

The 12: Micah Part Two

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

Micah describes the coming Messiah, the leader God's people need

Read and discuss Micah 5:4-14(NIV)

⁴ *He will stand and shepherd his flock
in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.*

⁵ *And he will be our peace
when the Assyrians invade our land
and march through our fortresses.
We will raise against them seven shepherds,
even eight commanders,*

⁶ *who will rule the land of Assyria with the sword,
the land of Nimrod with drawn sword.*

*He will deliver us from the Assyrians
when they invade our land
and march across our borders.*

⁷ *The remnant of Jacob will be
in the midst of many peoples
like dew from the LORD,
like showers on the grass,
which do not wait for anyone
or depend on man.*

⁸ *The remnant of Jacob will be among the nations,
in the midst of many peoples,
like a lion among the beasts of the forest,
like a young lion among flocks of sheep,
which mauls and mangles as it goes,
and no one can rescue.*

⁹ *Your hand will be lifted up in triumph over your
enemies,
and all your foes will be destroyed.*

¹⁰ *"In that day," declares the LORD, "I will destroy your
horses from among you
and demolish your chariots.*

¹¹ *I will destroy the cities of your land
and tear down all your strongholds.*

¹² *I will destroy your witchcraft
and you will no longer cast spells.*

¹³ *I will destroy your idols
and your sacred stones from among you;
you will no longer bow down
to the work of your hands.*

¹⁴ *I will uproot from among you your Asherah poles
when I demolish your cities.*

*What do these verses say about the leadership of Jesus? How does it contrast with bad leadership?

*What does his leadership mean for the world and for his people?

The effect of Jesus' leadership is our security and a restored identity

*What are some ways you've felt his shepherd leadership recently?

*How are you 'like dew from the Lord' in your world right now?

*What does it look like to have strength that reflects Jesus?

Micah says Jesus will destroy our idols

An idol is anything we turn into a god.

*What are some of the reasons we turn to idols?

*How is the destruction of our idols a mercy of God?

*What idol is he trying to tear down in your life right now?

Visual reflection (Visio Divina)

Song for reflection

[St. Vitus Basilica Micah window](#)

[Idols](#) by Kirk Franklin