

20 – JUDGMENT IS APPROACHING (MICAH 1:1-2:13)

I. The Judgment of Two Kingdoms (Micah 1:1-16)

A. The Prophet (Micah 1:1)

- The writer introduces the book as the prophecy given to the prophet Micah.
- It was given to the prophet during the days of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

B. The Call to Listen (Micah 1:2-4)

- The prophet calls the peoples of the earth to pay attention to what the Lord is saying.
- The prophet states that the Lord is coming to bring justice upon the world.

C. The Destruction of Samaria (Micah 1:5-7)

- The Lord is bringing judgment because of the transgressions of the Northern Kingdom.
- The capital of Samaria is representative of the sins of Israel just as Jerusalem is for Judah.
- The Lord will make Samaria a desolate place as its stones are brought down.
- All of the idols and images of Samaria will be destroyed.
- Just as Samaria would pay the temple prostitutes, they will continue that process in their exile.

D. The Destruction of Judah (Micah 1:8-16)

1. Micah's Lament (Micah 1:8-9)

- Micah expresses his anguish at the destruction of the Northern Kingdom.
- Micah points out that this destruction will be felt by Judah, even to the gates of Jerusalem.

2. The Call to Mourn (Micah 1:10-16)

- Micah calls for the news of the coming destruction to withheld from Gath.
- The cities of Judah are to mourn because the destruction is coming to Jerusalem's gates.
- The children of these cities in Judah will be taken into exile by the Assyrians.

II. The Causes of the Judgment (Micah 2:1-11)

A. The Nobility (Micah 2:1-5)

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- Woe is pronounced on the those who devise evil at night and then perform it during the day.
- They covet lands and homes and they seize them as they oppress people.
- The Lord proclaims that he is devising disaster for them so that they cannot walk proudly.

B. The False Prophets (Micah 2:6-11)

- The false prophets told Micah not to preach about the coming judgment.
- Micah questions this since God has stated that he will do good to those who walk uprightly.
- The false prophets rob the people as they trust the false message of peace.
- Because of the false prophet's teaching, the land has been defiled and the people will go into exile.

III. The Promised Restoration (Micah 2:12-13)

- The Lord proclaims that he will assuredly assemble all of Israel again.
- He will bring the multitude together as a noisy sheepfold.
- The Lord himself will lead his people as their king.