

## Micah

Jeremiah 26:18-19 “Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, ‘Thus the LORD of hosts has said, “Zion will be plowed *as* a field, And Jerusalem will become ruins, And the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.” ’ 19 “Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not fear the LORD and entreat the favor of the LORD, and the LORD changed His mind about the misfortune which He had pronounced against them? But we are committing a great evil against ourselves.”

### a. Outline

1. First Message: Judgment Will Come (1-2)
2. Second Message: Blessing Will Follow Judgment (3-5)
3. Third Message: An Indictment of Sin and a Promise of Blessing (6-7)

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## Major Themes

### 1) The Sin of Jacob (1:5; 2:1-2, 7-9; 3:1-3, 5, 9-11; 6:10-11; 7:1-6)

† John Martin: “Though Micah mentioned the destruction coming on the Northern Kingdom of Israel, his main audience was the people of the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Micah’s three messages showed that Judah was just as guilty as Israel. They too would be disciplined by God” (BKC, 1:1474-5).

† 1:2-5 → calling the earth as witness of Israel’s rebellion

† 3:9-11 → “rulers of the house of Israel” have become apostate

† 6:1-16 → deceitful people, no reliability

### 2) Trust in the Future King & Kingdom (2:12-13; 5:2-6; 7:14)

5:2 “But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Too* little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity.”

7:7-9 But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me. <sup>8</sup> Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy. Though I fall I will rise; Though I dwell in darkness, the LORD is a light for me. <sup>9</sup> I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against Him, until He pleads my case and executes justice for me. He will bring me out to the light, *and* I will see His righteousness.

7:18-20 Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in unchanging love. <sup>19</sup> He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. <sup>20</sup> You will give truth to Jacob *and* unchanging love to Abraham, which You swore to our forefathers from the days of old.

- 7 glorious truths:
  - 1) He pardons the sins of the rebellious acts of his remnant (18)
  - 2) He does not retain His anger forever (18)
  - 3) He delights in unchanging love (18)
  - 4) The Lord will again have compassion on us (19)

5) The Lord will tread our iniquities under foot (19)

6) He will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea (19)

7) He will keep his Abrahamic promises with Israel (20)

b. Purpose: Righteous Yahweh would judge His unrighteous people, but the coming ruler would fulfill Yahweh's promise to David and Abraham.

c. Bibliography

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