

Through the Bible Course

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Micah

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Key Word: Absolute righteousness of God

Key Verse: 7:18 – “Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity”

Author: Micah the Morasthite (1:1)

Time: During reigns of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah – 750 BC to 710 BC

Purpose: To declare impending judgments because of sin and the wonderful deliverance brought by Him to be born in Bethlehem.

- I. Chapters 1 and 2 – Section One (Each section opens with “Hear”)
 1. 1:1-3 – Summons to hear because God “cometh forth out of His place”
 2. 1:4-16 – Punishment which shall come upon Israel; verses 10-16 – village after village shall be destroyed
 3. 2:1-5 – Sin of oppression of people
 4. 2:6-11 – Sin of heeding false prophets
 5. 2:12-13 – The promise to the remnant

- II. Chapters 3 through 5 – Section Two
 1. 3:1-4 – Sins of nobles and their punishment (described as cannibals)
 2. 3:5-8 – Sins of priests and false prophets
 3. 3:9-12 – Repetition of sins of nobles, priests and prophets
 4. 4:1-13 – The kingdom to come
 - a. verses 1-5 – glory of kingdom: supreme – universal – peaceful – prosperous
 - b. verses 6-7 – all Israel included
 - c. verses 8-10 – will be taken captive to Babylon
 - d. verses 11-13 – Zion will overcome all enemies by strength of the Lord
 5. 5:1-4 – The coming of Messiah will bring this about
 - a. born in Bethlehem
 - b. will gather the remnant
 - c. rule over whole world
 6. 5:5-9 – Shall defend and exalt His people over their adversaries
 7. 5:10-15 – Instruments of war destroyed and idolatry put down

- III. Chapters 6 and 7 – Section Three
 1. 6:1-5 – God’s controversy with His people (mountains called to witness)
 2. 6:6-8 – People ask how please Lord and are given answer
 3. 6:9-16 – Sins rebuked and punishment to come

4. 7:1-6 – Micah laments over moral condition of people
5. 7:7-13 – Micah intercedes for them
6. 7:14-17 – Prayer for restoration and assurances of God's mercies shall not fail
7. 7:18-20 – Micah praised God for His mercy and faithfulness

Conclusion: Micah teaches that sin of nations will be punished and salvation can only come through person of Christ.