

The Book of Micah, Message #1:  
 "An Introduction to the Prophecies of Micah"  
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Fulfilled and Unfulfilled Prophecy in Micah

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**8th prophecy**  
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### The Book of MICAH

The name Micah means "who is like Jehovah?" He apparently makes a word play on this in verse eighteen of chapter seven where he asks, "Who is a God like unto thee?" There is none so just as the King of Kings, and yet none so merciful, who pardons "the remnant of his heritage."

Micah was a contemporary of Isaiah and both ministered in the Southern Kingdom (Judah). His ministry, however, began somewhat later than Isaiah's and may have ended earlier. Their social standings were quite different in that Isaiah was a nobleman who prophesied in the king's court and Micah was of humble origin and spoke to the common people. Nevertheless, the prophecies of both were of great importance. Although Micah came from the insignificant town of Moresheth, a village bordering on the Philistine territory (also called Moresheth-gath, Mic. 1:14), he foretold the fall of the capital cities of Judah and Israel and saw beyond the current Assyrian crisis to the Babylonian captivity. Furthermore, despite his seeming unimportance in Israel, he was exclusively chosen by God to reveal the birthplace of the Messiah (Mic. 5:2).

The kings under whose reigns Micah ministered (Mic. 1:1) ruled from 752-607 B.C. Like Amos, he spoke out strongly against immorality, social injustices, and the oppression of the poor by the rich (Mic. 2:1, 2, 8, 9; 3:2, 3, 11; 6:10-12). The key word in Micah is "hear." This indicates that God wanted Judah to be attentive to Micah's message.

Northern Kingdom

#### The Lord Will Judge

**1** The word<sup>1097</sup> of the LORD that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days<sup>1117</sup> of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw<sup>1072</sup> concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

**2** Hear<sup>8085</sup> all ye people<sup>1071</sup> "hearken,<sup>7181</sup> O earth,<sup>776</sup> and "all that therein is: and let the Lord<sup>1086</sup> God be witness against you, the Lord from his holy<sup>1044</sup> temple.<sup>104</sup>

**3** For, behold, "the Lord cometh forth out of his "place, and will come down, and tread upon the "high places<sup>1116</sup> of the earth.

**4** And "the mountains shall be mol-

**5** ten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down<sup>1008</sup> a steep place.

**6** Therefore I will make<sup>7760</sup> Samaria as an heap<sup>1004</sup> of the field,<sup>7704</sup> and as plantings of a vineyard; and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will "discover<sup>1540</sup> the foundations<sup>1047</sup> thereof.

**7** And all the graven images<sup>6456</sup>

unfulfilled

All Israel

2nd 6-16 fulfilled

to judge the earth

as defendants

punitive epithet

summary Nation to Israel

Fulfilled prophecy is highlighted in green. Unfulfilled prophecy is highlighted in orange.



thereof shall be beaten to pieces,<sup>3007</sup> and all the <sup>hires</sup> thereof shall be burned<sup>6113</sup> with the fire, and all the idols<sup>6091</sup> thereof will I lay<sup>7760</sup> desolate<sup>6077</sup> for she gathered<sup>6209</sup> it of the hire of an harlot,<sup>2181</sup> and they shall return<sup>7725</sup> to the hire of an harlot.

8 Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked,<sup>6174</sup> I will make<sup>6213</sup> a wailing like the dragons,<sup>6577</sup> and mourning as the owls.

9 For her wound<sup>4347</sup> is incurable, for it is come<sup>5035</sup> unto Judah; he is come<sup>5060</sup> unto the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem.

10 Declare<sup>5046</sup> ye it not at Gath, weep ye not at all: in the house of Aphrah roll thyself in the dust.<sup>6003</sup>

11 Pass ye away,<sup>5674</sup> thou inhabitant of Saphir, having thy shame naked,<sup>6181</sup> the inhabitant of Zaanan came not forth in the mourning of Beth-ezel; he shall receive of you his standing.<sup>5979</sup>

12 For the inhabitant of Maroth waited carefully<sup>2342</sup> for good,<sup>2896</sup> but evil<sup>7451</sup> came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem.

13 O thou inhabitant of Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she is the beginning<sup>7225</sup> of the sin to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee.

7 Hos. 2:5, 12  
8 Or, daughters of the owl  
9 Or, she is grievously sick of her wounds  
10 That is, Dust  
11 Or, thou that dwellest farly  
12 Or, was grieved  
13 Or, for that is, A lo  
14 Or, the glory of Israel shall come  
15 Hos. 7:6  
16 Or, destroyed

14 Therefore shalt thou give price<sup>6132</sup> to Moresheth-gath: the houses of Achzib shall be a lie<sup>1231</sup> to the kings of Israel.

15 Yet will I bring an heir<sup>2423</sup> unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah: he shall come unto Adullam the glory<sup>3519</sup> of Israel.

16 Make thee bald, and poll<sup>1494</sup> thee for thy delicate<sup>3559</sup> children;<sup>1121</sup> enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity<sup>1540</sup> from thee.

### What Will Happen to Those Who Hurt the Poor

2 Woe to them that devise iniquity,<sup>205</sup> and work evil<sup>7451</sup> upon their beds! when the morning is light,<sup>216</sup> they practise<sup>6213</sup> it, because it is in the power<sup>410</sup> of their hand.<sup>3027</sup>

2 And they cover<sup>2530</sup> fields,<sup>7704</sup> and take them by violence; and houses,<sup>1004</sup> and take them away,<sup>5375</sup> so they oppress a man<sup>1397</sup> and his house, even a man<sup>776</sup> and his heritage.<sup>5159</sup>

3 Therefore thus saith the LORD: Behold, against this family<sup>4940</sup> do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily: for this time<sup>6226</sup> is evil.

2 Or, destroyed  
3 Jer. 8:3  
Amos 5:13, Eph. 5:16

Fulfilled

Fulfilled

3rd

3-6 fulfilled

1:8 It is not known whether Micah actually went around unclothed. Although the Hebrew word 'eryah (6181), translated "nakedness" in verse eleven, always means "unacceptable nudity" (see Ezek. 16:7, 22, 39), the word 'arom (6174) is translated "naked" in this verse and could be interpreted any number of ways. Some see it as a lack of clothing, whether it is partial or complete (Job 22:6), while others say it refers to being poorly dressed (Job 24:7, 10; Is. 58:7), or having no upper garment (1 Sam. 19:24).

1:9 The "incurable wound" is a symbol used throughout the Old Testament that illustrates the hopeless condition of Israel brought about by their habitual sin (see Jer. 10:19; 14:17; 15:18; 30:12, 14; Hos. 5:13; Nah. 3:19). The phrase "is come unto the gate" probably refers to Sennacherib's invasion in 701 B.C., in which everything was conquered except Jerusalem (cf. note on Is. 8:8).

1:10-16 The meanings of these city names echo the judgments that God will bring on them. For example, the "house of Aphrah" means literally "house of dust" (v. 10), which reflects the fact that all that will remain will be the ruins of the city. The name "Maroth" means "bitterness," signifying their response to receiving evil instead of good (v. 12). "Lachish" was considered an impregnable city; their trust was within themselves (the meaning of Lachish), and the irony is seen in that they were ultimately destroyed by God (v. 13). The name "Achzib" means "deceit" and was reflected in their action to the kings of Israel (v. 14). The reference to "Adullam" is significant in that the "heir" will come to the inhabitants of this city pronouncing judgment on the people of the nation, which is the precise meaning of the city's name (v. 15). While it is known that these cities mentioned were in northern Judah, their precise locations are unknown today.



4 In that day<sup>3117</sup> shall one<sup>2</sup> take up<sup>5275</sup> a parable<sup>4012</sup> against you, and shall say, We be utterly spoiled:<sup>7703</sup> he hath changed the portion of my people:<sup>5971</sup> how hath he removed it from me! turning away<sup>7725</sup> he hath divided our fields.

5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord<sup>2256</sup> by lot in the congregation<sup>6951</sup> of the LORD.

6 <sup>1</sup>Prophesy<sup>5197</sup> ye not, say they to them that prophesy: they shall not prophesy to them, that they shall not take<sup>253</sup> shame.<sup>3639</sup>

7 O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the spirit<sup>7307</sup> of the LORD straitened?<sup>7114</sup> are these his doings? do not my words<sup>1697</sup> do good<sup>3190</sup> to him that walketh<sup>1</sup> uprightly?<sup>3477</sup>

8 Even of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe with the garment from them that pass by<sup>5674</sup> securely<sup>903</sup> as men averse.<sup>7725</sup> from war.

9 The women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away my glory<sup>1926</sup> for ever.<sup>5769</sup>

10 Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted,<sup>2930</sup> it shall destroy<sup>2254</sup> you, even with a sore destruction.<sup>2256</sup>

11 If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood<sup>8267</sup> do lie,<sup>3576</sup> saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet<sup>5197</sup> of this people.

12 I will surely assemble,<sup>622</sup> O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather<sup>6008</sup> the remnant<sup>7611</sup> of Israel; I will put<sup>7760</sup> them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise<sup>1949</sup> by reason of the multitude of men.<sup>120</sup>

13 The breaker is come up<sup>5927</sup> before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head<sup>7218</sup> of them.

**God Blames Israel's Leaders**

3 And I said,<sup>599</sup> Hear, I pray you, O heads<sup>7218</sup> of Jacob, and ye princes<sup>7101</sup> of the house of Israel; *Is it not for you to know<sup>3045</sup> judgment?*<sup>4941</sup>

2 Who hate<sup>1130</sup> the good,<sup>2896</sup> and love<sup>157</sup> the evil;<sup>7451</sup> who pluck off their skin<sup>5785</sup> from off them, and their flesh from off their bones,<sup>6106</sup>

3 Who also eat the flesh<sup>7607</sup> of my people,<sup>5971</sup> and flay<sup>6584</sup> their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh<sup>1320</sup> within the caldron.

4 Then shall they cry<sup>2199</sup> unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time,<sup>6256</sup> as they have behaved themselves ill<sup>7489</sup> in their doings.

5 Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets<sup>5030</sup> that make my people err,<sup>6582</sup> that bite with their teeth, and cry,<sup>7121</sup> Peace;<sup>7965</sup> and he that putteth not into their mouths,<sup>6310</sup> they even prepare<sup>6942</sup> war against him.

6 Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision,<sup>2377</sup> and it shall be dark<sup>2321</sup> unto you, that ye shall not divine,<sup>7080</sup> and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day<sup>3117</sup> shall be dark<sup>6937</sup> over them.

7 Then shall the seers<sup>2374</sup> be ashamed,<sup>954</sup> and the diviners<sup>7080</sup> confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips,<sup>8222</sup> for there is no answer of God.<sup>430</sup>

8 But truly I am full of power<sup>3581</sup> by the spirit<sup>7307</sup> of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might,<sup>1369</sup> to declare<sup>5046</sup> unto Jacob his transgression,<sup>6588</sup> and to Israel his sin.<sup>2403</sup>

9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of

fulfilled

4th prophecy fulfilled

5th prophecy

3:6-7

2:12, 13 The "breaker," which literally means "one who breaks open," is a reference to Israel's Messiah (v. 13, cf. Ex. 19:22; Judg. 21:15).



the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor<sup>6581</sup> judgment, and pervert all equity.<sup>3477</sup>

10 \*They build up Zion with blood,<sup>1818</sup> and Jerusalem with iniquity.<sup>5766</sup>

11 \*The heads thereof judge<sup>8199</sup> for reward, and \*the priests<sup>3548</sup> thereof teach<sup>3384</sup> for hire,<sup>4242</sup> and the prophets thereof divine for money: \*yet will they lean<sup>8172</sup> upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among<sup>7130</sup> us? none evil can come upon us.

12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be \*plowed as a field,<sup>7704</sup> \*and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and \*the mountain of the house as the high places<sup>1116</sup> of the forest.

**The Lord Will Rule Everywhere**

4 \*But \*in the last<sup>310</sup> days<sup>3177</sup> it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house<sup>1004</sup> of the LORD shall be established<sup>3559</sup> in the top<sup>7218</sup> of the mountains, and it shall be exalted<sup>3335</sup> above the hills; and people<sup>5971</sup> shall flow unto it.

2 And many nations<sup>1471</sup> shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up<sup>5927</sup> to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house

10 \*Jer. 22:13; \*Ezek. 22:27; Hab. 2:12; Zeph. 3:3

11 \*Isa. 1:23; \*Ezek. 22:12; Hos. 4:18; Mic. 7:3; \*Jer. 6:13; \*Isa. 48:2; \*Jer. 7:4; Rom. 2:17

12 \*Jer. 26:18; Mic. 1:6; \*Ps. 79:1; \*Mic. 4:2

1 \*Isa. 2:2; \*Ezek. 17:22, 23

3 \*Or, scythes; \*Isa. 2:4; Joel 3:10; \*Ps. 72:7

4 \*1 Kgs. 4:25; Zech. 3:10

5 \*Jer. 2:11; \*Zech. 10:12

6 \*Ezek. 34:16; Zeph. 3:19; \*Ps. 147:2; \*Ezek. 34:13; 37:21

7 \*Mic. 2:12; 5:3, 7, 8; 7:18

of the God<sup>129</sup> of Jacob, and he will teach<sup>3304</sup> us of his ways,<sup>1870</sup> and we will walk in his paths;<sup>724</sup> for the law<sup>5451</sup> shall go forth<sup>3318</sup> of Zion, and the word<sup>1997</sup> of the LORD from Jerusalem.

3 And he shall judge<sup>8199</sup> among many people, and rebuke<sup>3198</sup> strong nations afar off; and they shall beat<sup>3507</sup> their swords<sup>2719</sup> into \*plowshares, and their spears into \*pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up<sup>5375</sup> a sword against nation, \*neither shall they learn<sup>3625</sup> war any more.

4 \*But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid<sup>2729</sup> for the mouth<sup>6310</sup> of the LORD of hosts<sup>6635</sup> hath spoken<sup>1696</sup> it.

5 For \*all people will walk every one in the name of his god,<sup>430</sup> and \*we will walk in the name of the LORD our God<sup>430</sup> for ever<sup>5769</sup> and ever.<sup>5703</sup>

**Israel Will Return From Captivity**

6 In that day, saith<sup>6002</sup> the LORD, \*will I assemble<sup>622</sup> her that halteth,<sup>6761</sup> \*and I will gather<sup>6008</sup> her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted;<sup>7489</sup>

7 And I will make<sup>7760</sup> her that halted \*a remnant,<sup>7611</sup> and her that was cast far

6th prophecy fulfilled

7th prophecy 4:1-8 4:11-13 unfulfilled

3:12 This verse is a prediction of the destruction that was soon to come upon Jerusalem. Jeremiah made mention of this prophecy by Micah as he was observing its fulfillment (Jer. 26:18). 4:1-5 Here is a glorious picture of the reign of the Messiah (see Rev. 20:6). Certainly the conditions described in these verses have not yet been fulfilled. Moreover, these conditions clearly relate to a physical earthly reign (from Zion, Jerusalem).

4:3 In this verse, the prophecy is made concerning One who will come and bring about an end to all warfare on earth. In Isaiah 9:6, this one is called the "Prince of Peace." It is clear that Micah was speaking about Jesus Christ who will bring all this to pass when He returns at his Second Coming (see note on 1 Thess. 5:2).

4:6-13 These verses describe the conditions in and around the Holy Land at the end of the Great Tribulation. Verses six through eight are God's promise to the city of Jerusalem. "In that day" is a key Old Testament equivalent of the "Day of the Lord" (see note on Zeph. 1:7), and often relates to the Tribulation and the millennial kingdom of Christ (see Is. 2:11, 17 [cf. Is. 2:12]; 4:2; 10:20; 11:10, 11; 12:1; Jer. 30:8; Ezek. 30:9; 36:33). The phrase "in that day" is also used to refer to more immediate judgments, particularly as they are related to, or typical of, the judgments of the Day of the Lord (cf. Is. 7:17, 18).

Furthermore, Micah reviews the processes and results of the regathering of Israel. The initial sufferings of Israel are described using a common image of the Tribulation—the image of a woman in labor pains (vv. 9-13, cf. Is. 13:8; 66:7, 8; Jer. 4:31; 30:6; Hos. 13:13; Matt. 24:8 "sorrows"; 1 Thess. 5:3). It is important to remember that God is in control of all the circumstances surrounding the future of Israel (v. 13). In all the blessings that Israel will receive upon their restoration to the land, it will be made clear that it is the Lord Jehovah that prospers them.



off a strong nation; and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

8 And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion: the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsel perished for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.

10 Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered: there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

11 Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion.

12 But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.

13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the LORD of the whole earth.

7 \*Isa. 9:6; 24:23; Dan. 7:14, 27; Luke 1:33; Rev. 11:15.  
8 \*Job, Edar. \*Gen. 35:21.  
9 \*Jer. 8:19; \*Isa. 13:8, 21:3; Jer. 30:6, 50:43.  
11 \*Lam. 2:16; \*Obad. 1:12; Mic. 7:10.  
12 \*Isa. 55:8; Rom. 11:33; \*Isa. 21:10.  
13 \*Isa. 41:15; 16; Jer. 51:33; \*Dan. 2:44; \*Isa. 18:7, 23:18; 60:6, 9; \*Zech. 4:14; 6:5.  
1 \*Lam. 3:30; Matt. 5:30; 27:30.  
2 \*Hebr. the days of eternity.  
\*Matt. 2:6; John 7:42.  
\*1 Sam. 23:23; \*Ex. 18:25; \*Gen. 49:10; \*Isa. 9:6; \*Ps. 90:2; Prov. 8:22, 23; John 1:1.  
3 \*Mic. 4:10; \*Mic. 4:7.  
4 \*Job, \*Isa. 40:11; 49:10; Ezek. 34:23; Mic. 7:14; \*Ps. 72:8; \*Isa. 52:13; Zech. 9:10; Luke 1:32.  
5 \*Hebr. princes of men.  
\*Ps. 72:7; \*Isa. 9:6; Zech. 9:10; Luke 2:14; \*Eph. 2:14.  
6 \*Hebr. eat up; \*Or, with her own naked swords.  
\*Gen. 10:8, 10, 11; \*Luke 1:71.

God Promises a Ruler From Bethlehem

5 Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God: and they shall abide for now: shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

5 And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men.

6 And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian.

8th prophecy  
1-2 fulfilled

8th prophecy  
Unfulfilled  
3-9

10-15

Still part of 7th prophecy fulfilled

5:1, 2 Some feel that verse one is a reference to the humiliation of Zedekiah by Nebuchadnezzar (2 Kgs. 25); but in view of the obvious reference to the Messiah in verse two, it seems that it would be more appropriate to recognize the smitten "judge of Israel" as the Messiah. In fact, seven hundred years after the Book of Micah was written, it was still recognized as a prophecy of the Messiah. The chief priests and scribes quoted it to Herod when they were asked where Christ was to be born (Matt. 2:2-6). Later, Jesus' enemies attempted to use Micah 5:2 to prove that He was not the Messiah because they knew His hometown was Nazareth in Galilee (John 7:41, 42). This prophecy is important because it reveals that the Messiah is "from everlasting," an eternal Being (i.e., the "Son of God"). The Jews could not comprehend this aspect of the prophecy (Matt. 22:42).

5:3-9 This passage describes Israel's vindication at the end of the Tribulation. "The Assyrian" (v. 4, 5) represents Israel's enemies during the Tribulation, much as the "king of the north" and the



when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.

7 And <sup>7611</sup>the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people <sup>5977</sup>as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, <sup>376</sup>nor waiteth for the sons of men.

8 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles <sup>1471</sup>in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, <sup>5674</sup>both treadeth down, <sup>7429</sup>and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

9 Thine hand <sup>3027</sup>shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots:

11 And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds:

12 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers.

13 Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands.

14 And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee: so will I destroy thy cities.

15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.

7 <sup>Me. 5:3</sup>  
<sup>Deut. 32:2;</sup>  
<sup>Ps. 72:6; 110:3</sup>  
8 <sup>Or, goats</sup>  
10 <sup>Zech. 9:10</sup>  
12 <sup>Isa. 2:6</sup>  
13 <sup>Or, statues</sup>  
<sup>Zech. 13:2</sup>  
<sup>Isa. 2:8</sup>  
14 <sup>Or, enemies</sup>  
15 <sup>Ps. 149:7;</sup>  
<sup>Mc. 5:8;</sup>  
<sup>2Thess. 1:8</sup>  
1 <sup>Or, with</sup>  
2 <sup>Deut. 32:1;</sup>  
<sup>Ps. 50:1, 4; Isa.</sup>  
<sup>1:2; Hos. 12:2</sup>  
<sup>Isa. 1:18; 5:3,</sup>  
<sup>4; 43:26; Hos.</sup>  
<sup>4:1</sup>  
3 <sup>Jer. 2:5, 31</sup>  
4 <sup>Ex. 12:51;</sup>  
<sup>14:30; 20:2;</sup>  
<sup>Deut. 4:20;</sup>  
<sup>Amos 2:10</sup>  
5 <sup>Num. 22:5;</sup>  
<sup>23:7; 24:10;</sup>  
<sup>11; Deut. 23:4,</sup>  
<sup>5; Josh. 24:9,</sup>  
<sup>10; Rev. 2:14</sup>  
<sup>Num. 25:1;</sup>  
<sup>33:49; Josh.</sup>  
<sup>4:19; 5:10</sup>  
<sup>Judg. 5:11</sup>  
6 <sup>Hebr. sons of</sup>  
<sup>a year</sup>  
7 <sup>Hebr. belly</sup>  
<sup>Ps. 50:9;</sup>  
<sup>51:16; Isa. 1:11</sup>  
<sup>Job 29:6</sup>  
<sup>2Kgs. 16:3;</sup>  
<sup>21:6; 23:10;</sup>  
<sup>Jer. 7:31; 19:5;</sup>  
<sup>Ezek. 23:37</sup>  
8 <sup>Deut. 10:12;</sup>  
<sup>1Sam. 15:22;</sup>  
<sup>Hos. 6:6; 12:6</sup>  
<sup>Hebr. humble</sup>  
<sup>thysell to walk</sup>  
<sup>Gen. 18:19;</sup>  
<sup>Isa. 1:17</sup>

*The Lord's Case Against Israel*

6 Hear ye now what the LORD saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

2 Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

3 O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.

4 For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants, and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD.

6 Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings with calves of a year old?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

5:10-15 Although this prophecy is primarily directed at Israel's enemies, it also applies to the ungodly that God will purge from among Israel.

6:6, 7 The questions of God's people can show how far they have strayed from true faith in God. In response to God's "lawsuit," the people tried to decide what might win back God's favor. They were so spiritually ignorant that they even proposed offering a human sacrifice to please God (v. 7, cf. 2 Kgs. 3:27; 16:3; 2 Chr. 28:3; see also note on 2 Kgs. 23:10). They continued to sacrifice their children to the Canaanite gods throughout the days when Jeremiah and Ezekiel prophesied (Jer. 19:5; 32:35; Ezek. 23:37).

6:8 In both the Old and New Testaments, God desired men to have a genuine, heartfelt rela-



10m prophecy  
7:7-20  
unfulfilled

9 The LORD's voice crieth<sup>7121</sup> unto the city, and *the man of wisdom*<sup>8454</sup> shall see<sup>7200</sup> thy name: hear ye the rod,<sup>4294</sup> and who hath appointed<sup>3259</sup> it.

10 Are there yet the treasures of wickedness<sup>7562</sup> in the house of the wicked,<sup>7563</sup> and the scant measure<sup>6</sup> that is abominable?<sup>2194</sup>

11 Shall I count them pure<sup>2135</sup> with *the wicked balances*, and with the bag of deceitful<sup>4020</sup> weights?

12 For the rich men thereof are full of violence,<sup>2555</sup> and the inhabitants thereof have spoken<sup>1696</sup> lies,<sup>4267</sup> and *their tongue is deceitful in their mouth*.<sup>6310</sup>

13 Therefore also will I *make thee sick in smiting*<sup>5221</sup> thee, in making thee desolate<sup>6074</sup> because of thy sins.

14 Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thy casting down<sup>3445</sup> shall be in the midst of thee; and thou shalt take hold,<sup>5253</sup> but shalt not deliver; and that which thou deliverest<sup>16403</sup> will I give up to the sword.<sup>2719</sup>

15 Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint<sup>5480</sup> thee with oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.

16 For the statutes<sup>2708</sup> of Omri are kept<sup>8104</sup> and all the works of the house of Ahab; and ye walk in their counsels; that I should make thee *a desolation*<sup>6047</sup> and the inhabitants thereof an hissing: therefore ye shall bear<sup>5375</sup> the reproach<sup>2781</sup> of my people.

Israel Is Corrupt

7 Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered<sup>1625</sup> the summer fruits,

9 Or, thy name shalt see that which is

10 Or, is there yet unto every man a house of the wicked likebr. measure of leanness  
Amos 8:5  
Deut. 25:13-16, Prov. 11:1; 20:10, 23

11 Or, Shall I be pure with  
Isa. 12:7

12 Jer. 9:3, 5, 6, 8

13 Lev. 26:16; Ps. 107:17, 18

14 Lev. 26:26; Hos. 4:10

15 Deut. 28:38-40, Amos 5:11; Zeph. 1:13; Hag. 1:6

16 Or, he doth much keep the  
astonishment

1 Kings. 16:25, 26  
Isa. 5:11  
1 Kings. 16:30; 21:25, 26; 2 Kings. 21:3  
1 Kings. 9:8; Jer. 19:8  
Isa. 25:8; Jer. 51:51; Lam. 5:1, 2

1 Hebr. the gatherings of summer  
Isa. 17:6; 24:13  
Isa. 28:4; Hos. 9:10

2 Or, goodly, or, merciful  
Ps. 12:1; 14:1, 3; Isa. 57:1  
Isa. 1:15

3 Hebr. the mischief of his soul  
Isa. 4:18  
Isa. 1:23; Mic. 3:11

4 Sam. 23:6, 7; Isa. 55:13; Ezek. 2:6

5 Jer. 9:4  
6 Ezek. 22:7; Matt. 10:21,

as *the grape gleanings of the vintage*: there is no cluster to eat: *my soul*<sup>5315</sup> desired<sup>183</sup> the firstripe fruit.

2 The *good*<sup>2623</sup> man is perished<sup>6</sup> out of the earth; and there is none upright among men:<sup>120</sup> they all lie in wait for blood,<sup>1818</sup> they hunt every man<sup>376</sup> his brother<sup>251</sup> with a net.

3 That they may do evil<sup>7451</sup> with both hands<sup>3709</sup> earnestly,<sup>3190</sup> the prince<sup>4269</sup> asketh<sup>7502</sup> and the judge<sup>3199</sup> asketh for a reward,<sup>7066</sup> and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous<sup>1942</sup> desire:<sup>5315</sup> so they wrap it up.

4 The best<sup>2806</sup> of them is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day<sup>3117</sup> of thy watchmen and thy visitation<sup>6406</sup> cometh; now shall be their perplexity.

5 Trust<sup>539</sup> ye not in a friend,<sup>7453</sup> put ye not confidence<sup>262</sup> in a guide:<sup>441</sup> keep<sup>8104</sup> the doors of thy mouth<sup>6310</sup> from her that lieth in thy bosom.

6 For the son<sup>1121</sup> dishonoureth the father,<sup>1</sup> the daughter riseth up against her mother,<sup>517</sup> the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's<sup>376</sup> enemies are the men<sup>502</sup> of his own house.<sup>1004</sup>

7 Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait<sup>3176</sup> for the God<sup>430</sup> of my salvation:<sup>3468</sup> my God will hear<sup>5005</sup> me.

8 Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall,<sup>5307</sup> I shall arise; when I sit in darkness,<sup>2822</sup> the LORD shall be a light<sup>216</sup> unto me.

35, 36; Luke 12:53; 21:16; 2 Tim. 3:2, 3 7  
Isa. 8:17 B Prov. 24:17; Lam. 4:21  
Isa. 37:24; Prov. 24:16  
Isa. 27:1

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Law is summed up in these brief statements (Hos. 6:6). "Mercy" is translated from the Hebrew word *ch&oscedil;d* (2617), the closest Old Testament equivalent to the New Testament term "grace." This verse incorporates the two commandments that Jesus said were the most important: to love the Lord your God, and love your neighbor as yourself (cf. Deut. 6:4-9; Matt. 22:34-40).

7:5-7 These statements made by Micah are reflected in the teaching that Christ gave to His disciples (Matt. 10:35-37). Jesus was showing how complete dedication to Him would bring about rejection from those close to them, even by those in their immediate family. The person who places family ahead of his service for Christ is called "unworthy" (Matt. 10:38). The assurance is given by Micah that it is worthwhile to trust completely in God for salvation. Resting in Him is the only way



9 I will bear<sup>5375</sup> the indignation<sup>2197</sup> of the LORD, because I have sinned<sup>2368</sup> against him, until he plead<sup>7378</sup> my cause,<sup>7379</sup> and execute<sup>6213</sup> judgment<sup>4041</sup> for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold<sup>7200</sup> his righteousness.

10 Then she that is mine enemy shall see it, and shame<sup>955</sup> shall cover<sup>3680</sup> her which said unto me, Where is the LORD thy God? mine eyes shall behold her: now shall she be trodden down<sup>4</sup> as the mire of the streets.

11 In the day that thy walls are to be built, in that day shall the decree<sup>2706</sup> be far removed.

12 In that day also he shall come even to thee from Assyria, and from the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain.

13 Notwithstanding the land shall be desolate<sup>6077</sup> because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.

*The LORD Loves Israel*

14 Feed thy people<sup>5971</sup> with thy rod,<sup>7626</sup> the flock of thine heritage,<sup>5159</sup> which dwell<sup>7001</sup> solitarily<sup>4</sup> in the wood, in

9 <sup>1</sup>Lam. 3:39  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 37:6 <sup>3</sup>Ps. 35:26 <sup>4</sup>Ps. 42:3, 10,  
79:10, 115:2;  
Jod. 2:17

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, And thou wilt see her that is mine enemy, and cover her with shame  
<sup>2</sup>Hebr. she shall be for a

troubling down  
<sup>3</sup>Mc. 4:11  
<sup>4</sup>2Sam. 22:43;  
Zoch. 10:5

11 <sup>1</sup>Amos 9:11

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, even to  
<sup>2</sup>Isa. 11:16;  
19:23, 27:13;  
Hos. 11:11

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, After that it hath been  
<sup>2</sup>Jer. 21:14;  
Mc. 3:12

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, Rule  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 28:9; Mc. 5:4  
<sup>3</sup>Isa. 37:24

15 <sup>1</sup>Ps. 68:22;  
78:12

16 <sup>1</sup>Isa. 26:11  
<sup>2</sup>Job 21:5; 29:9

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, creeping things  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 72:9; Isa. 49:23  
<sup>3</sup>Ps. 18:45 <sup>4</sup>Jer. 33:9

18 <sup>1</sup>Ex. 15:11  
<sup>2</sup>Ex. 34:6, 7;  
Jer. 50:20 <sup>3</sup>Mc. 4:7; 5:3, 7, 8  
<sup>4</sup>Ps. 103:9; Isa. 57:16; Jer. 3:5

20 <sup>1</sup>Luke 1:72,  
73 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 105:9,  
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the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.<sup>5769</sup>

15 According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew<sup>7200</sup> unto him marvellous<sup>6381</sup> things.

16 The nations<sup>1471</sup> shall see and be confounded<sup>954</sup> at all their might: they shall lay<sup>7760</sup> their hand<sup>3027</sup> upon their mouth, their ears<sup>241</sup> shall be deaf.

17 They shall lick the dust<sup>6083</sup> like a serpent,<sup>5175</sup> they shall move<sup>7264</sup> out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid<sup>6342</sup> of the LORD our God, and shall fear<sup>3372</sup> because of thee.

18 Who is a God<sup>410</sup> like unto thee, that pardoneth<sup>5375</sup> iniquity,<sup>5771</sup> and passeth<sup>5674</sup> by the transgression<sup>6588</sup> of the remnant<sup>7611</sup> of his heritage? he retaineth<sup>2388</sup> not his anger<sup>639</sup> for ever,<sup>5703</sup> because he delighteth<sup>2664</sup> in mercy.<sup>2617</sup>

19 He will turn again, he will have compassion<sup>7355</sup> upon us; he will subdue<sup>3533</sup> our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins<sup>2403</sup> into the depths of the sea.

20 Thou wilt perform the truth<sup>571</sup> to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn<sup>7660</sup> unto our fathers<sup>1</sup> from the days of old.<sup>6024</sup>

☞ 7:18-20 Micah ends his prophecy by declaring that his total confidence was in God. Despite Israel's great sins, God indeed pardons iniquity and delights in "mercy" (Hebr., *chêséd* [2617], also in v. 20). Not only does God forgive sins, but He casts them far away "into the depths of the sea" (v. 19, cf. Ps. 103:12). All this is based on God's unchanging promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (v. 20; see note on Gen. 12:1-3).



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5. Take them by violence
6. Covet and take away homes by force
7. Oppress a man and his house
8. They have risen up against God *V8*
9. Rob people of their clothes
10. Have cast out women from their houses *V9*
11. Have robbed their children of my glory
12. False prophets *V11*
13. Hated the good *Ch3 V2*
14. Loved the evil
15. The leaders pluck off the skin from my people
16. Pull the flesh from their bones
17. Eat the flesh of my people *V3*
18. Flay the skin from off of them
19. Break their bones
20. Chop them in pieces
21. Have behaved themselves ill in their doings *V4*
22. Prophets make my people err *V5*
23. Bite with their teeth
24. Cry peace, but prepare war
25. Leaders abhor judgment *V9*
26. Pervert all equity
27. Murder *V10*
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1. I will make Samaria a heap
2. I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley
3. I will discover the foundations thereof
4. All the graven images will be beaten to pieces
5. All the hires of harlots thereof will be burned with fire
6. All the idols I will lay desolate
7. They will return to the hire of a harlot
8. I will wail and howl
9. I will go stripped and naked
10. I will make a wailing like the dragons and the mourning as the owls
11. He, the Assyrian invader, has come to the gate of Jerusalem
12. He will receive of you his standing
13. You will give presents to Moresheth-gath (like one who is betrothed)
14. The houses of Achzib will be a lie to the kings of Israel
15. I will bring an heir to you, O inhabitants of Mareshah
16. He shall come unto Adullam the glory of Israel
17. You will go into captivity