

21 –JUDGMENT AND BLESSING (MICAH 3:1-5:15)

I. The Judgment On The Nation's Leaders (Micah 3:1-12)

A. The Rulers (Micah 3:1-4)

- The prophet calls the nation's leaders to pay attention to what the Lord is saying.
- The Lord questions whether they should know what justice is and carry it out.
- Instead, the rulers hated what is good and loved evil.
- The leaders used extreme violence against the people.
- When they need to cry out to the Lord, he will not hear them.

B. The False Prophets (Micah 3:5-8)

- The false prophets proclaim peace when they are receiving a profit.
- They speak against those who do not personally benefit them.
- These false prophets will receive no word from God through visions or divinations.
- They will be disgraced and put to shame.
- However, Micah is filled with the Holy Spirit and his power as he proclaims judgment.

C. The Leaders (Micah 3:9-12)

- The Lord points out the evil that the nation's leaders engaged in.
- While they do evil, they proclaim that God is with them and that no disaster will come upon them.
- Because of the leaders and their sins, the nation and Jerusalem will be destroyed.

II. Kingdom Blessings (Micah 4:1-5:15)

A. The Nature of the Kingdom (Micah 4:1-8)

- In the latter days, the Lord will reestablish Israel as a kingdom.
- The world will come to Israel and seek the Lord and his instruction.
- The Law and God's word will proceed from Jerusalem as he judges the nations' disputes.

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- The weapons of war will be eliminated as peace will reign.
- Israel will live in accordance with the God's word and walk with the Lord.
- Israel will be strong and the Lord himself will rule over the nation.

B. The Events Before the Coming of the Kingdom (Micah 4:9-5:1)

- The nation will be carried away into exile to Babylon.
- Ultimately, the nation will be redeemed by the Lord from exile in Babylon.
- Israel will be defiled as the nations will gather against Jerusalem.
- These nations will be destroyed when the Lord gathers them as sheaves broken in a threshing floor.
- A ruler of Israel will be struck on the cheek with a rod.

C. The Ruler of the Kingdom (Micah 5:2-15)

- Out of Bethlehem will come a ruler whose origins are from ancient times.
- He will lead his people to return and will restore them a nation.
- He will care for his people as a shepherd and give them security.
- He will destroy the enemies of Israel and eliminate Israel's need for military power.
- He will destroy false worship from Israel.
- Those nations, who refuse to obey the Lord, will suffer God's anger and wrath.