

22 – THE PROPHET’S PLEA (MICAH 6:1-7:20)

I. The Indictment of the Lord (Micah 6:1-16)

A. The Indictment (Micah 6:1-5)

- The prophet calls the nation to pay attention to what the Lord is saying.
- The Lord challenges Israel to give her side of the dispute with God.
- The Lord asks Israel to identify what he did to them to weary them.
- The Lord reminds them of his redeeming them from Egypt.

B. Micah’s Response (Micah 6:6-8)

- Micah questions what he could bring before the Lord in order to regain favor.
- Micah points out that Lord wants justice, loving kindness and humility from his people.

C. The Lord’s Judgment (Micah 6:9-16)

1. Israel’s Sins (Micah 6:9-12)

- The prophet calls the nation to pay attention to the Lord’s rod of discipline.
- The Lord cannot overlook the sins of Israel.
- These sins include ill-gotten wealth, dishonest scales, violence, and lies.

2. Israel’s Punishment (Micah 6:13-16)

- The Lord will strike them with a blow that will leave them desolate.
- Their food will not satisfy them and what they store up will be taken by the sword.
- The efforts will come to nothing as their labor will become meaningless.
- They chose to follow the practices of wicked kings instead of the Lord.
- Because of these sins, the Lord will give them over to ruin and desolation.

II. Micah’s Intercession (Micah 7:1-20)

A. Micah’s Mourning (Micah 7:1-6)

- Micah’s mourns his position as one who fears the Lord in the midst of those who don’t.

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- He points out that there is no one who is upright among the people.
- The people eagerly pursue all types of sin.

B. Micah's Confidence (Micah 7:7-14)

- Micah proclaims that he will look to the Lord, who is the God of his salvation.
- Micah expressed confidence that the Lord will ultimately reverse the nations plight.
- One day Israel will be restored and her walls rebuilt.
- In that day, the nations, who were once enemies, will travel to Jerusalem.
- Micah prays that the Lord will shepherd and care for his people.

C. The Lord's Promise (Micah 7:15-17)

- The Lord promises the nation that he will once again show them marvelous works.
- When the Lord regathers Israel to the land, the nations will be ashamed and cannot speak.
- The nations will tremble before the Lord and become afraid of Israel.

D. Micah's Conclusion (Micah 7:18-20)

- Micah questions whether there is another like God who forgives.
- God does not hold onto anger and delights in love.
- He will have compassion and remove our sins from us.
- The Lord will show himself faithful to Israel.