with this, how did Jesus deal with social injustice of his time?**
- **In Micah 5:2, Micah prophesies something about the coming Messiah, what was it and how did we see that in Jesus?**
- **In what ways can you better position your heart towards God this week?**