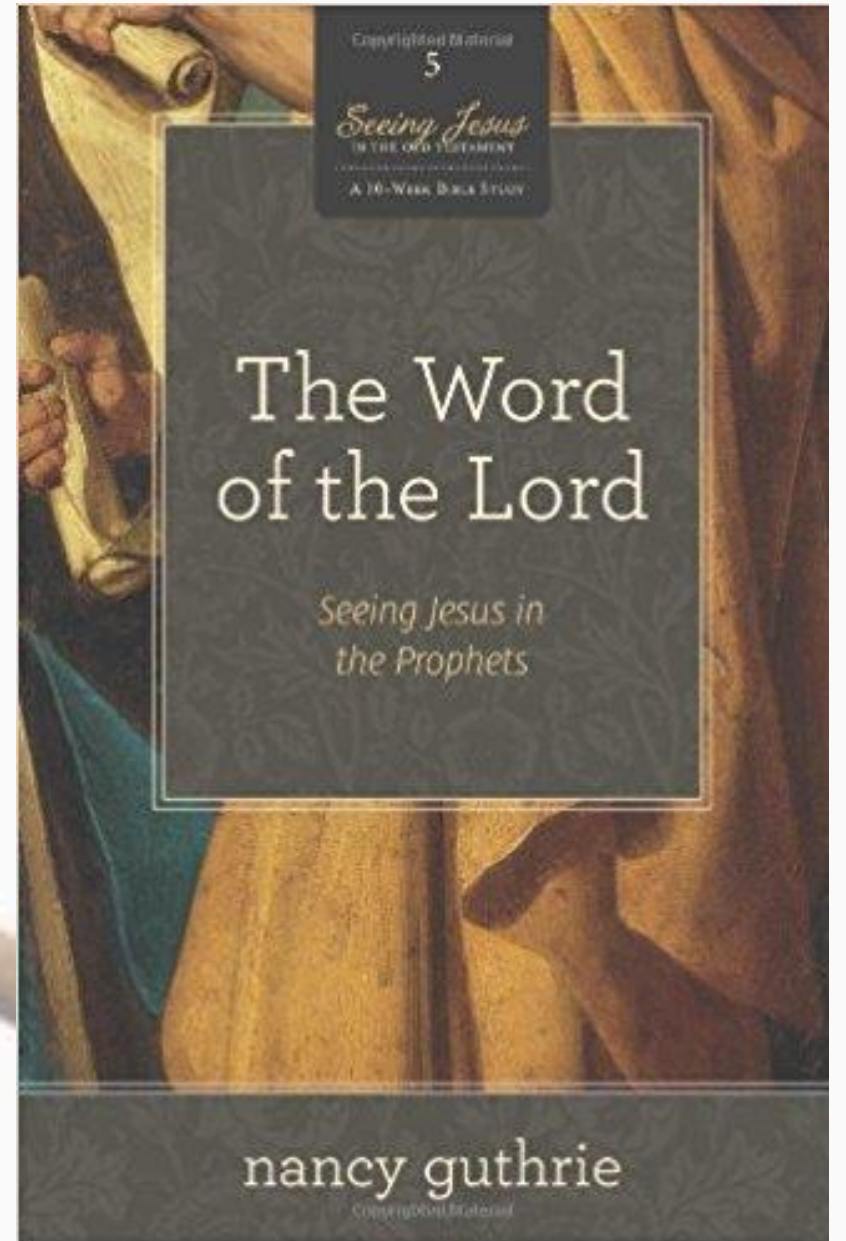
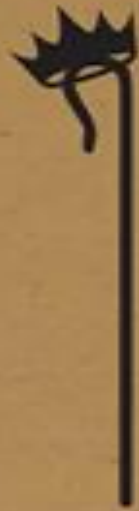


# Fall Study 2017

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**THE  
SHEPHERD  
KING**



MICAH

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***In Micah, we find accusations & evidence, a verdict & a sentence, an advocate & a judge, a plea for mercy & an undeserved pardon.***

*Word of the Lord, page 94)*

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# Background

- Identified by location not by family
- Prophetic call not recorded
  - 1:1 & 3:8 – is a prophet of God
- Name means “Who is like Yahweh?”
- Messenger to northern & southern kingdoms with focus on Judah
- Book of oracles
- Theme: Judgement & forgiveness. God is our Judge & Shepherd-King

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# Court is in Session

- Indictments Against Israel
  - Idolatry (Samaria – 1:1-7; Judah – 1:8-13)
  - Coveting – Ch. 2
    - Results in seizure of property
  - Corrupt Leadership – Ch. 3
  - Corrupt Business practices – Ch. 6

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# Oracles arranged in 3 Cycles

Begins with a Command

Move from Doom to Hope

Cycle 1: Chapters 1-2

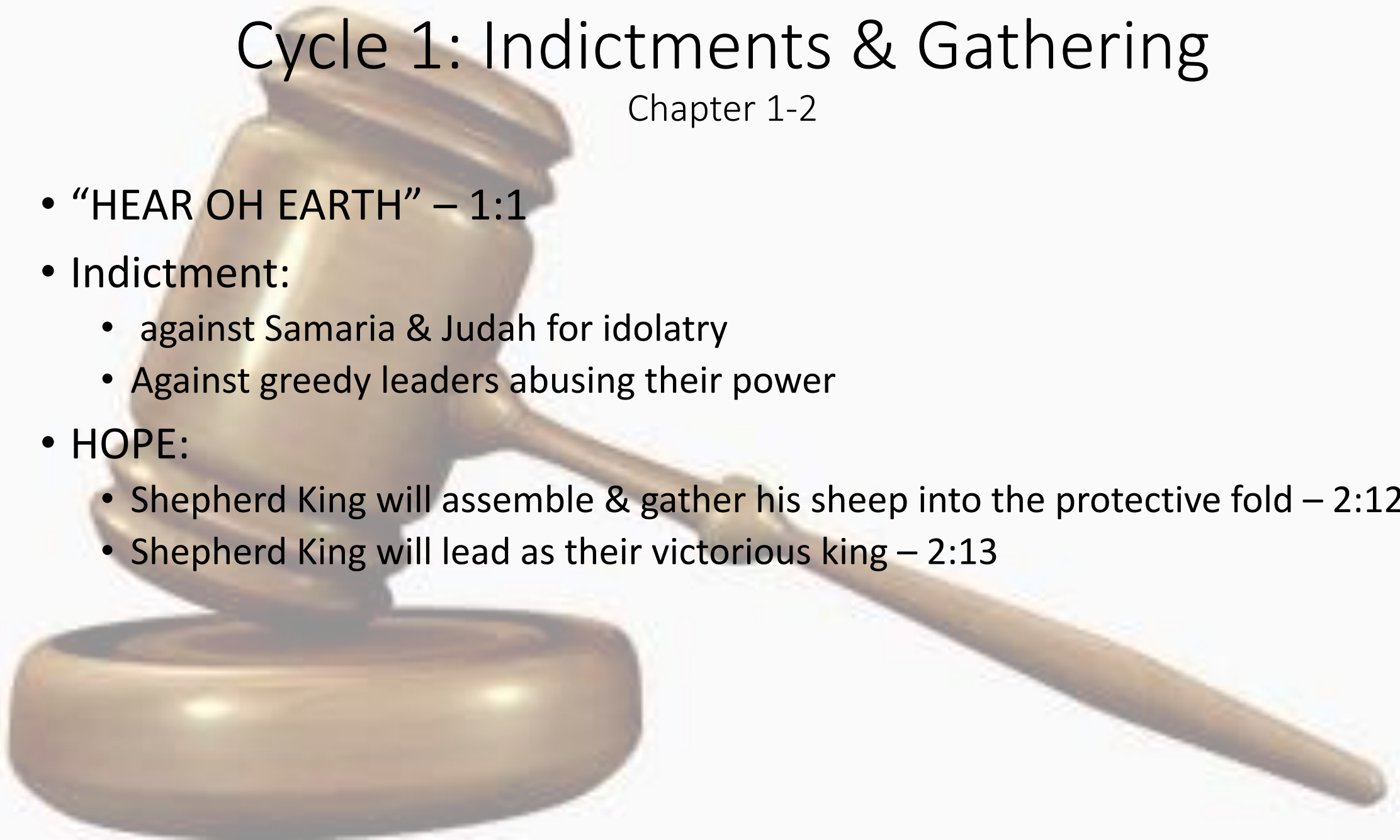
Cycle 2: Chapters 3-5

Cycle 3: Chapters 6-7

# Cycle 1: Indictments & Gathering

Chapter 1-2

- “HEAR OH EARTH” – 1:1
- Indictment:
  - against Samaria & Judah for idolatry
  - Against greedy leaders abusing their power
- HOPE:
  - Shepherd King will assemble & gather his sheep into the protective fold – 2:12
  - Shepherd King will lead as their victorious king – 2:13



# Cycle 2: Present Injustice & Future Just Rule

Chapters 3-5

- 3:1 – HEAR YOU RULERS
- Indictment against rulers, false prophets & priest
  - Seizing of land was not getting any justice
  - Leadership described using cannibalistic terms
  - Result of corrupt leadership led to Jerusalem's ruin-3:12
  - Built Jerusalem with injustice & violent acts so responsible for the “unbuilding” – 3:12
- HOPE:
  - Jerusalem exalted – 4:1-2 (contrast with 3:12)
  - Assemble & gather remnant like a shepherd (2:12) but also as a King (4:7)
    - Fulfilled in Jesus Christ – Chapter 5
      - Not only pleads their case but takes their punishment
      - 5:5 – *and he shall be their peace* – Ephesians 2:14



# Cycle 3: Lord's Indictment & Restoration

## Chapter 6-7

- HEAR – 6:1-2
  - Plaintiff: LORD
  - Accused: Israel
  - Lawyer for the Plaintiff: Micah
  - Witnesses: Mountains
- From a spiritually depraved (6:3) & disintegrating nation (7:1-7) an elected remnant will be saved (7:8-20). (Romans 11)
- 2 Questions & reminder from the Plaintiff – 6:3
  - 1<sup>st</sup> question: hits the heart of Israel's lack of trust in Him
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> question: addresses Israel's complaint against Him
  - REMEMBER: salvation of grace & faithfulness – 6:4-5
- Israel's Defense – 6:6-7
  - *Exposes an attitude that wrongly sees sacrifice as an entry fee, rather than as an avenue for God to administer grace & forgiveness to the penitent* (ESV Study Bible)



# Cycle 3: RESTORATION

- Plaintiff Answer:
  - V.6 contrasted with v. 8 – Micah rejects their excuse of ignorance
  - Deuteronomy 10:12-13
- *In every age God wants his people to respond to his love by doing justice, practicing loving-kindness & walking humbly with God. This is genuine humanness, & by it Israel was called to commend God's goodness to all mankind. Israel & Judah in Micah's day were corrupted by their refusal to embrace God's purpose, & thus would suffer judgement; but there would yet be a remnant who would experience God's forgiveness & be part of his plan to bless the world through the Messiah's rule. (ESV STUDY BIBLE)*

# Our Shepherd King

## 7:18-20

- HOPE:
- Micah: “Who is like Yahweh?”
- 7:18- “Who is a God like you...?”

