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BOOK of MICAH**

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to BORROW a BIBLE**

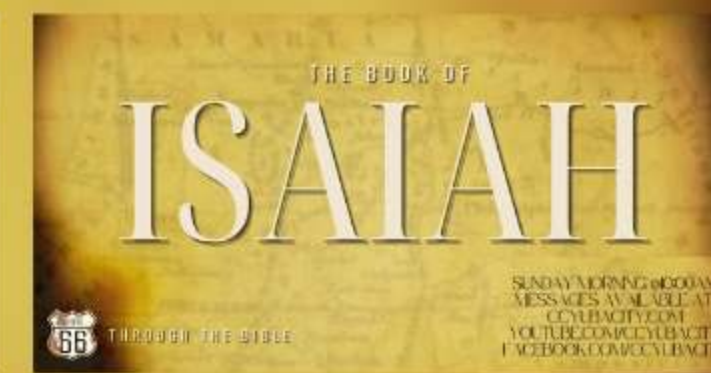
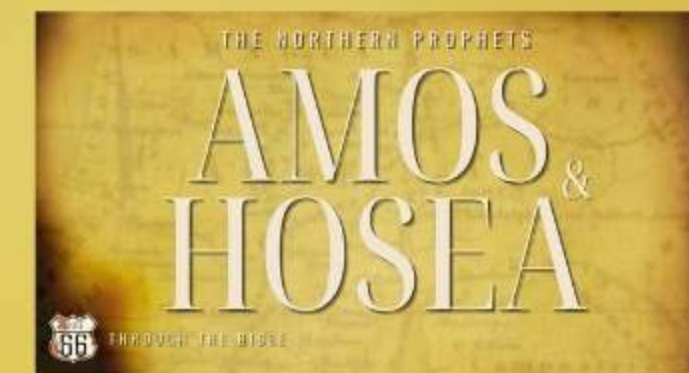
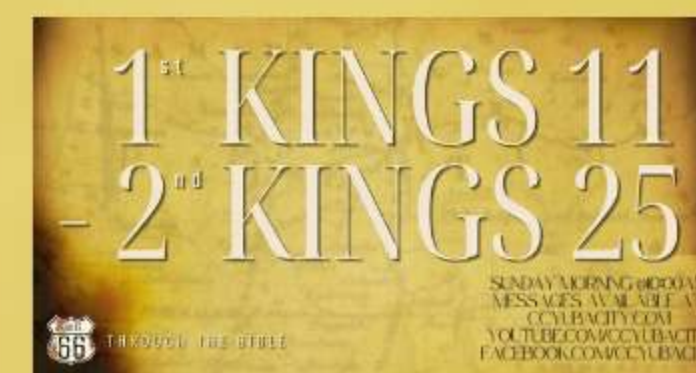
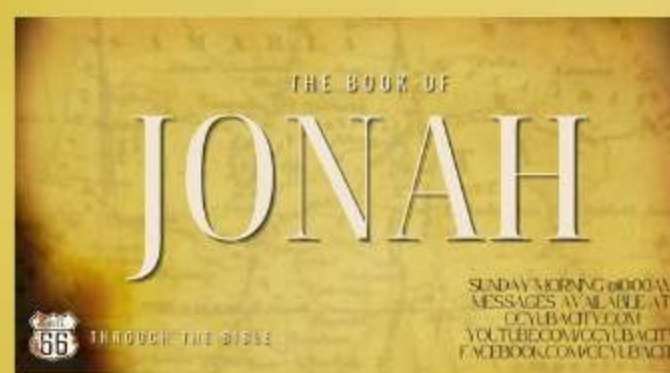
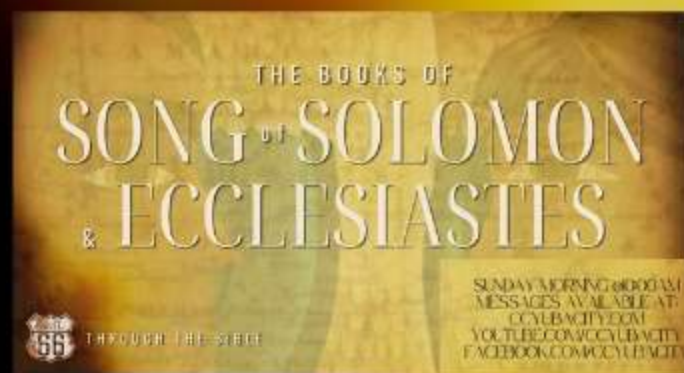
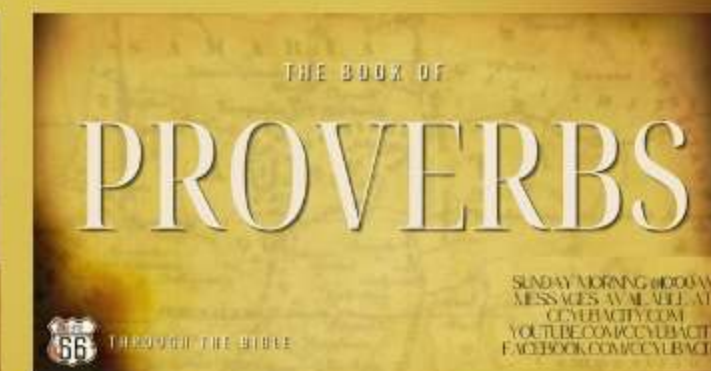
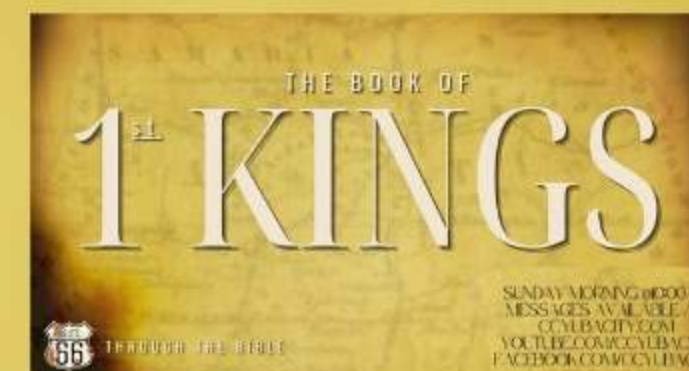
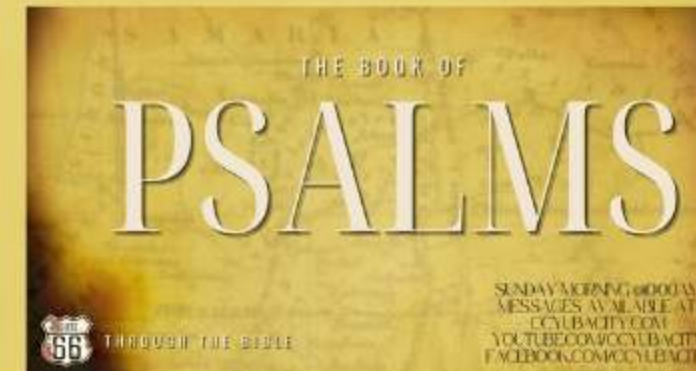
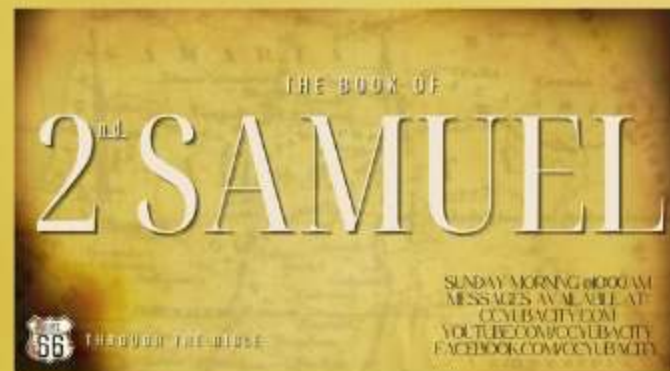
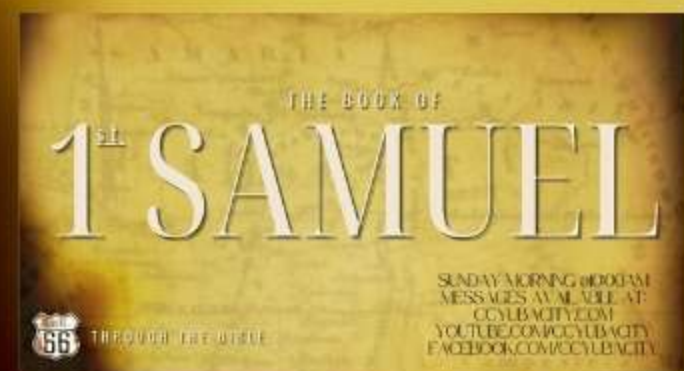
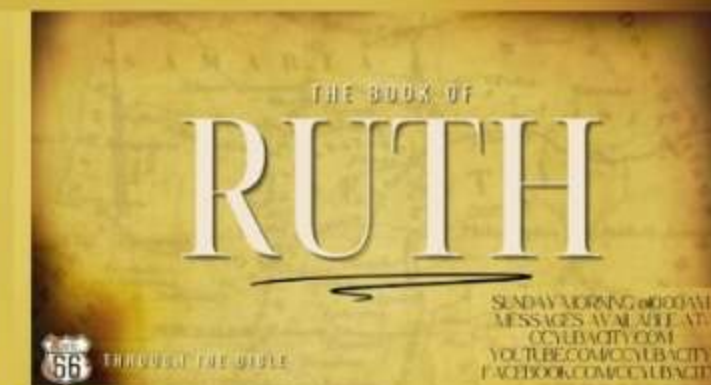
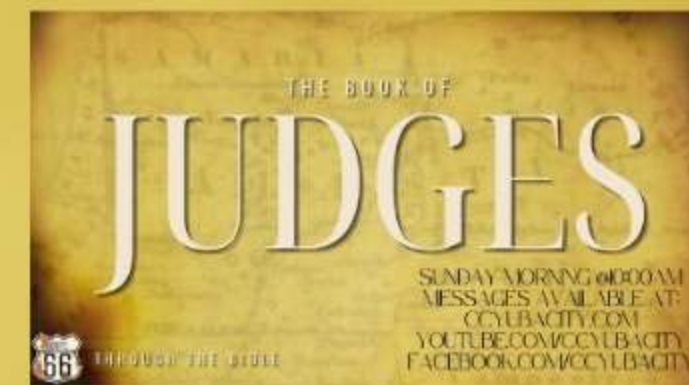
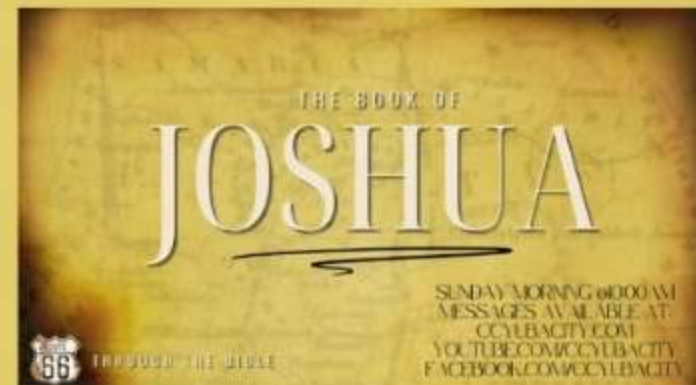
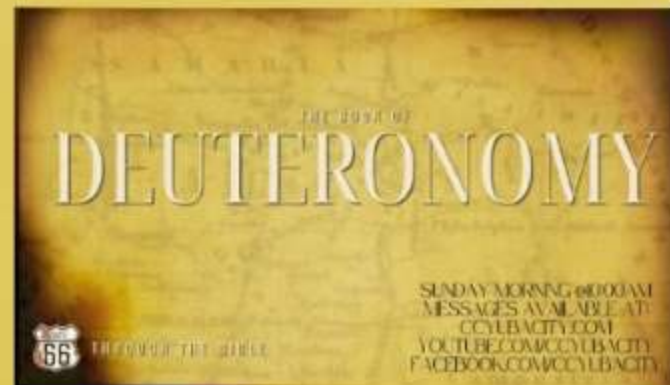
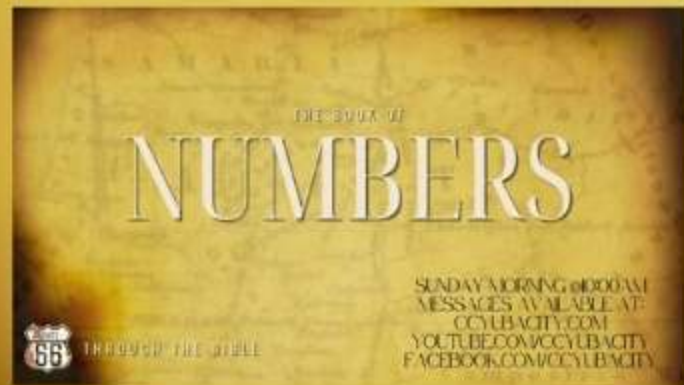
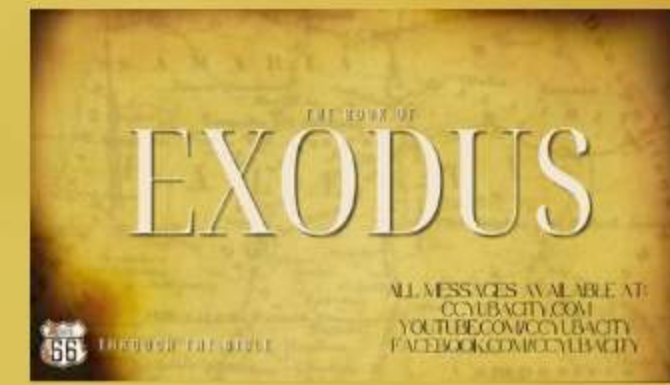
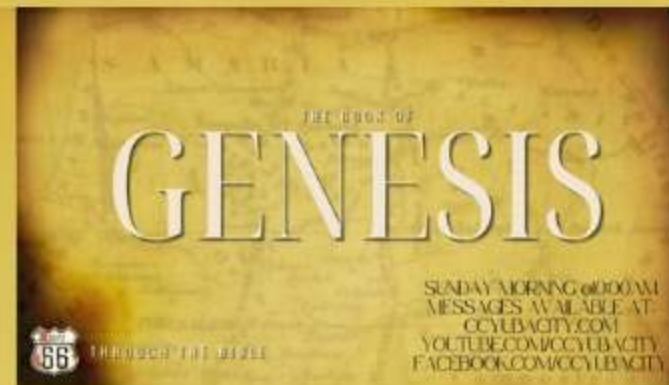
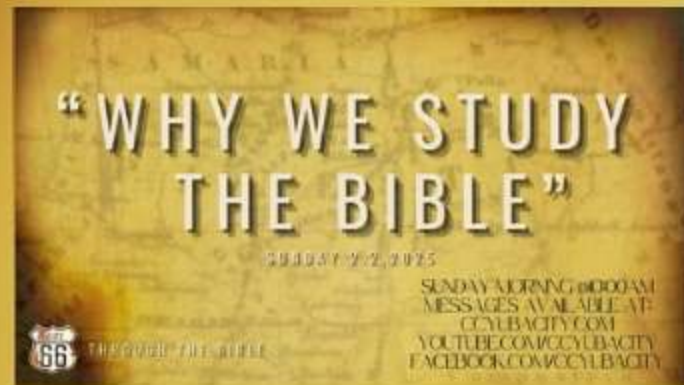
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**Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel**

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**THE PROPHETS ARE WHERE A LOT  
OF PEOPLE'S READING OF THE  
BIBLE STALLS OUT**



# "THE DIVIDED KINGDOM"



THIS IS  
**HUGELY  
IMPORTANT!**

**COVERED in 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> KINGS**  
**Results in ISRAEL to the NORTH**  
**JUDAH to the SOUTH**





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TIMING, HISTORY, AND SCOPE OF  
THE BIRTH OF JESUS**



## WHAT WE KNOW BY THIS POINT IN SCRIPTURE ABOUT THE MESSIAH:

- The **“Seed of the Woman”** (**Genesis 3:15**) [*Proto-Evangelium*]
- The **“Seed of Abraham”** (**Genesis 22:18**) [*Abrahamic Covenant*]
- The **“Seed of Isaac”** (**Genesis 21:12**)
- The **“Seed of Jacob/Israel”** (**Genesis 28:14**)
- of the **Tribe of Judah** (**Genesis 49:8-9**) [*Lion of the Tribe of Judah*]
- **The “Seed of David”** (**2 Samuel 7:12**) [*Davidic Covenant*]
- **“...out of Egypt I called My son”** (**Hosea 11:1**)
- **“...the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel”** (**Isaiah 7:14**)



THE BOOK OF

# MICAH



THROUGH THE BIBLE



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Micah 1:1: **“The word of the LORD that came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.”**

**MICAH** = *“Who is like YAH”* (shortened form of YAHWEH)

**MORESHETH** = small town appx. 25 miles outside of Jerusalem

**ISAIAH was a FRIEND OF KINGS**

**MICAH was a COUNTRY PROPHET (like Amos)**



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**Ministry Spans 40-60 YEARS**

**Contemporary of HOSEA, AMOS, & ISAIAH**

**Prophesied to both the SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN KINGDOMS**

*“Micah’s ministry [took place when]... the 10 Northern Tribes were engaged in a Civil War against the 2 Southern Tribes. Second Chronicles 28:6 says that 120,000 men from the South ALONE were slaughtered in a single day in battle.” (Jon Courson)*



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**COMPARE**





**IF IT'S NEW, IT'S NOT TRUE,  
IF IT'S TRUE, IT'S NOT NEW!**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:12— “I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in [them].”**

**VS. 15: “Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.**

*“[Pastors have a] tendency... to think we have to share something creative and fresh, something that has a new twist or an idea [that has] never [been] heard before. Not so. We must be more concerned about people being established in truth than about [people] being impressed with our insights or profound thoughts.” (Jon Courson)*

**2 TIM. 2:2: “The things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”**



## THE INFLUENCE of MICAH:

*"Hosea [& Amos were] ignored. Jeremiah [was thrown] in jail... In contrast, King Hezekiah... **listened** to the prophet Micah."* (David Guzik)

**Jer. 26:17-19: "Certain... elders of the land rose up and [said]... 'Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah...' – "Did Hezekiah... ever put [Micah] to death? Did he not fear the LORD and seek [Him]? – And the LORD relented concerning the doom which He had pronounced against them."**

*"One hundred years later, [Micah's] words [are] still remembered, and the memory of what happened [with him is] used... to spare... Jeremiah."* **(Boice)**

*"[The quotation of [Micah] in Jeremiah is significant... It shows how the words of the... prophets were treasured, and... remembered that they could be [so easily] quoted."*

**(Cundall)**



## **THE STYLE of MICAH:**

**“The advantage of poetry... is that [Micah’s] rhythmic message would be easier to remember.” – “The disadvantage... is that poetry is a lot more difficult to translate into other languages without losing some of the meaning.”**

**“Micah tears-aside the veil, and in short... sharp sentences – brings his whip down on the judges, the corrupt priests, and the hired prophets [of his day]...” (Dr. Graham Scroggie)**

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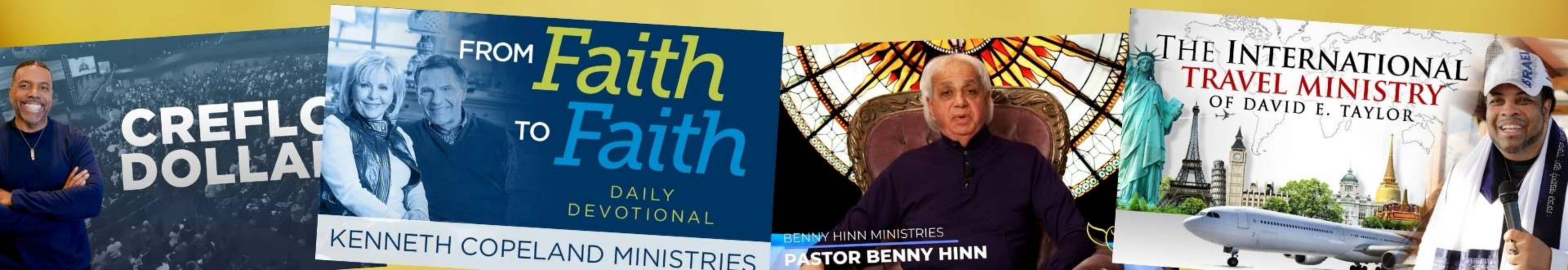




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*“In the 8th century before Christ... [Micah] put forth a conception of religion... as wonderful an inspiration of genius as the art of Phidias, or the science of Aristotle. If any so-called religion takes away from this great saying... I think it wantonly mutilates; while if it adds thereto... it obscures the perfect ideal of religion.” (T.H. Huxley)*



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Amos 5:21-24: "I hate, I despise your feast days... I do not savor your sacred assemblies... I will not accept them, nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings... Take away from Me the noise of your songs, for I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments." - "Let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream."





THE MESSAGE of MICAH

Micah 6:1-8

**GOD WANTS A  
TRANSFORMED  
HEART!**

sermon.



## **THE MESSAGE of MICAH:**

**Micah 4:10: "Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in birth pangs. For now you shall go forth from the city, you shall dwell in the field, and to Babylon you shall go."**

**"There you shall be delivered..." – "There the LORD will redeem you from the hand of your enemies."**

**DUAL THEMES:  
JUDGEMENT  
and HOPE/RESTORATION**



## JUDGMENT & HOPE???

### JUDGMENT

2 Peter 3:5-7: "For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

### Hope!

VS. 8-9: "But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise... but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."



## JUDGMENT & HOPE???

*"Micah [brings]... warnings of... judgment on Israel, but... also... a message of hope that counters these warnings and tells of the restoration that God would one day bring."*

*"God's judgment can be a source of hope because His... love and promises are more powerful than human evil. **God's ultimate purpose is not to destroy but to save and redeem.**" (The Bible Project)*



## THE SPIRIT in MICAH:

**Micah 3:8: "I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and of justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin."**

*"[An] outstanding reference to the Spirit of God as Micah contrasts the authority behind his ministry with that of the counterfeit prophets of his day."*



# **THE STRUCTURE of MICAH:**

## **THREE SECTIONS:**

**Chapters 1—3: the Lord  
PRONOUNCES RETRIBUTION**

**Chapters 4 & 5: the Lord  
PROMISES RESTORATION**

**Chapters 6 & 7: the Lord  
PROCLAIMS RECONCILIATION**



## MICAH: A CENTRAL PASSAGE:

Micah 5:2: **“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah... Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel... Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.”**

**One to be Ruler in Israel  
= MESSIAH**



## MICAH: A CENTRAL PASSAGE:

VS. 2: “Bethlehem Ephrathah.”

*Two Names for the Same Place*

Gen. 35:19: “Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (**[which] is, Bethlehem**).”

1st Samuel 17:12 = “Bethlehem Judah.”

Charles Spurgeon: “[Ephrathah] was the old name of the place... which the Jews retained and loved.”



## O LITTLE TOWN of BETHLEHEM:

**"700 years before the event... God inspired Micah to pinpoint the site Messiah would be born—a Podunk little community 5 miles outside of Jerusalem."**

Jon Courson

**O Little Town  
of Bethlehem**



**Verse 2: "Though you  
are little among the  
thousands of Judah..."**



## **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE of BETHLEHEM:**

**GEN. 49:8-10: “Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise... The scepter shall not depart from Judah... to Him shall be the obedience of the people.”**

**1SAM. 17:12: “David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem Judah, whose name was Jesse...”**

**1 SAM. 16:1: “I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons.”**

**LUKE 2:4: “...the city of David, which is called Bethlehem...”**



## BETHLEHEM of JUDAH:

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GEN. 49:10: “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people.”

*“Each of these [descriptions] refer to the RULING POSITION Judah will have among his brethren... This [ruling] position... meant... the eventual kings of Israel would come from Judah, and that the Messiah – God’s ultimate Ruler – would... come from the tribe of Judah.” – (David Guzik)*

REV. 5:5: “the Lion of the tribe of Judah.”



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*These Are  
CONNECTED!*



### “The Davidic Covenant”

2 SAM. 7:12-13: “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”



# THE NATURE of this COMING RULER:

MIC. 5:2(b): “Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.”

*ETERNAL NATURE*

Dr. Edward Pococke: “[This description] is so signal a description of Christ's eternal generation... that this prophecy must belong only to Him, and could never be verified of any other.”

Matthew Henry: “It certainly speaks of a going forth that was now past, when the prophet spoke, and cannot but be read... that ‘His outgoings have been;’ and the putting of... these words together... plainly show that they must... be taken in the strictest sense... It can be applied to no other than to Him who was able to say, ‘Before Abraham was, I am’ (Jn. 8:58).”



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*"He whose right it is"*  
*"to Whom it belongs"*  
*"He ... that is to be sent"*  
*"Peace"*

"[Shiloh] was a title anciently understood to speak of the Messiah" – "That Shiloh should be of this tribe—his seed, that promised seed, in whom the earth should be blessed: that peaceable and prosperous one, or the Saviour... shall come of Judah."

"[Shiloh speaks of] that promised seed, in whom the earth should be blessed: the peaceable and prosperous One, the Saviour... shall come [from Bethlehem] Judah." (Matthew Henry)



## A QUICK SUMMARY:

ONE Who will RULE ISRAEL...

ETERNAL IN NATURE...

Who IS PEACE...

FROM BETHLEHEM...

IN JUDAH...

of the HOUSE OF DAVID...

MIC. 5:3: “Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth...”



## A DEFINITE MAYBE:

BUT  
PROBABLY  
NOT

MIC. 5:3: “Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth...”

*The Virgin Mary???*

GEN. 3:15: “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed... He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

IS. 7:14: “The Lord Himself will give you a sign... the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel (‘God With Us’).”



# THE 'SHE WHO IS IN LABOR'

of MICAH CHAPTER 5:

MORE  
LIKELY

MIC. 5:3: “Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth...”

*The Nation of Israel*



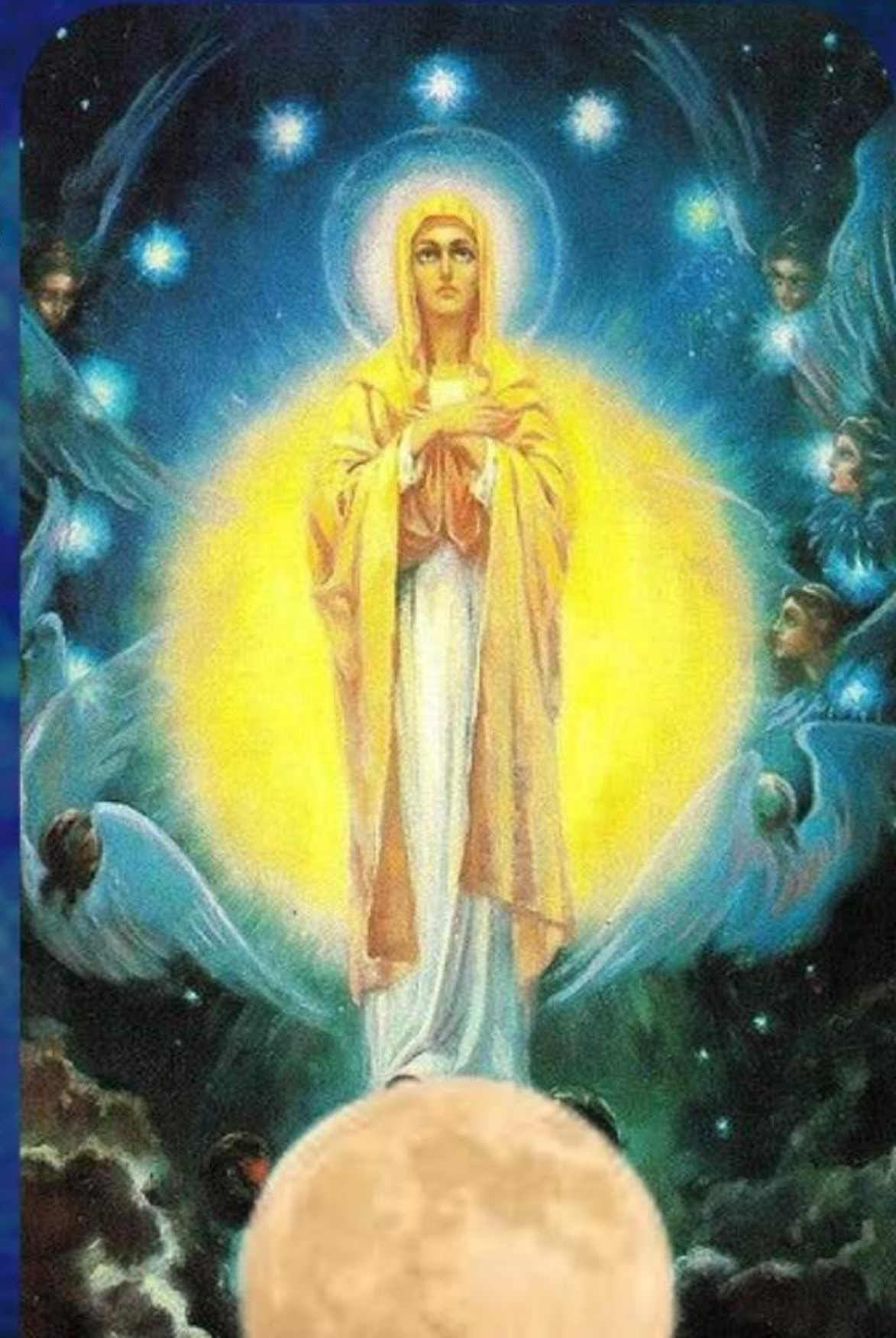
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– And "being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth."

VS. 5: "...a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne."

**CLEAR MESSIANIC  
REFERENCES!**





# "Revelation Chapter 12"

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GEN. 37: "I dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me." And his father rebuked him, saying: "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers... come to bow down to the earth before you?" And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter in mind."





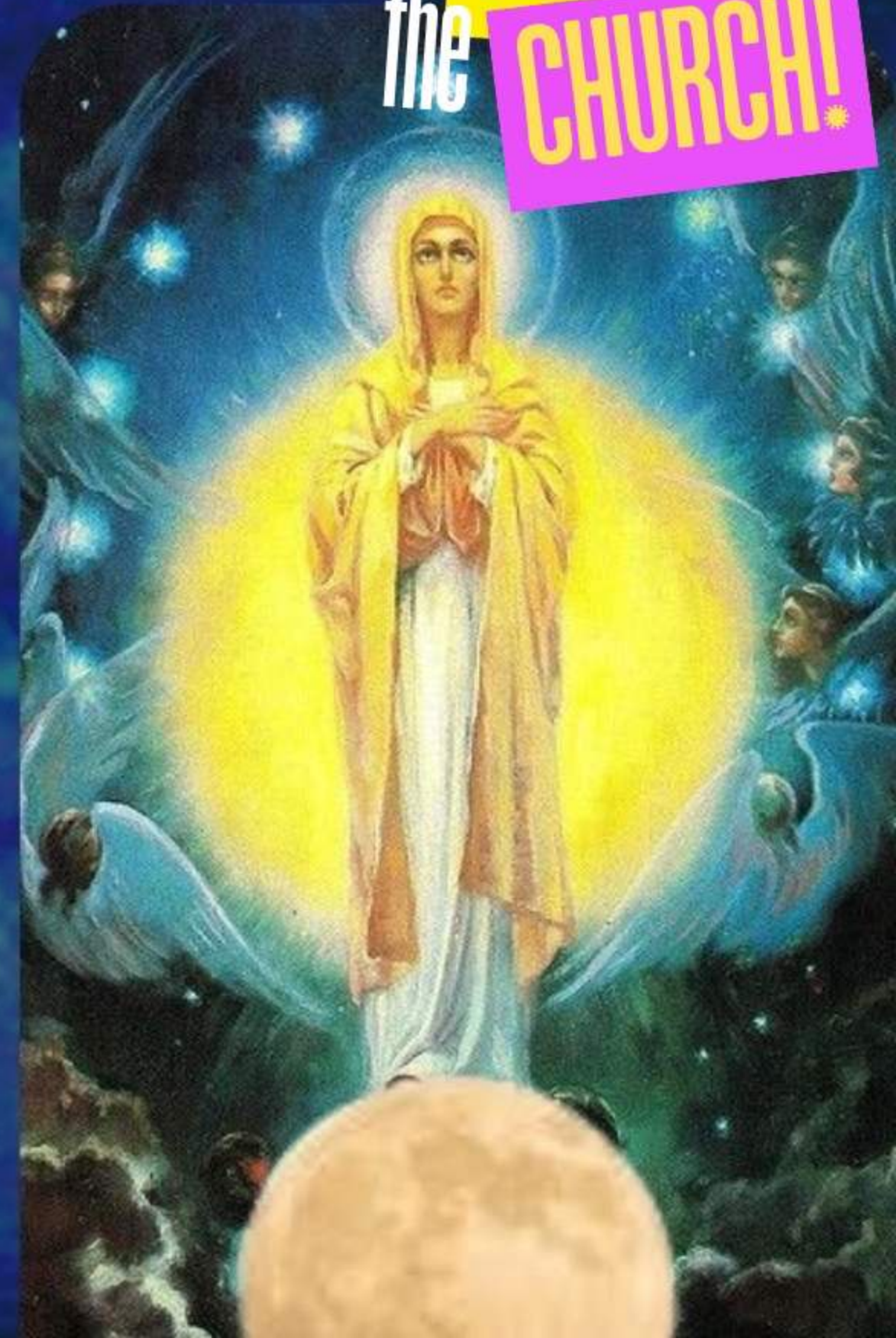
THE 'SHE' of MICAH 5 and the 'WOMAN'  
of REVELATION 12 are the SAME:

*"[The] woman [of Revelation Chapter 12] should be identified with [the Nation] Israel. In [Joseph's] dream, the sun represents Jacob, the moon represents Rachel, and the eleven stars are the sons of Israel which bow down to Joseph. In this sign with twelve stars, Joseph is now among the other tribes of Israel."*

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# ANOTHER QUICK SUMMARY:

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IN JUDAH...

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at a SET TIME...



## MICAH'S PROPHECY in the NEW TESTAMENT:

John 7:42: "Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?"

**A REFERENCE  
TO MICAH 5**



# MICAH'S PROPHECY in the NEW TESTAMENT:

MATT. 2:1-2: "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem... in the days of Herod the king... wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, [asking], 'Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?'"

VS. 3-5: "When Herod... heard this, he was troubled..." And "he... gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, [and] he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. [And] they said... 'In Bethlehem of Judea...'"



# MICAH'S PROPHECY in the NEW TESTAMENT:

MATT. 2:5-6: "...for thus it is written by the prophet:

*'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;  
For out of you shall come a Ruler  
Who will shepherd My people Israel.'* ”

***THEY UNDERSTOOD  
MICAH'S PROPHECY!***



## MICAH'S CLOSING WORDS:

Micah 7:18: **"Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity... and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because HE DELIGHTS IN MERCY."**

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Mercy?*



## **THE CHARACTER & NATURE of GOD:**

Luke 6:27-36 & Matthew 5:44: **"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same... if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back."**

**Hey Church!**

 **"Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you... pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you... lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore, be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful."**

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## THE CHARACTER & NATURE of GOD:

**“To all of you I would say – take care, as you expect the mercy of God, to deal it out to others. Never say, ‘I won’t forgive,’ for you seal your own condemnation when you do, and if you forgive not your brother his trespasses neither will your heavenly Father forgive you. You have chosen your own destruction when you shut the door against... your neighbor... I tell you, sirs... your offerings at God’s altar are an abomination to Him until you have forgiven every one of your fellow [men] his trespasses.”**

**see MATT. 6:15**

**CHARLES SPURGEON**





## MICAH'S CLOSING WORDS:

Micah 7:19: **"He will again have compassion on us, and... subdue our iniquities."**

**"You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."**

*"God casts our sins into a sea of forgetfulness."*

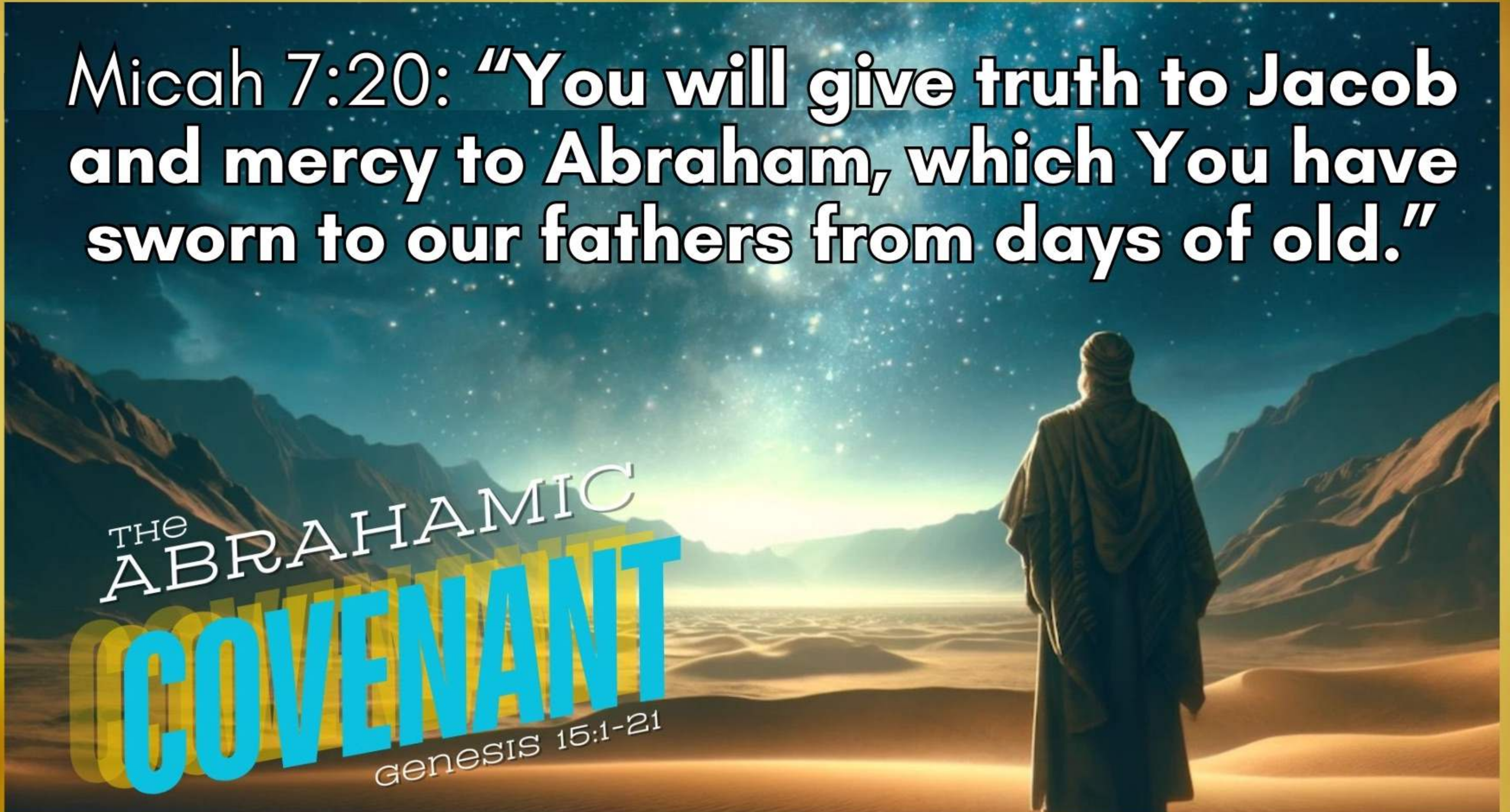
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## MICAH'S CLOSING WORDS:

Micah 7:20: "You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, which You have sworn to our fathers from days of old."

THE  
ABRAHAMIC  
COVENANT  
genesis 15:1-21





## WHAT WE KNOW BY THE END OF MICAH ABOUT THE MESSIAH:

- The **"Seed of the Woman"** (**Genesis 3:15**) [*Proto-Evangelium*]
- **"...the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel"** (Isaiah 7:14)
- The **"Seed of Abraham"** (**Genesis 22:18**) [*Abrahamic Covenant*]
- The **"Seed of Isaac"** (**Genesis 21:12**)
- The **"Seed of Jacob/Israel"** (**Genesis 28:14**)
- of the **Tribe of Judah** (**Genesis 49:8-9**) [*Lion of the Tribe of Judah*]
- The **"Seed of David"** (**2 Samuel 7:12**) [*Davidic Covenant*]
- **"...out of Egypt I called My son"** (Hosea 11:1)
- **Born in Bethlehem** (Micah 5:2)

**COMING**  
into **FOCUS**





# WHAT'S AHEAD on 'ROUTE 66:'

## REMAINING O.T. BOOKS:

September 21— Habakkuk

September 28— Jeremiah & Lamentations

October 5— Ezekiel

October 12— Daniel

October 19— Esther

October 26— Joel & Obadiah

November 16— 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles

November 23— Ezra

November 30— Haggai & Zechariah

December 7— Nehemiah

December 14— Malachi

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING  
JUST 3 CHAPTERS EACH:**

THE BOOKS OF  
**NAHUM &  
ZEPHANIAH**



THROUGH THE BIBLE

**WE'RE MORE  
THAN HALFWAY  
THROUGH THE  
OLD TESTAMENT!**