

MICAH

Background Information

The Man

Micah – shortened name for Micaiah (who is like Yahweh)

Younger contemporary of Isaiah (compare Is. 1:1 and Micah 1:1)

City – Moresheth- Agricultural city, 25 miles southwest of Jerusalem

The Message

735 BC – Approximate date

Deals with judgment of Samaria and Jerusalem

Prophesied during 3 kings of Judah – Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah – (1:1)

Predicts the fall of Samaria–(1:6)– This happened in 722 BC.

The imperative “hear” is found 3 times in the Book, forming a good outline.

- 1:2 (Chapters 1-2)
- 3:1 (Chapter 3-5)
- 6:1 (Chapters 6-7)

40 different predictions

Quoted in other places

- 3:12 – Jeremiah 26:18- saved Jeremiah’s life
- 5:2 – Matthew 2:6 – Birth place of Christ –
- 7:6 – Matthew 10:35-36 – Christ’s 1st commission of disciples

Micah 1-2

Micah 6:8

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?

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 6:8

Read – Micah 1:1-4

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

1. Who writes this book?
2. Where did he get the information?
3. From what city was he?
4. What three kings did he minister under?
5. To what two cities particularly does he point?
6. Even though he is talking about the above two cities, to whom does he want to listen?

7. Who will be witness against them?
8. What is God preparing to do?
9. Where will He tread?
10. What will the mountains be before Him?
11. How does he describe the valleys?
12. What natural disasters do you think he is describing?

Apply-

God is coming in the fullness of His fury. Yet as we will learn these people do not repent.

What will God have to do to you before you repent?

How are you living life as if God will come to judge you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

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Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 6:8

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Micah 1:5-9

Examine – Go back and review yesterday's passage!

1. Why is God doing all this? (2 things)
2. List the four questions the writer asks to answer the question!

NOTE: Apparently Samaria's idol worship influenced everyone, including Jerusalem.

3. Because of this, what was God going to do to Samaria?

FACT: Samaria was the capital of the Northern Kingdom!

4. What would happen to the very stones of the city?

5. What does "pour down the stones" mean?

6. What would God "discover"?

7. What would happen to the idols?

8. What would happen to the "hires"?

9. What does the word hire mean? (the rest of the verse can help you)

10. What two sounds will he make?

NOTE: This is a difficult verse to interpret. The word "stripped" means to be barefooted, and the word "naked" can refer to total nakedness, but when men did so in connection to prophesying, it probably refers to the upper garment. The two animals mentioned here are a sea dragon and either an ostrich or an owl, both of which make an awful sound when they lose a young one or are dying.

11. What is incurable?

12. What city has influenced Judah and even Jerusalem?

Apply-

What are your "idols"?

Will God have to "grind them to powder"?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

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Weekly memory verse – Micah 6:8

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Micah 1:10-16

Examine – Micah uses the names of the towns and their meanings to pronounce judgment on the people.

1. Match the meaning of the city to the judgment he uses.

	Gath	A. March or out town
	Aphrah	B. Horse town
	Saphri	C. Neighbor town
	Zaanan	D. Betrothed town
	Bethzel	E. Bitter town
	Maroth	F. False town
	Jerusalem	G. Tell town
	Lachish	H. Inheritance or possessions town
	Moresheth-gath	I. Dust town
	Achzib	J. Testimony or refuge town
	Mareshah	K. Beauty or fair town
	Adullam	L. Peace town

2. Baldness was always a sign of mourning. For what are they mourning?

3. Where are they?

Apply-

If you ran a town, what would it be named if it took on your characteristics?

Do you like the name?

If you don't like it, what would you like for it to be and why?

Prayer:

Praise:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 6:8

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Micah 2:1-3

Examine –

1. Where do these people think up their evil plots?
2. When do they practice it?
3. Why do they?
4. Look up the following verses and write what the Lord says about devising mischief:
 - Pro. 4:16 -
 - Pro. 6:14 -
 - Pro. 10:23
5. They are after what three things?
6. How do they get them?
7. God will design a punishment that will not allow them to do what?
8. How shall they not walk around any more?

Apply-

What do you think about as you go to bed?

Do you have a problem with coveting others' possessions?

Ask God to forgive you and claim Philippians 4:8.

Prayer:

Praise:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 6:8

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Micah 2:4-9

Examine –

1. For this family who took advantage of others, others would do what to them?
2. All that they had taken through deceit would now be what?
3. Remember these people had received land through deception in high places. What would they no longer have in Israel?
FACT: The congregation of the LORD is always referring to the whole nation.
4. What do they want the true prophets to do?
5. What were some people afraid the people would do? (end of verse 6)
6. From what house were they?
FACT: These people were saying because we are God's people He would not do this to us. The Pharisees had the same attitude (Matthew 3:9; John 8:39-40)
7. Answer both of Micah's questions with obvious answers: (1.) Is God limited so that He cannot react? (2.) Are these His doings?
8. Who will accept Micah's words without any argument?
9. Who is rising up as an enemy?
10. "Averse from war" means unprepared or not in fight mode. When do these covetous people make their move?
11. What were they doing to the women and children?

Apply-

The false prophets were pronouncing certain judgment on the people by telling them not to worry about judgment and continue their lifestyles. They wanted Micah to shut up so they could continue their wicked ways. What is your response when someone preaches or tells truth that would require a change of course in your life?

Do you catch yourself trying to avoid preaching and spiritual things?

Do you think that because you're a Christian, God won't punish you?

You are no better off than Israel was and God did judge them!!

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Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 6:8

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Micah 2:10-13

Examine –

1. What does Micah tell them to do?
2. He says that the land is _____.
3. This land will also do what to them?
4. What kind of prophet is Micah talking about in verse 11?
5. What is the prophet telling the people?
6. People love a prophet who tells them what they want to hear?
FACT: This ends the first section in Micah, so he closes it with a ray of hope!
7. What will God eventually do?
8. To what does God compare them?
9. Great noise will prove what?
10. Who is the breaker? (you must think prophetically)
11. Who will pass before them?
12. Who is their King?

Apply-

Is He your King?

How are you allowing Him to lead you where He wants for you to go?

Do you like to hear preaching only when they tell you what you want to hear?

God would love to be your King now but He will be later whether you want Him to or not!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 6:8

Read – Micah 1-2

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

1. Who is writing this book?
2. Who is king during his writing?
3. How is God described in the first few verses?
4. What city has influenced others and God was going to destroy it?
5. What would be beaten to pieces?
6. What is incurable?
7. How many cities are used in His judgments of the last verse of chapter 1?
8. Baldness is a sign of what?
9. Where were people thinking of evil plans?
10. What were they coveting?
11. Would God allow this?
12. What did people want Micah to do?
13. What did they assume because they were God's people?
14. What were these covetous people doing to women?
15. What kind of prophet did the people want?
16. Who would eventually lead Israel as Shepherd and King?

Apply-

Come up with two principles from each chapter that can help you spiritually and write them below.

Prayer: _____

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Main thought to meditate on today: _____

MICAH 3-4

Micah 3:4

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

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 3:4

Read – Micah 3:1-4

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

1. Who directly is He calling to hear?
2. What question does He ask and what does it mean?
3. What do they hate?
4. What do they love?
5. Describe at least 5 things that they were doing to people physically? (You can combine some because they are the same)

6. What does it sound like He is describing?
7. Unto whom will they call?
8. Will He hear?
9. What will He hide from them?
10. Why?

Apply-

Could you get to a point when God would no longer hear you?

Read and meditate on Proverbs 1:24-31.

Is God still listening to you or have you pushed Him too far?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 3:4

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Micah 3:5-7

Examine –

1. Who was making the people err?
2. Look at Matthew 7:15 and see if you think that this is the type of prophet described here?
NOTE: These false prophets wanted their mouths fed, and if you did not do that adequately then they declared war on you whatever way they could.
3. What will come on them?
4. Will they receive any divine revelation?
5. What goes down on them?
6. Define Seers –
7. What will they be?
8. The diviners will be what?
9. What will they all cover?
10. Who is not answering?
11. Look back at Amos 8:11. Of what will there be famine?

Apply-

Our friends many times will tell us what we want to hear, but what we need to be told is the truth. How do you try to get the truth about your spiritual life?

Do you tell your friends what they want to hear or are you a true friend and tell them the truth in love? Give an example:

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 3:4

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Micah 3:8-12

Examine –

1. Remember who is writing the book.
2. Who has the real words of the LORD?
3. What 3 things does he say he has?

4. How will he use these things?
5. He again calls on what group to listen?
6. How does he describe them? (2 ways)
7. How do they build Zion?
8. How do they build Jerusalem?
9. For what reason do the judges, priests and prophets do their jobs?
10. Who do they say is among them?
11. Because of this what will not come upon them?
12. What will happen to Zion?
NOTE: In Scripture, Zion and Jerusalem are the same place.
13. What will happen to Jerusalem?

Apply-

Is God on the verge of “plowing your fields”?

Do you think that because you are a Christian, go to church, and participate in church functions, that God will overlook your sin?

How does your life show this?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 3:4

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Micah 4:1-4

Examine –

1. What days is the writer talking about in verse 1?
2. What is this mountain called?
3. Where will it be established?
4. What will flow to it?
5. What will the nations say about this place?
6. Who will teach us His ways?
7. Where will we walk?
8. What will be the ruling force in this place?
9. What will He do to nations afar off?
10. What will they do with their weapons of war?
11. What will we not be learning any more?
12. Where will everyone sit?
13. What shall we not be?
14. Why is all this coming to pass?

Apply-

This “heap” that God has “plowed” will one day be restored. This is reason to rejoice, but God would not have to restore if the judgment did not fall. You can prevent His judgment by judging yourself. (1 Cor. 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.)

Will you judge yourself?

This is God’s desire!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 3:4

Read – Micah 4:5-10

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

1. After what will all people walk?
2. In what will we walk?
3. How long will we walk after this?
4. What three groups of people will God assemble?

5. What will He do with the remnant?
6. What will He do with those who were cast off?
7. Who will reign over them?
8. To whom is verse 8 referring?
9. He is back dealing with the present time. What is happening to her?
10. What is the pain described as in this verse?
11. Where will they dwell?
12. To what country will they go?
13. What will God do for them in Babylon?

Apply-

Are you currently walking after your god or THE God?

What proofs do you have of your answer?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 3:4

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Micah 4:11-13

Examine –

1. What is gathered against Israel?
2. What do these nations want to do to Zion?
3. What do they not know?
4. What do they not understand?
5. What will God do with them?
6. Who will do the threshing?
7. What will her iron be?
8. What will her hoofs be?
9. What will they do to many people?
10. What will they do to the spoils of the armies?
11. Of what is He Lord?

Apply-

With God on your side, all things are possible. Is He on your side?

Are you trying to fight Him?

How?

It will never work!!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 3:4

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Review

Examine –

1. Who does Micah address in chapter 3?
2. What do these people hate and love?
3. What will eventually happen when they call to God?
4. If the false prophets were not treated right what did they do?
5. What will go down on them?
6. Match the name with the word that best describes it.

	Seer	A. Hire
	Diviner	B. Money
	Judge	C. Ashamed
	Priest	D. Reward
	Prophet	E. Confounded

7. What will God do to Zion and Jerusalem?
8. Does Israel have hope?
9. What will happen to war?
10. To what is the pain of Israel likened?
11. Who will fight for Israel against the nations?
12. What will they do with their spoils?

Apply-

Will you cry to God and He not hear you?

Will God fight for you?

Are you at peace with God?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

MICAH 5-6

Micah 5:2

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.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 5:2

Read – Micah 5:1-3

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

Apply-

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 5:2

Read – Micah 5:4-7

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

Apply-

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 5:2

Read – Micah 5:8-15

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

Apply-

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 5:2

Read – Micah 6:1-5

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

Apply-

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 5:2

Read – Micah 6: 6-11

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

Apply-

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 5:2

Read – Micah 6:12-16

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

Apply-

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 5:2

Read – Review

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

Apply-

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

MICAH 7

Micah 7:7

Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation:
my God will hear me.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 7:7

Read – Micah 7:1-4

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

1. How does he start this chapter? (use your own words)
2. What does he use as his illustration in verse 1?
3. What was not there for him?
4. What did he desire?
5. Just as he had no grapes to eat, of what did Israel not have any?
6. What do we not find in the men?
7. What are the overall characteristics of these men in Israel?
8. How are they doing their evil?
9. What do the prince and judge want?
10. Who utters his mischievous desire?
11. How does he describe the best of them?
12. How is the most upright?
13. What is coming on these people?
14. What will be their response?

Apply-

There is no hope of finding any good men. If God were looking for a few good teenagers who are upright, honest, and walking with God, would you be one of them?

What will you have to do to change this if you're not?

If you are one, what can you do to stay there or even improve?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 7:7

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Micah 7:5-7

Examine -

1. What should the people not trust in this time?
2. In whom should you not put confidence?
3. What should you keep from “her that lieth in thy bosom”?
4. *Note: This phrase is referring to a man’s wife!!*
5. What does the son to the father?
6. What does the daughter to her mother?
7. Who are a man’s enemies?
8. To whom will the author look?
9. On whom will he wait?
10. What is he confident in about God? Will He?
11. Read Psalms 121. How would this Psalm give you confidence?

Apply-

Don't you feel like sometimes you cannot trust anyone?

When we have no one else to turn to, we can turn to God.

What today are you going to turn over to Him? List them here and then tell Him about them!

Prayer:

Praise:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 7:7

Read – Micah 7:8-10

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

1. Who should not rejoice against him?
2. What will he do when he falls?
IMPORTANT: We should do the same thing. (See Proverbs 24:16)
3. When he is in the darkness, who will be his light?
4. What is he willing to do?
5. Why is he willing to do this?
6. What will happen upon cleansing from sin?
7. Who will see it?
8. What will cover the enemies?
9. What did the enemy assume about God?
10. What will happen to the enemy?

NOTE: This whole passage is probably dealing with what will happen to Israel when Christ returns the second time!

Apply-

Do you ever fall? Dumb question, isn't it?

How you react when you fall is a better question. Do you lie there and feel sorry for yourself, or do you jump back up, repent, and keep serving the Lord?

Are you willing to “bear your indignation”?

Isn't it wonderful when we cleanse ourselves from sin. God's sweet presence is once again in our hearts!!!!

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 7:7

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Micah 7:11-13

Examine –

NOTE: Again, the day here is probably the day that God comes and restores Israel.

1. What will happen to the walls?
2. What will be far removed?
3. From what five places will people come to Israel in that day? Tell what each of these may represent and your reason for thinking that.

4. How is the land when all this happens?
5. Why is it this way?

Apply-

God will one day restore, but not until the land is worthless and thousands of years have passed. There have been many wasted years!

Is this your attitude towards God that you will come to Him after living the life you want?

You will bring Him a desolate life and many wasted opportunities.

Please don't be this way!!!!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 7:7

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Micah 7:14-17

Examine –

1. What is the author asking God to do?
2. How should He do this?
3. What does the author call God's flock?
NOTE: This seems strange, but when you understand the term feed means to shepherd, then it makes sense!
4. Where do they dwell?
5. Where should He let them feed?
6. What would this be like?
7. When God says He will show marvelous things to what does He compare it?
8. Who will see it?
9. What will they do?
10. What will they do with their mouth?
11. What happens to their ears?
12. How will they act?
13. Of whom are they afraid?

Apply-

Will you allow God to shepherd you, even if it means a rod?

How has He used a rod on you in the past?

Will you allow Him to provide your needs and be satisfied with what He gives?

How has he done this in the past?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 7:7

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Micah 7:18-20

Examine –

1. What would be your answer to the first part of verse 18?
2. What two things is the author overwhelmed by?
3. What does He not retain forever?
4. In what does He delight?
5. What will He have on Israel?
6. What will He do with their sins?
7. What will God perform to Jacob?
8. What will God perform to Abraham?
9. Why will He do this?
10. Find the promise he is talking about and write the reference.

Apply-

How are you thankful for these things?

Are you like Jonah?

When is the last time you told God you were thankful for these things?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Micah 7:7

Read – Micah 7 - Review

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

1. Why was the author frustrated?
2. What comparison does he use?
3. What has happened to the good men?
4. What has happened to the leaders?
5. How are they described?
6. Overall who can you not trust?
7. Who can you always trust?
8. What does he do when he falls?
9. What is he willing to bear?
10. Who will deliver him?
11. What will God do one day for Israel?
12. What is the land like when He begins to restore?
13. The word feed really means to what?
14. What will be the nation's response to Israel's restoration?
15. Will God perform His promises to us?
16. Why?

Apply-

What character quality of God are you most thankful for and why?

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Praise: _____

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