

MICAH

A 5 Day Bible Study



Read Micah 1:1-2:11

1. From the passages below, summarize the spiritual condition of Judah and the kings who were ruling at the time of Micah's prophecy.

2 Kings 15:32-35

2 Kings 16:1-4

2 Kings 18:1-7

2. Who did this prophecy concern? Who was the intended audience?
3. As you read the accusations and divine sentencing of particular towns, what specific sins do you find of which they were guilty? (1:7, 2:1-3, 8-9)
4. Explain the radical actions taken in 1:8 & 16 and what this behavior was meant to communicate.
5. Unwilling to listen to the hard truth, what false prophecies did the people prefer to believe? (2:6, 11) How is this indicative of human nature?

What small seeds of pride, idolatry, cheating or coveting are planted in your life? Confess these to the Lord, asking him to root them out of your heart.

Read Micah 2:12-3:12

1. What dire predictions do you find in Micah 1:6-7, 12, 15-16, 2:3-5?
2. Despite severe warnings of judgment, what consolation did Micah share about the remnant God would preserve, and what common biblical metaphor did he use? (2:12-13)

What characteristics of the Shepherd do you find in the Ezekiel 34:11-17, and what comfort does this offer?

3. How did Micah compare the wayward leaders of the people (3:1-7, 9-12) with himself (3:8)?

What gave him the confidence to say this? (also see 2 Peter 1:19-21)

4. Explain the importance of good leaders in any organization—a nation, workplace, church, or home, and why they carry so much responsibility. (also see Heb 13:17)

How will you imitate the Good Shepherd in a place where you lead?

Read Micah 4:1-5:9

1. Once again, Micah balanced warnings of judgment with a message of hope. From 4:1-8, record key features of the glorious kingdom that will be established in “the last days.”
2. Where did Micah predict would Judah be taken as exiles (4:10), and to what hope could the exiles cling for their future? (also see Jer 25:8-14)
3. The Babylonians would believe their strength and strategy defeated Judah, but what does 4:12 teach about who was truly in control? (also see Job 42:2, Prov 19:21)
4. How does Micah’s prophecy in 5:2 of a coming King, foretold over 700 years before the birth of Christ, validate his message for us? (see Lk 2:4-7)
5. What else will be true when this King reigns? (5:4-5a)
6. When God finally destroys the enemies of his people, what truths do you find about the remnant of Jacob? (5:7-9)

Imagine a day when Jesus reigns over all. Praise him for that future reality, and until that day, ask him to reign in your heart.

Read Micah 5:10-6:8

1. From 5:10-15, what was God going to purge from the nations, and how was this ultimately an act of mercy? (see Jonah 2:8)
2. A court scene is depicted in Micah 6. What had the Lord done for his people in the past? (6:1-5) (optional: also see Ex 14:21-15:20, Num 22-24, Dt 23:5, Josh 3-4)
3. Why is it so important to remember what God has done for us in the past?
4. After stating what God does *not* desire as a sacrifice (6:6-7), how does Micah 6:8 spell out God's requirements for his people?
5. What do the requirements of 6:8 mean for you practically as you live your daily life?

Time yourself for two minutes and write everything you can think of that God has done for you. How does this change your perspective as you go through your day?

Read Micah 6:9-7:20

1. What characterizes the wise according to 6:9, and what does this mean? (also see Ex 20:20, Deut 10:12-13, 20-21)
2. For a final time, Micah lamented over Israel's sin. List the categories you find in 6:10-7:6.
3. What would be the sad results of their failure to keep God's law? (6:13-7:6)
4. Micah turned a corner in 7:7 to focus on the faithful mercy of God. What hopeful truth do you find in 7:7-17?
5. This prophecy ends on a high note of God's character. Despite the unfaithfulness of his people, list everything Micah declares about God and what this means for you. (also see 2 Tim 2:13)

<u>Truth about God</u>	<u>What this means for me</u>

Write out Micah 7:7. In what situation will you claim this truth? Make this your prayer.

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