

Prophets, Beware

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 (Micah 2:1-5)

1. Destruction of the Traditional family (Micah 2:1-3)
2. Discipline - Punishment is for everyone (Micah 2:4)
3. The congregation is lead by a people with no morals (Micah 2:5)

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

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

1. Continue to Gather – everyone has a chance
2. God will still take care of His followers now and in the future

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

A. The liberal **government** is reprimanded (Micah 3:1-4)

1. You should **know** better

1 And I said, Hear, I pray you, O **heads(leader)** of Jacob, and ye **princes(magistrate, government leader)** of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to **know judgment(Devine Law)?**

2 Who **hate(be an enemy of) the good**, and **love(bad) the evil**; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;

2. You're **hurting** God's people

3 Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they **break their bones**, and **chop them in pieces**, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.

3. The Lord refuses to **hear**

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.

B. The false **prophets** are reprimanded (Micah 3:5-8)

1. The prophets teach the people **errors**

5 Thus saith the LORD concerning **the prophets that make my people err**, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.

2. God quit **teaching** the prophets

6 Therefore night shall be unto you, that **ye shall not have a vision**; and it shall be **dark** unto you, that **ye shall not divine**; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

3. The **prophets** get embarrassed

7 Then shall **the seers**(**prophet**) be **ashamed**, and **the diviners**(**vision interpreters**) **confounded**: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is **no answer of God**.

8 But truly **I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD**, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his **transgression**(**rebellion**), and to Israel his sin.

C. The bad **judges** working in tandem with the false prophets (Micah 3:9-12)

9 Hear this, I pray you, ye **heads** of the house of Jacob, and **princes** of the house of Israel, that **abhor**(**detest**) **judgment**, and **pervert**(**make crooked**) **all equity**.

1. They use **wrongdoings**

10 They build up Zion **with blood**, and Jerusalem **with iniquity**.

2. They do it for **money**

11 The heads thereof **judge for reward**, and the priests thereof **teach for hire**, and the prophets thereof **divine for money**: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.

3. They will be **Marked**

12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be **plowed**(**engraved**) as a field, and Jerusalem shall become **heaps**, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the **forest**.