

OUTLINE OF MICAH

Central text: Micah 6:8

Golden text: Micah 5:2

I. Introduction- 1:1

II. The Lord's charge against Israel and Judah- 1:2-3:12

A. Judgment against Israel- 1:2-16

1. For idolatry
2. For harlotry
3. Judah also infected
4. The quiet lament

B. Covetousness is rampant- 2:1-13

1. They hate the word of God
2. They love those promising wealth
3. But God will restore His people

C. Rebuke to the rulers of Israel and Judah- 3:1-12

1. Because they victimize God's people, God will leave them to destruction
2. The prophets who prophesy covetousness will be cursed with darkness
3. But Micah prophesies according to the Holy Spirit
 - a. Leaning on the Lord in wickedness accomplishes self-deception
 - b. Jerusalem and the temple area are doomed

III. The Lord's victory over wickedness- 4:1-5:15

A. The law of God's word would be established in the temple area- 4:1-5

1. It would be open to all nations
2. It would be the way of peace
3. It would be the way of safety and prosperity

B. All the weak, outcast, and disciplined would share in the victory- 4:6-10

C. The enemy would be destroyed- 4:11-13

D. The Messiah would accomplish the victory- 5:1-15

1. He will be struck with a rod by an enemy army
2. He will be born in Bethlehem
3. He will be God's shepherd for His people
 - a. God's people will win every battle under His leadership
 - b. All stumbling blocks will be destroyed

IV. The Lord's complaint- 6:1-16

A. How has God been too hard for Israel?- 6:1-8

B. God's Rod will work discipline on Israel- 6:9-16

V. Micah's final sermon- 7:1-14

VI. Conclusion- 7:15-20

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Highlights of Micah

I. Christ foreshadowed

- A. God's shepherd who brings victory to His people- 5:4, 5
- B. The fulfillment of God's promises- 7:19, 20
- C. The Ruler from everlasting- 5:2

II. New Testament references

- A. The birthplace of the Messiah- Matt. 2:5, 6
- B. Deep division over Christ- Matt. 10:35
- C. Christ before the Roman soldiers- Matt. 27:30
- D. Reference to Babylon- Acts 7:43

III. Practical application

- A. God cares about ethics.
- B. God's prophecies are very detailed.
- C. Evil will not win, not even in the name of the Lord.
- D. God's commands are not burdensome- I John 5:3.
- E. God will forgive.
- F. There is a great difference between God's messengers and those of the world- I John 4:1-6.