

A Nation's Sins Revealed

I. The Prophet's First Message Directed to Samaria, Reaches to Jerusalem (Micah 1-2)

A. God's judgment is Great against Idolatry (Micah 1:3-16)

1. Samaria destroyed because of Idolatry (Micah 1:6)

- a. Type of Idolatry – Idol worship (Micah 1:7a)
- b. Sexual Impropriety (Humanism = Self worship) (Micah 1:7b)

2. God for His nation to return (Micah 1:8-16)

- a. She fell into drunkenness (self pleasure) (Micah 1:10)
- b. This led her to focus on her beauty (self centered) (Micah 1:11)
- c. Which led her to bitterness – She could never measure up!
- d. This forced her to give gifts to your enemies (Micah 1:14)
- e. Yet God will forgive after repentance (Micah 1:16-17)

B. Woe to those who harm the **poor (human trafficking)** (Micah 2:1-5)

1. Destruction of the **Traditional** family (Micah 2:1-3)

1 Woe to them that devise (devise or **make**) iniquity, and work evil (**bad**) upon their beds! when the morning is light, they **practise (do)** it, because it is in the power of their hand.

2 And they **covet (desire)** fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they **oppress (press on)** a man and his house, even a man and his **heritage (something inhereted)**.

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

2. Discipline - Punishment is for **everyone** (Micah 2:4)

4 In that day shall one take up a parable **against you**, and lament with a **doleful (feminine of lamentation)** lamentation, and say, We be utterly spoiled: he hath **changed** the portion of my people: how hath he removed it from me! turning away **he hath divided our fields**.

3. The congregation is lead by a people with no **morals** (Micah 2:5)

5 Therefore **thou shalt have none** that shall cast a cord (a **measuring line**) by lot (small **stone**) in the **congregation (assembly)** of the LORD.

C. Judgment against those who oppose God's **men** (Micah 2:6-11)

1. The people don't want the **Truth** (Micah 2:6-7)

6 **Prophesy ye not**, say they to them that prophesy: **they shall not prophesy** to them, that they **shall not take shame (disgrace)**.

7 O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the LORD **straitened (discouraged)**? are these **his doings**? do not **my words** do good to him that walketh uprightly?

2. God's people have become the **Enemy** (Micah 2:8-11)

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 securely as men averse 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 for ever.**

10 Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because **it is polluted, it shall destroy you,** even with a sore destruction.

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

D. God promises deliverance from the judgment (Micah 2:12-13)

1. Continue to Gather – everyone has a chance

12 **I will surely assemble,** O Jacob, **all of thee;** I will surely gather **the remnant of Israel;** I will put them together as the sheep of **Bozrah (sheepfold),** as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.

2. God will still take care of His followers now and in the future

13 The **breaker (a break)** is come up 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 of them.

III. The Prophet's Second Message aimed at the leaders (Micah 3-5)