

Micah

1. Who was Micah?

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2. What was the historical context of Micah's ministry?

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3. Why is Judah under judgment?

(Micah 3:1-3, 9-12)

[3:1] And I said:

Hear, you heads of Jacob

and rulers of the house of Israel!

Is it not for you to know justice?—

[2] you who hate the good and love the evil,

who tear the skin from off my people

and their flesh from off their bones,

[3] who eat the flesh of my people,

and flay their skin from off them,

and break their bones in pieces

and chop them up like meat in a pot,

like flesh in a cauldron.

[9] Hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob

and rulers of the house of Israel,

who detest justice

and make crooked all that is straight,
[10] who build Zion with blood
and Jerusalem with iniquity.
[11] Its heads give judgment for a bribe;
its priests teach for a price;
its prophets practice divination for money;
yet they lean on the LORD and say,
“Is not the LORD in the midst of us?
No disaster shall come upon us.”
[12] Therefore because of you
Zion shall be plowed as a field;
Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins,
and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

(Micah 6:6-8)

[6] “With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
[7] Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
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 has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

4. What is the hope of Judah?

(Micah 5:1-6)

[5:1] Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops;
siege is laid against us;
with a rod they strike the judge of Israel
on the cheek.
[2] But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.
[3] Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

[4] And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

[5] And he shall be their peace.

When the Assyrian comes into our land
and treads in our palaces,

then we will raise against him seven shepherds
and eight princes of men;

[6] they shall shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword,
and the land of Nimrod at its entrances;

and he shall deliver us from the Assyrian
when he comes into our land
and treads within our border.

(Matthew 2:3-6)

[3] When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; [4] and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. [5] They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

[6] "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.'"