

## Advice for the Church and the Nation | Part 2

Lesson 2

Micah 2:1-3:4

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### Leaders Who Abuse Their Power

#### INTRODUCTION

This week we have the first of two lessons about leaders who abuse power and/or lead people astray. It is important to study leadership as we are all both leaders and followers of leaders. Micah, whose name means “who is like Yahweh,” served under three Judean kings: an “okay” king, Jotham; a wicked king, Ahaz; and Hezekiah, one of the better but not perfect kings. It was at a time when Israel was captured by Assyria, and Judea kept turning from the Lord to disobedience and idolatry.

Per the Ryrie Study Bible (1976): “For peasants and villagers, these were days of harassment from enemy armies, of hardship because of exploitation by the wealthy and of oppression by rulers and false prophets. Micah, as Amos, cried for social justice.” Let’s see what we can learn about leadership through the eyes of Micah and others in the Bible.

***Memory verse: “The One who breaks open the way will go up before them; they will break through the gate and go out. Their King will pass through before them, the LORD at their head.”—Micah 2:13***

Pray, and read Micah 2:1-3:4. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

## **OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?**

1. What actions by powerful men is Micah observing?  
(Micah 2:1-2)
2. What will, “therefore,” happen to those who do these things? (Micah 2:3-5)
3. Micah delivers a message to other prophets. What does he think of these prophets (and their followers)?  
(Micah 2:11)
4. To whom did Micah deliver a message in Micah 3:1-3, and what was the message?
5. The memory verse opens with “The One who breaks open the way....” Who does this refer to, and what is “The One” doing? (Micah 2:13—Hint: also read verse 12)





