

2 Samuel + Micah Reading Plan

September - October 2023

Continuing where we left off last month, we will further follow the story of David from the book of 2 Samuel. The book of 2 Samuel focuses on one character, David, and recalls his story from the moment of his anointing, coronation, reign, downfall, and ends with his final days. While David is commonly known and remembered as the “ideal human king” by the Israelites, his life follows a similar pattern of rise and fall as the one we saw in Saul. With that in mind, we are left to wonder how God would fulfill His promise to Abraham when even the “ideal king” is flawed and imperfect. This is where the book of Micah enters into this conversation. Micah belongs to one of the twelve minor prophets, and his writing models what typical prophetic literature looks like: a combination of words of judgment and words of hope. To help you with this reading, below are two pointers.

- Who is God? Particularly, how is God’s faithfulness unfolded in the reading?
- Pay attention to the pattern of judgement (in Red) and hope (in Yellow) in Micah.

Long Live the King!

One key concept in understanding the book of 2 Samuel and Micah is the idea of covenant. Throughout the Old Testament, God has initiated and bound Himself into various covenants with His people. These include the covenant with Noah that He will never flood the earth again (Genesis 8-9); the one with Abraham that his family will become a great nation that will mediate God’s blessing to the world (Genesis 12, 15 and 17); and the one at Sinai that God’s blessing will be with His people as long as they obey and walk in His laws and decrees (Exodus 19-24). In 2 Samuel, we now come to another covenant that God makes, this time with David, promising his house and kingdom will last forever (2 Samuel 7). However, the tension remains between how God will deal with the sins of rebellions of His people while remaining faithful to His covenant. The answer can be found in Micah.

Date	Reading	Read?
2 Samuel: The Rise of Kingship		
The Rise of King David (1:1-9:13)		
9/1	2 Samuel 1:1-16	
9/2	2 Samuel 1:17-27	
9/3	2 Samuel 2:1-7	
9/4	2 Samuel 2:8-3:5	
9/5	2 Samuel 3:6-21	
9/6	2 Samuel 3:22-39	
9/7	2 Samuel 4:1-12	
9/8	2 Samuel 5:1-5	
9/9	2 Samuel 5:6-16	
9/10	2 Samuel 5:17-25	
9/11	2 Samuel 6:1-23	
9/12	2 Samuel 7:1-17	
9/13	2 Samuel 7:18-29	
9/14	2 Samuel 8:1-18	
9/15	2 Samuel 9:1-13	
The Fall of King David (10:1-20:26)		
9/16	2 Samuel 10:1-19	
9/17	2 Samuel 11:1-13	
9/18	2 Samuel 11:14-27	
9/19	2 Samuel 12:1-12	
9/20	2 Samuel 12:13-31	
9/21	2 Samuel 13:1-22	
9/22	2 Samuel 13:23-39	
9/23	2 Samuel 14:1-17	
9/24	2 Samuel 14:18-33	
9/25	2 Samuel 15:1-12	
9/26	2 Samuel 15:13-37	
9/27	2 Samuel 16:1-4	
9/28	2 Samuel 16:5-14	
9/29	2 Samuel 16:15-23	
9/30	2 Samuel 17:1-23	

Additional Resources:

“The Book of 2 Samuel”
<https://bit.ly/3ODLMU0>

10/1	2 Samuel 17:24-29	
10/2	2 Samuel 18:1-18	
10/3	2 Samuel 18:19-33	
10/4	2 Samuel 19:1-8	
10/5	2 Samuel 19:9-23	
10/6	2 Samuel 19:24-43	
10/7	2 Samuel 20:1-13	
10/8	2 Samuel 20:14-26	
Final Remarks on King David (21:1-24:25)		
10/9	2 Samuel 21:1-14	
10/10	2 Samuel 21:15-22	
10/11	2 Samuel 22:1-16	
10/12	2 Samuel 22:17-30	
10/13	2 Samuel 22:31-43	
10/14	2 Samuel 22:44-51	
10/15	2 Samuel 23:1-7	
10/16	2 Samuel 23:8-17	
10/17	2 Samuel 23:18-39	
10/18	2 Samuel 24:1-17	
10/19	2 Samuel 24:18-25	
Micah: The Just and Merciful God		
10/20	Micah 1:1-16	
10/21	Micah 2:1-11	
10/22	Micah 2:12-13	
10/23	Micah 3:1-12	
10/24	Micah 4:1-5	
10/25	Micah 4:6-13	
10/26	Micah 5:1-15	
10/27	Micah 6:1-8	
10/28	Micah 6:9-16	
10/29	Micah 7:1-7	
10/30	Micah 7:8-13	
10/31	Micah 7:14-20	

“The Book of Micah”
<https://bit.ly/3QGc4Y7>