

I Can See Clearly Now:
Chapter #7

The Prophet *Micah*

Time of Ministry: 750 B.C. – 687 B.C.

Author:

The book of *Micah* was likely written by the prophet *Micah* or a scribe who worked for the prophet. *Micah* made his home in the *kingdom of Juda* and lived around the same time as the prophets *Isaiah*, *Hosea*, and *Amos* during the reign of the kings *Jotham Ahaz* and *Hezekiah*. The prophet *Micah* lived in the small town of *Moresheh* that was in the hill country south of *Jerusalem* in the *Southern Kingdom of Juda*.

The prophet's name "*Micah*" can be translated as the question --- "*Who is like Yahweh?*"

This *Thought-Provoking* question becomes a major topic of *Micah's Warning Prophecy* of approaching *Judgement* to the people of *Juda* and *Israel*.

This personal information is all the that the *Holy Bible* has recorded about *Micah* the prophet of *Yahweh*, this *God* inspired prophesy contains all the *insightful information* we need to understand the *tender heart* of *Micah*.

The prophet's writings reveal a *sensitive compassionate* regard for the *common people* who live in the small villages and towns of *Juda* and *Israel*.

The prophet knows the *common man* and the *Mighty Rulers* will all be "*Painfully Affected*" by the *sinful acts* of the *self-serving "Greed" motivated Hebrew* priests and religious leaders.

The Hebrew priests and religious leaders are the *privileged class* who live a "*Protected Comfortable Life*" in the powerful large cities that control the small communities in *Juda* and *Israel* with *man-made "Laws"*!

The Prophecy:

The *Holy Prophet Micah* received this *Powerful* message of prophesy and visions in the *Sixth Century B.C.* from --- *Father God*.

The prophesy *Warning* of coming *Judgement* from *Yahweh* was "*Obediently*" delivered by *Micah* to both the Northern and Southern Kingdoms.

Juda and *Israel* are warned that their "*Unrepentant*" *sinful activities* will bring down on the *Hebrew people* the "*Righteous*" *Painful Judgement* of --- *Yahweh!*

The "*Prophet of Almighty God*" *Micah* calls on the *Hebrew* priests and governmental leaders of both *sinful* kingdoms *Juda* and *Israel* to "*Repent*"!

The *Hebrew people* were instructed that after they "*Repent*" (turn away from a life of sin) they must "*Pray*" and "*Plead*" to *Yahweh* for *His Forgiveness!*

The prophet *Micah* understands the "*Power*" of the *Devastating* storm of "*Righteous Judgement*" that will be delivered *without mercy* to the "*Children of Abraham*"!

The *Prophet Micah* also knows *Father God's Judgement* must "*Rain Down*" on the *Just* and *Unjust* --- *Equally*.

Micah was given this *Warning* for the people of *Juda* and *Israel* to bring them to "*Repentance*",

this *prophetic teaching* was a “*Loving*” warning from “*The Originator of All Love*” --- *Yahweh*. The prophesy of *Micah* is a foretelling and documentation of the *Devastating “Frightening”* soon to come --- “*Righteous Judgement*” of *Father God*!

Our *Heavenly Father* Always Warns “*sinner*” before *He* punishes them, *Father God* does not enjoy punishing --- *His Children*!

After receiving *Yahweh’s* warning of “*Coming Judgement*” *Micah* deeply feels the *pain* of knowing that all the *Jews* young old and innocent along with the *guilty* will be held “*Responsible*” for *Israel’s* and *Juda’s* --- *Unrepentant Sin*!

This *Righteous Judgement* is for the entire world the “*Observable Proof*” of the *Undeniable Power* of *Yahweh* the --- “*Sinless God*”!

The *Hebrew* people will after *Yahweh’s* *Judgement* fully understand and feel the *Deep Sorrow Pain* and the *High Cost* of their nations --- *Unrepentant Sin*!

This *Powerful Frightening* time of *Judgement* will come to “*The Chosen People*” only after *Yahweh* uses His “*Holy Prophets*” again and again to offer *Juda* and *Israel* an opportunity to “*Repent*” and “*Turn Away*” from their *sins*.

Repentance can end *Juda’s* and *Israel’s* “*Painful Judgement*” which was the “*Cost*” for living the lifestyle of a “*Spiritually*” *Adulterous Prostitute*, they are the *Unfaithful bride*!

This *Unfaithfulness* was *underwritten* by the *sin* of worshipping “*false gods*” and ignoring *God’s* *Holy Laws*.

After this *painful period* of *Judgement* and *Punishment* will come a time of --- “*Spiritual*” and *Physical Renewal*!

A protected “*Remnant*” a (Seed Crop) of *Yahweh’s* “*Chosen People*” the “*Hebrew’s* will be “*Restored*” and “*Returned*” to sprout and grow strong in --- *The Land of Promise*!

When the *Return* and *Restoration* of *Yahweh’s* *Chosen People* is complete this *Remnant* “*The Children of Abraham*” will *Repent* and “*Accept*” *The LORD*, *Jesus Christ* as their “*Messiah*” and their *sins* will be --- *Forgiven*!

This *Glorious* time of *Physical* and “*Spiritual*” *Renewal* and “*Restoration*” will be the *Undeniable Living Proof* to all the world that the *Hebrew People* were and are *Yahweh’s* --- “*Special Chosen People*”!

Micah 1:1–16 (NLT)

The Impending Doom of Samaria and Jerusalem!

The LORD gave this message to *Micah* of *Moresbeth* during the years when *Jotham*, *Ahaz*, and *Hezekiah* were kings of *Judah*. The visions he saw concerned both *Samaria* and *Jerusalem*.

Grief over Samaria and Jerusalem

² *Attention! Let all the people of the world listen!*

Let the earth and everything in it hear.

The Sovereign LORD is making accusations against you;

the Lord speaks from his holy Temple.

³ *Look! The LORD* is coming!

He leaves his throne in heaven

and tramples the heights of the earth.

⁴ *The mountains* melt beneath his feet

*and flow into the valleys
like wax in a fire,
like water pouring down a hill.*

⁵ *And why is this happening?
Because of the rebellion of Israel—
yes, the sins of the whole nation.
Who is to blame for Israel's rebellion?
Samaria, its capital city!
Where is the center of idolatry in Judah?
In Jerusalem, its capital!*

⁶ *“So I, the LORD, will make the city of Samaria
a heap of ruins.
Her streets will be plowed up
for planting vineyards.
I will roll the stones of her walls into the valley below,
exposing her foundations.*

⁷ *All her carved images will be smashed.
All her sacred treasures will be burned.
These things were bought with the money
earned by her prostitution,
and they will now be carried away
to pay prostitutes elsewhere.”*

⁸ *Therefore, I will mourn and lament.
I will walk around barefoot and naked.
I will howl like a jackal
and moan like an owl.*

⁹ *For my people's wound
is too deep to heal.
It has reached into Judah,
even to the gates of Jerusalem.*

¹⁰ *Don't tell our enemies in Gath;
don't weep at all.
You people in Beth-leaphrah,
roll in the dust to show your despair.*

¹¹ *You people in Shaphir,
go as captives into exile—naked and ashamed.
The people of Zaanan
dare not come outside their walls.
The people of Beth-ezel mourn,
for their house has no support.*

¹² *The people of Maroth anxiously wait for relief,
but only bitterness awaits them*

*as the LORD's judgment reaches
even to the gates of Jerusalem.*

¹³ *Harness your chariot horses and flee,
you people of Lachish.*

*You were the first city in Judah
to follow Israel in her rebellion,
and you led Jerusalem into sin.*

¹⁴ *Send farewell gifts to Moresheth-gath;
there is no hope of saving it.*

*The town of Aczib
has deceived the kings of Israel.*

¹⁵ *O people of Mareshah,
I will bring a conqueror to capture your town.*

*And the leaders of Israel
will go to Adullam.*

¹⁶ *Oh, people of Judah, shave your heads in sorrow,
for the children you love will be snatched away.
Make yourselves as bald as a vulture,
for your little ones will be exiled to distant lands.*

Comments on Micah 1:1-16 (NLT)

Let All the World Listen!

The first part of this prophecy and the "Warning" that it contains is intended for all the *Unrepentant sinful* people of the world *Jew and Gentile*.

This "Warning" prophesy is also intended to be "Corrective" Instruction for all mankind in *future* periods of time.

The "Mighty Power" of *Yahweh* will deliver *His Righteous Punishment* to anyone who uses their position of *Power and Privilege* to "Abuse" their fellow man or "Blatantly" *Disobey* the "Commandments" of --- *Father God!*

The prophet *Micah* warns that *Yahweh* will "Destroy" *Israel and Juda* for the *sinful* actions of the *Hebrew* religious leaders' *false prophets* and powerful rich merchants who *misled* the *Hebrew* people and controlled the capital cities of both *sinful* kingdoms.

Isaiah 9:11–16 (NLT)

The LORD's Anger against Israel

¹¹ *But the LORD will bring Rezin's enemies against Israel
and stir up all their foes.*

¹² *The Syrians from the east and the Philistines from the west
will bare their fangs and devour Israel.*

*But even then the LORD's anger will not be satisfied.
His fist is still poised to strike.*

¹³ *For after all this punishment, the people will still not repent.*

They will not seek the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

¹⁴ *Therefore, in a single day the LORD will destroy both the head and the tail,
the noble palm branch and the lowly reed.*

¹⁵ *The leaders of Israel are the head,
and the lying prophets are the tail.*

¹⁶ *For the leaders of the people have misled them.
They have led them down the path of destruction.*

The names of the towns and cities mentioned *Chapter#1 1:10-15* are a typical example of "Hebrew parallelism" where a Hebrew name for the location sounds or is pronounced like a word with a much different meaning.

As "Gath" which can be the word that sounds like or means "weeping" - "weep not in weep town" or "the house of Achzib" which can be pronounced as "the house of lies".

This type of word comparison or contrast was a common Hebrew language pattern in the times of the *Old Testament* it was used to make a point and bring out a line of thought.

The "Truth" found in the prophet's powerful words was truly clear to the Hebrew speaking people of *Juda* and *Israel*.

As the prophet *Micah* spoke the words of prophesy to the Hebrew people the ones who would listen understood that the "Price" for their "Transgressions" would be --- *Disastrous!*

This frightening and painful time of *Judgement* is the direct result of the sinful Hebrew people not "Knowing" who *Yahweh* is and not --- "Fearing Him"!

The Hebrew people in *Juda* and *Israel* have proven this lack of "Fear" by not showing *The LORD God* the required "Obedience" and "Respect".

The sinful people of *Juda* and *Israel* openly demonstrate their lack of *Obedience* and *Respect* with acts of "Spiritual" Prostitution, the Continuous Unrepentant Idol worship of false gods supported with Unlimited Greed for material wealth and physical pleasure.

Isaiah 1:15-17 (NLT)

Yahweh will not listen!

¹⁵ *When you lift up your hands in prayer, I will not look.*

Though you offer many prayers, I will not listen,

for your hands are covered with the blood of innocent victims.

¹⁶ *Wash yourselves and be clean!*

Get your sins out of my sight.

Give up your evil ways.

¹⁷ *Learn to do good.*

Seek justice.

Help the oppressed.

Defend the cause of orphans.

Fight for the rights of widows.

Isaiah 5:13 (NLT)

The Rain of Judgement will Fall on the Great and the Common!

¹³ *So my people will go into exile far away*

because they do not know me.

Those who are great and honored will starve,

and the common people will die of thirst.

Even if *Micah* understands the sinful “*True Cause*” of *Yahweh’s* “*Righteous Judgment*”, the prophet cannot help *feeling* the approaching *pain* of the *common citizens* who live in the small villages and towns of *Juda* and *Israel*.

The *prophet Micah* can see that the “*Spiritual*” *Adultery* and *physical wounds* caused by the actions of “*Unrepentant*” *sinful priest’s* and “*False Prophets*” (the powerful Hebrew governmental leaders) are much too *Deeply Infected* and *Serious* to heal.

All the *Hebrew people great and small* living in *Juda* and *Israel* will be forcibly *Removed* from their “*Comfort-Zone*” then they will be *violently consumed* by *Father God’s* “*Destructive*” *Righteous Judgment!*

Micah 2:1–5 (NLT)

Judgment against Wealthy Oppressors

¹ *What sorrow awaits you who lie awake at night,
thinking up evil plans.*

*You rise at dawn and hurry to carry them out,
simply because you have the power to do so.*

² *When you want a piece of land,
you find a way to seize it.*

*When you want someone’s house,
you take it by fraud and violence.*

*You cheat a man of his property,
stealing his family’s inheritance.*

³ *But this is what the LORD says:
“I will reward your evil with evil;
you won’t be able to pull your neck out of the noose.
You will no longer walk around proudly,
for it will be a terrible time.”*

⁴ *In that day your enemies will make fun of you
by singing this song of despair about you:
“We are finished,
completely ruined!
God has confiscated our land,
taking it from us.
He has given our fields
to those who betrayed us.”*

⁵ *Others will set your boundaries then,
and the LORD's people will have no say
in how the land is divided.*

Comments on Micah 2:1-5

A *Painful* and "*Eternal*" *Price* will always be the high "*Cost*" for anyone thinking that committing *evil sinful acts* against their brothers and sisters (who they should protect) to gain *material wealth* is a "*Secret*" only the *sinner* will know about.

This kind of *weak-minded* thinking is the thought process of a *mindless "Fool"* who thinks their actions will not be *observed* by "*The All-knowing*" --- *LORD, God!*

All the *material wealth* and land that was *unlawfully stolen* by the *sinful Hebrew* religious and "*Greed*" *Motivated* governmental leaders will be violently taken away from them by the "*Punishing Rod*" of *Yahweh* --- *The Pagan Gentile Invaders*.

Isaiah 1:30–31 (NLT)

The Fire of Yahweh's Judgement!

³⁰ *You will be like a great tree with withered leaves,
like a garden without water.*

³¹ *The strongest among you will disappear like straw;
their evil deeds will be the spark that sets it on fire.
They and their evil works will burn up together,
and no one will be able to put out the fire.*

Micah 2:6–11 (NLT)

True and False Prophets!

⁶ *"Don't say such things,"
the people respond.*

*"Don't prophesy like that.
Such disasters will never come our way!"*

⁷ *Should you talk that way, O family of Israel?
Will the LORD's Spirit have patience with such behavior?
If you would do what is right,
you would find my words comforting.*

⁸ *Yet to this very hour
my people rise against me like an enemy!
You steal the shirts right off the backs
of those who trusted you,
making them as ragged as men
returning from battle.*

⁹ *You have evicted women from their pleasant homes*

and forever stripped their children of all that God would give them.

¹⁰ *Up! Begone!*

*This is no longer your land and home,
for you have filled it with sin
and ruined it completely.*

¹¹ *Suppose a prophet full of lies would say to you,*

“I’ll preach to you the joys of wine and alcohol!”

That’s just the kind of prophet you would like!

Comments on Micah 2:6-11

Regretfully as in the recorded history of the other *Holy Prophets* provided by *Father God*, *Micah’s “Warning”* of coming *Judgement* is not received by the people of *Juda* and *Israel* with a *spirit* of *“Contrition”* (The act of feeling true sorrow and remorse) or *“Repentance”* (The act of turning away from a life of unrepentant sin).

The Hebrew peoples *“Arrogant Attitude”* of not wanting to *hear* or *listen* to the *God Spoken “Truth”* is as common today among both *Jews* and *Gentiles* as it was in the time of the *Prophet Micah*.

The *“Evangelist” Christian* of today who teaches *“Repentance”* and *“The Fear of The LORD”* is called *“Judgmental” Hate Filled* and *Old Fashioned*, the educated *High-Thinking* people of our modern time are above this *“Outdated”* line of thought.

All *“Unrepentant” sinners* now and then want to be handled with *“kid gloves”* and told that their *sin* is *“not all that bad”*, and everything will be -- *“Ok”!*

All *Unrepentant Sinful people* want someone who will be their sympathetic *drinking buddy*, not their *Sinless “LORD”, God and Righteous Judge!*

2 Peter 2:1–3 (NLT)

The Danger of False Teachers!

But there were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will cleverly teach destructive heresies and even deny the Master who bought them. In this way, they will bring sudden destruction on themselves.

² *Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of these teachers, the way of truth will be slandered. ³ In their greed they will make up clever lies to get hold of your money. But God condemned them long ago, and their destruction will not be delayed.*

Micah 2:12–13 (NLT)

Hope for Restoration

¹² *“Someday, O Israel, I will gather you;*

I will gather the remnant who are left.

I will bring you together again like sheep in a pen,

like a flock in its pasture.
Yes, your land will again
be filled with noisy crowds!
¹³ *Your leader will break out*
and lead you out of exile,
out through the gates of the enemy cities,
back to your own land.
Your king will lead you;
the LORD himself will guide you."

Comments on Micah 2:12-13

The "Remnant" mentioned in Chapter #2 are the Hebrews who were scattered to all points of the earth, the "Sheep" are the Hebrews who "Accept" Jesus Christ as their "Messiah" they will all be Gathered by "The Shepherd" (Jesus Christ) and "Returned" to --- The Land of Promise! This section of the prophesy of Micah contains the Eternal Promise of Yahweh to "Protect" His "Chosen People" when His Righteous Judgement is complete.

Father God will after His final time of "Correction" live in "Peace" with His People "His Church" in their "Eternal Home" --- The New Jerusalem.

This Holy Covenant of Protection and Provision Father God made with the Jews is found throughout the Old Testament and New Testament, Father God is always "True" to His word. This final "Return" and "Restoration" of the Hebrew people was started in the year 1948 A.D. when the Nation State of Israel was established in its home --- "The Land of Covenant Promise"!

Micah 3:1–12 (NLT)

Judgment against Israel's Leaders

¹ *I said, "Listen, you leaders of Israel!*
You are supposed to know right from wrong,
² *but you are the very ones*
who hate good and love evil.
You skin my people alive
and tear the flesh from their bones.
³ *Yes, you eat my people's flesh,*
strip off their skin,
and break their bones.
You chop them up
like meat for the cooking pot.
⁴ *Then you beg the LORD for help in times of trouble!*
Do you really expect him to answer?
After all the evil you have done,
he won't even look at you!"
⁵ *This is what the LORD says:*

*"You false prophets are leading my people astray!
 You promise peace for those who give you food,
 but you declare war on those who refuse to feed you.
⁶ Now the night will close around you,
 cutting off all your visions.
 Darkness will cover you,
 putting an end to your predictions.
 The sun will set for you prophets,
 and your day will come to an end.
⁷ Then you seers will be put to shame,
 and you fortune-tellers will be disgraced.
 And you will cover your faces
 because there is no answer from God."*

*⁸ But as for me, I am filled with power—
 with the Spirit of the LORD.
 I am filled with justice and strength
 to boldly declare Israel's sin and rebellion.
⁹ Listen to me, you leaders of Israel!
 You hate justice and twist all that is right.
¹⁰ You are building Jerusalem
 on a foundation of murder and corruption.
¹¹ You rulers make decisions based on bribes;
 you priests teach God's laws only for a price;
 you prophets won't prophesy unless you are paid.
 Yet all of you claim to depend on the LORD.
 "No harm can come to us," you say,
 "for the LORD is here among us."
¹² Because of you, Mount Zion will be plowed like an open field;
 Jerusalem will be reduced to ruins!
 A thicket will grow on the heights
 where the Temple now stands.*

Comments on Micah 3:1-12

Judgement against Israel's Leaders!

With this section of prophesy the prophet *Micah* "Exposes" the *Religious Leaders* "False Prophets" and *Governmental Leaders* of Israel for the "Two Faced" *Hypocritical Liars* that they are.

The *fat rich* and *lazy Hebrew* leaders live a *sinful life* where they "Hate" good and "Love" evil! The *sinful Hebrew* leaders have been *Abusing* and *Harming* the *Hebrew* people they were appointed by "Father God" to *Defend* and *Protect!*

When the "*Hypocritical Liars*" finally open their eyes and find that they are in times of danger

and approaching *Destruction* they “*Foolishly*” expect *The LORD, God Yahweh* to come to their rescue.

The ill-informed *sinful* Hebrews were now being educated by the spoken words of the *prophet Micah*; They are told that *Yahweh the God* they do not *Respect*, or *Fear* will not hear their *Prayers* or *Calls* for help.

The “*Unrepentant*” Hebrew *sinner*s do not understand *Yahweh* is a “*Sinless God*” He will not even look at them, their *Unrepentant sin* has “*Excluded*” them from *Yahweh’s --- Protection!* *The LORD, Yahweh* calls the *Hebrew leaders* “*False Prophets*” who are leading His “*Chosen People*” astray, they are now all on the *one-way road to Destruction and Enslavement!*

Isaiah 2:8–10 (NLT)

A Warning of Judgement!

⁸ *Their land is full of idols;*

*the people worship things they have made
with their own hands.*

⁹ *So now they will be humbled,
and all will be brought low—
do not forgive them.*

¹⁰ *Crawl into caves in the rocks.*

Hide in the dust

from the terror of the LORD

and the glory of his majesty.

Father God will send only “*Darkness*” and “*Silence*” to the *sinful* Hebrew “*Fortune-Tellers*” and “*False Prophets*” all their “*false promises*” of *Peace* and *Prosperity* will bring the *Hebrew people* painful “*War*” and “*Famine*”!

The “*Remnant*” of the *Hebrew people* will find that after they are taken into captivity as *slaves*, they will have to endure *400 painful years of silence* where they will have no “*Holy Prophets*” from *Yahweh* to bring them instruction or help.

Genesis 15:12–14 (NLT)

Abraham Is Given A Look at The Future

¹² *As the sun was going down, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a terrifying darkness came down over him. ¹³ Then the LORD said to Abram, “You can be sure that your descendants will be strangers in a foreign land, where they will be oppressed as slaves for 400 years. ¹⁴ But I will punish the nation that enslaves them, and in the end they will come away with great wealth.*

In *Chapter #3:8-12* the prophet *Micah* who is *Filled* with the *Wisdom* and “*Power*” of “*The Holy Spirit*” is speaking with *Justice* and *Strength* to declare and *Expose* the *sinful* “*Spiritually*” *Adulterous* acts of the *Hebrew Leaders of Israel and Juda*.

The prophet tells the *Hebrew leaders of Israel* that they have constructed the “*Foundations*” of *Jerusalem* on “*Murder*” and “*Corruption*” by twisting the *laws of man and God* to gain personal *material wealth* and *power*.

The *corrupt Hebrew* religious leaders have *sinfully* charged their flocks money to teach an

incorrect interpretation, a perversion of *Yahweh's Holy Law* and then provide them worthless --
- *False Prophecy!*

The *sinful Hebrew priests* who are "*False Prophets*" lie and tell the people of *Juda* and *Israel* that they can depend on the *Protection* and *Provision* of *Yahweh*, *falsely* telling the *Hebrew people* that *Father God* is there "*With Them*" in *Juda* and *Israel*.

Isaiah 5:6–7 (NLT)

The LORD's Vineyard

⁶ *I will make it a wild place*

*where the vines are not pruned and the ground is not hoed,
a place overgrown with briars and thorns.*

I will command the clouds

to drop no rain on it.

⁷ *The nation of Israel is the vineyard of the LORD of Heaven's Armies.*

The people of Judah are his pleasant garden.

He expected a crop of justice,

but instead he found oppression.

He expected to find righteousness,

but instead he heard cries of violence.

The "*Sad Truth*" and painful reality is that the *Hebrew Religious Leaders* of *Juda* and *Israel* do not even "*Know*" who *Yahweh* is or how "*Deeply*" they have "*Offended*" *Father God* with their *Unrepentant sinful "Spiritually" Adulterous* lifestyle.

The prophet explains that because of the *Hebrew leader's "Unrepentant" sins* *Mount Zion* will be *plowed* like an open field, *Jerusalem* will be ---*Reduced to Ruins!*

Thorn bushes and *weeds* will cover the ground where the *Temple* once stood, "*The Glory*" of "*The LORD, God*" will no longer be in --- *Jerusalem!*

Micah 4:1–5 (NLT)

The LORD's Future Reign!

¹ *In the last days, the mountain of the LORD's house*

will be the highest of all—

the most important place on earth.

It will be raised above the other hills,

and people from all over the world will stream there to worship.

² *People from many nations will come and say,*

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of Jacob's God.

There he will teach us his ways,

and we will walk in his paths."

For the LORD's teaching will go out from Zion;

his word will go out from Jerusalem.

³ *The LORD will mediate between peoples*

*and will settle disputes between strong nations far away.
They will hammer their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will no longer fight against nation,
nor train for war anymore.*

⁴ *Everyone will live in peace and prosperity,
enjoying their own grapevines and fig trees,
for there will be nothing to fear.*

*The LORD of Heaven's Armies
has made this promise!*

⁵ *Though the nations around us follow their idols,
we will follow the LORD our God forever and ever.*

Jeremiah 3:11–18 (NLT)

Hope for Wayward Israel

¹¹ *Then the LORD said to me, "Even faithless Israel is less guilty than treacherous Judah!*

¹² *Therefore, go and give this message to Israel. This is what the LORD says:*

*"O Israel, my faithless people,
come home to me again,
for I am merciful.*

I will not be angry with you forever.

¹³ *Only acknowledge your guilt.*

*Admit that you rebelled against the LORD your God
and committed adultery against him
by worshiping idols under every green tree.*

Confess that you refused to listen to my voice.

I, the LORD, have spoken!

¹⁴ *"Return home, you wayward children,"
says the LORD,*

"for I am your master.

*I will bring you back to the land of Israel—
one from this town and two from that family—
from wherever you are scattered.*

¹⁵ *And I will give you shepherds after my own heart,
who will guide you with knowledge and understanding.*

¹⁶ *"And when your land is once more filled with people," says the LORD, "you will no longer wish for 'the good old days' when you possessed the Ark of the LORD's Covenant. You will not miss those days or even remember them, and there will be no need to rebuild the Ark. ¹⁷ In that day Jerusalem will be known as 'The Throne of the LORD.' All nations will come there to honor the LORD. They will no longer stubbornly follow their own evil desires. ¹⁸ In those days the people*

of Judah and Israel will return together from exile in the north. They will return to the land I gave your ancestors as an inheritance forever.

Comments on *Micah 4:1-5*

The prophets *Jeremiah* and *Micah* both provide “*Hope*” to all who will read their *comforting* prophesy of “*Eternal*” *Protection and Provision from Father God*.

This “*Hope*” is recorded with *Yahweh’s* spoken “*Guarantee*” of the *Restoration of His “Chosen People”* in their --- *Land of Promise*.

This future “*Rebuilding*” of *The House of Jacob’s God* where the nations of the world will all come to worship “*The One True God*” will be the time when “*True Peace*” will flow out from *Yahweh’s* --- *Holy Mountain!*

This flow of “*Peace*” is found in the words of *Wisdom and Instruction* provided as the *LORD, Jesus Christ “Mediates”* (The one who can bring understanding and a resolution to a problem) by providing *His Loving* but firm *Correction* to end all conflicts and war.

This future time will be a time when the *Hebrew people* will not be *misled* by “*False Prophets*” or place their *Trust and Faith* in *worldly material objects*, they will “*Trust*” only *The LORD, Jesus Christ!*

As *modern-day* readers of this prophesy we should also find “*Peace*” and “*Comfort*” by looking forward in time to “*The Last Days*” when all the world will follow *Jesus Christ* as their “*LORD*” by not trusting in our *worldly material things* --- “*Idols*”!

Micah 4:5 (NLT)

*⁵ Though the nations around us follow their idols,
we will follow the LORD our God forever and ever.*

In *verse #5* the prophet *Micah* underlines the “*Vital Requirement*” for all *True Believers*, they must follow *The One and Only True God, “Yahweh”* and not to follow “*Idols*” or “*false gods*” as the *sinful Pagan nations* do.

Micah 4:6–13 (NLT)

Israel’s Return from Exile

*⁶ “In that coming day,” says the LORD,
“I will gather together those who are lame,
those who have been exiles,
and those whom I have filled with grief.*

*⁷ Those who are weak will survive as a remnant;
those who were exiles will become a strong nation.*

*Then I, the LORD, will rule from Jerusalem
as their king forever.”*

*⁸ As for you, Jerusalem,
the citadel of God’s people,
your royal might and power
will come back to you again.*

*The kingship will be restored
to my precious Jerusalem.*

⁹ *But why are you now screaming in terror?
Have you no king to lead you?
Have your wise people all died?
Pain has gripped you like a woman in childbirth.*

¹⁰ *Writhe and groan like a woman in labor,
you people of Jerusalem,
for now you must leave this city
to live in the open country.
You will soon be sent in exile
to distant Babylon.
But the LORD will rescue you there;
he will redeem you from the grip of your enemies.*

¹¹ *Now many nations have gathered against you.
“Let her be desecrated,” they say.
“Let us see the destruction of Jerusalem.”*

¹² *But they do not know the LORD’s thoughts
or understand his plan.
These nations don’t know
that he is gathering them together
to be beaten and trampled
like sheaves of grain on a threshing floor.*

¹³ *“Rise up and crush the nations, O Jerusalem!”
says the LORD.
“For I will give you iron horns and bronze hooves,
so you can trample many nations to pieces.
You will present their stolen riches to the LORD,
their wealth to the Lord of all the earth.”*

Comments on Micah 4: 6-13

In this part of the prophesy *Yahweh* tells the *Hebrews* who have become *helpless slaves*, exiles *weak* and *lame* that they will be the “*Remnant*” that *He* will make “*Strong*” and use them to “*Rebuild*” *The Land of Promise* as a --- *Great Nation!*

It will be a *Great Nation* where *The LORD*, “*Jesus Christ*” will rule from *Jerusalem* as *The Chosen People’s “King” Forever!*

When *Jesus Christ* sits on *His* throne as *King* in *Jerusalem* it will be “*The Power Center*” of *Yahweh’s* people.

The *Wise* and *All-powerful* *Yahweh* then asks the *Hebrew* people a question that *He* already knows the answer for.

The “*All Knowing*” *Yahweh* asks why are *Father God’s “Chosen People”* the *Hebrews* crying out in *pain* and *despair*?

Yahweh knows the *Hebrew people* have no “*True King*” to lead them and give them *comfort* because they have listened to “*False Prophets*” turned away from their “*Required*” worship of *Yahweh* the *LORD King*, and *sinfully* worshiped *pagan gods* and *idols*.

The *sinful Hebrew people* have become the “*Unfaithful*” *Wife* who is pregnant with the child of their *Foolish sin*, now they must endure *the pain* of its --- *Bloody Birth!*

They will all know the *undeniable pain* of *Death* or *Enslavement* after being *forced* into a life of “*Exile*” under the whips and chains of the *Babylonians*, this will be the *high cost* for *Failure* to follow “*The Holy laws*” of *Yahweh!*

Amos 3:1–2 (NLT)

The Cost of Sin!

Listen to this message that the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel—against the entire family I rescued from Egypt:

² *“From among all the families on the earth,
I have been intimate with you alone.
That is why I must punish you
for all your sins.”*

Then at the end of this *Painfully Bloody* time of *Righteous Judgement* and *Punishment* *Father God* will call the chosen “*Remnant*” out of the --- *Wilderness of Exile*.

Hebrews 12:5–11 (NLT)

The Lord Disciplines Those He Loves!

So That We May Share in His Holiness!

⁵ *And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said,*

*“My child, don’t make light of the LORD’s discipline,
and don’t give up when he corrects you.*

⁶ *For the LORD disciplines those he loves,
and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.”*

⁷ *As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? ⁸ If God doesn’t discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all.*

⁹ *Since we respected our earthly fathers who disciplined us, shouldn’t we submit even more to the discipline of the Father of our spirits, and live forever?*

¹⁰ *For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God’s discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it’s painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.*

The *Pagan Gentile* enemies of the *Hebrew people* want this period of *Judgement* to be a time of “*Total Disgrace*” that will bring about the *Destruction* of *Yahweh’s Chosen People!*

The *Truth* about this *painful Judgement* is that *Father God* has used this “*Thrashing*” *Judgement*

to clean and remove the *chaff* and *weeds* from the --- “*Good Gain*”!

This handpicked “*Seed Crop*” will be used by *Yahweh* as the *living part* of *His Eternal Plan* to “*Restore*” the *Chosen People* so that they will bring *Yahweh* “*Total Victory*” and “*All*” --- *The Glory*!

Micah 5:1–6 (NLT)

¹ *Mobilize! Marshal your troops!*
The enemy is laying siege to Jerusalem.
They will strike Israel’s leader
in the face with a rod.

A Ruler from Bethlehem

² *But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,*
are only a small village among all the people of Judah.
Yet a ruler of Israel
whose origins are in the distant past,
will come from you on my behalf.

³ *The people of Israel will be abandoned to their enemies*
until the woman in labor gives birth.
Then at last his fellow countrymen
will return from exile to their own land.

⁴ *And he will stand to lead his flock with the LORD’s strength,*
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
Then his people will live there undisturbed,
for he will be highly honored around the world.

⁵ *And he will be the source of peace.*
When the Assyrians invade our land
and break through our defenses,
we will appoint seven rulers to watch over us,
eight princes to lead us.

⁶ *They will rule Assyria with drawn swords*
and enter the gates of the land of Nimrod.
He will rescue us from the Assyrians
when they pour over the borders to invade our land.

Luke 2:8–11 (NLT)

Don’t Be Afraid!

The Shepherds and Angels

⁸ *That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.*

⁹ *Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were terrified,* ¹⁰ *but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.* ¹¹ *The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!*

Comments on Micah 5:1-6

The *sinful* and "*Adulterous*" Hebrew leaders of *Juda* and *Israel* will be *Struck Down* by blows from their enemy's *Iron Rods*, but the *sinful* Hebrew leaders are not the "*Final*" or "*True*" LORD, and *Ruler* of "*The Chosen People*" and *Israel*.

The *Correctness* and *Trustworthiness* of the *Holy Bible* is proven by *Micah's* prophesy *Seven Hundred Years* before the birth of "*The LORD*" *Jesus Christ* in the small *Hebrew village* of *Bethlehem*.

The *Old Testament* prophesy of *Micah* explains years before this *Glorious Event* that the "*Ruler of Israel*" *The Messiah* *The LORD*, *Jesus Christ* will come from *Bethlehem*.

This *Glorious Birth Event* will be the start of *Jesus Christ's* first appearance on this earth as "*The Lamb of God*" "*The Word of God*"--- *Made Flesh!*

Now because the *Hebrew* people have "*Abandoned*" *Yahweh* He must now teach "*The Chosen People*" how it *truly feels* to be *homeless orphans* without the *Protection* and *Provision* of --- *Father God!*

Then after more than *Two Thousand Years* of time with the *Jew's* scattered to the far corners of the earth they will "*Return*" home in the year *1948 A.D.* when *The Nation of Israel* is *Reestablished* "*Reborn*" as the "*Promised Homeland*" of the *Hebrew* people.

At some *unknown* future time, the *final* "*Remnant*" of the *Chosen People* will in the "*Final Days*" be *exiled* from *Israel* for three and a half years until the *Glorious Return* of "*The Lion of Juda*" *The LORD*, *Jesus Christ!*

The Prince of Peace will "*Lead His flock back to Israel with The LORD's Strength*" and *Protect* them from their former enemies, "*The Lord of Heavens Armies*" will then *Destroy* all the *Hebrew* people's enemies.

In this *future time* all *The Chosen People* "*His Church*" (The *Believers* in *Jesus Christ* as their *LORD*, and *Savior*) will live in *Peace* and *Safety* for --- *One Thousand Years*.

*Micah 5:7-15 (NLT)**The Remnant Purified*

⁷ *Then the remnant left in Israel*
will take their place among the nations.

They will be like dew sent by the LORD
or like rain falling on the grass,
which no one can hold back
and no one can restrain.

⁸ *The remnant left in Israel*
will take their place among the nations.
They will be like a lion among the animals of the forest,
like a strong young lion among flocks of sheep and goats,
pouncing and tearing as they go
with no rescuer in sight.

⁹ *The people of Israel will stand up to their foes,*

and all their enemies will be wiped out.

¹⁰ *"In that day," says the LORD,*

*"I will slaughter your horses
and destroy your chariots.*

¹¹ *I will tear down your walls
and demolish your defenses.*

¹² *I will put an end to all witchcraft,
and there will be no more fortune-tellers.*

¹³ *I will destroy all your idols and sacred pillars,
so you will never again worship the work of your own hands.*

¹⁴ *I will abolish your idol shrines with their Asherah poles
and destroy your pagan cities.*

¹⁵ *I will pour out my vengeance
on all the nations that refuse to obey me."*

Comments on Micah 5:7-15

In *Chapter #5* the *Holy Prophet of God Micah* is given a *prophetic* look ahead in time, where he is looking at two different time periods.

The first time period will be the "Return" and "Rebirth" of the *Nation of Israel* as a sovereign *Nation State* in the year 1948 A.D.

This date in time 1948 A.D. will mark the "Return" of the "Remnant" of *Yahweh's "Chosen People"* to *The Promised Land --- The Nation of Israel!*

This "*Glorious Return*" will be unstoppable as --- *The Dawning of a New Day!*

Today the whole world can see that *Father God* has *Defended Israel* the "*Promised Land*" and *Defeated* all their enemies that set out to stop the *Return* of *Yahweh's "Chosen People"* to "*The Land of Promise*"!

Ezekiel 20:40-44 (NLT)

Yahweh's Oath to the Ancestors!

⁴⁰ *For on my holy mountain, the great mountain of Israel, says the Sovereign LORD, the people of Israel will someday worship me, and I will accept them. There I will require that you bring me all your offerings and choice gifts and sacrifices. ⁴¹ When I bring you home from exile, you will be like a pleasing sacrifice to me. And I will display my holiness through you as all the nations watch.*

⁴² *Then when I have brought you home to the land I promised with a solemn oath to give to your ancestors, you will know that I am the LORD. ⁴³ You will look back on all the ways you defiled yourselves and will hate yourselves because of the evil you have done.*

⁴⁴ *You will know that I am the LORD, O people of Israel, when I have honored my name by treating you mercifully in spite of your wickedness. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!"*

The second and "possibly" soon to come period in time will be the "*The Revelation*" (The Return to the world) of *Jesus Christ* as the "*Lion of Juda*"!

Jesus Christ will with His unstoppable "Power" destroy with Fire all who "Deny" that Jesus Christ is "LORD" and Refuse to Obey "The Holy Law" of --- Yahweh!

Psalm 97:1–7 (NLT)

The Fire of The LORD!

¹ The LORD is king!

Let the earth rejoice!

Let the farthest coastlands be glad.

² Dark clouds surround him.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

³ Fire spreads ahead of him

and burns up all his foes.

⁴ His lightning flashes out across the world.

The earth sees and trembles.

⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,

before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness;

every nation sees his glory.

⁷ Those who worship idols are disgraced—

all who brag about their worthless gods—

for every god must bow to him.

This "Cleansing Fire" of Father God's Judgement will "Destroy" all the nations, people false gods and "Idols" (Physical Things) that sinful mankind has formed with their own hands and placed above the "LORD, God" --- Most High!

Israel will be the Eternal home of the Hebrew people and the Eternal Kingdom of The LORD, Jesus Christ!

The Promised Land will be "Purified", all sin will be Removed with the Brightly Burning "Light" and "Fire" of Jesus Christ's Eternal --- Glory!

Micah 6:1–8 (NLT)

The LORD's Case against Israel

Listen to what the LORD is saying:

"Stand up and state your case against me.

Let the mountains and hills be called to witness your complaints.

² And now, O mountains,

listen to the LORD's complaint!

He has a case against his people.

He will bring charges against Israel.

³ "O my people, what have I done to you?

What have I done to make you tired of me?"

Answer me!

⁴ *For I brought you out of Egypt
and redeemed you from slavery.
I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to help you.*

⁵ *Don't you remember, my people,
how King Balak of Moab tried to have you cursed
and how Balaam son of Beor blessed you instead?
And remember your journey from Acacia Grove to Gilgal,
when I, the LORD, did everything I could
to teach you about my faithfulness."*

⁶ *What can we bring to the LORD?
Should we bring him burnt offerings?
Should we bow before God Most High
with offerings of yearling calves?*

⁷ *Should we offer him thousands of rams
and ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
Should we sacrifice our firstborn children
to pay for our sins?*

⁸ *No, O people, the LORD has told you what is good,
and this is what he requires of you:
to do what is right, to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God.*

Comments on Micah 6:1-8

This Chapter #6 is a listing of all the "Wonderful Blessings" Yahweh has Provided to His "Chosen People", contrasted by how "Quickly" the Hebrew people have Forgotten and Abused the God given Blessings.

Father God first tells the Hebrew people to "state their case" against Him, but they cannot provide an Explanation and remain silent.

Yahweh asks the Hebrew people what has He done to them to cause them to "grow tired of Him" and no longer "Worship" Him as their --- LORD?

Father God reminds the Hebrew people of how it was Him who "Redeemed" (Rescued) the Hebrews from Egypt when they were homeless slaves.

Yahweh again reminds His Chosen People that He has in the past Provided the Hebrew people Guidance and Wisdom from His "Faithful Servants", Moses Aron and Miriam.

The Hebrew people are told to Remember how when their pagan enemies tried to use Balaam the False Prophet to Curse them, they should stop and remember how Yahweh turned that intended "Curse" into a --- Blessing!

This false "Curses" would not work so Balaam being greedy wicked and sinful used Satan's favorite trick "The Deception of Flesh" in the Pagan "Acacia Meadows" of Gilgal.

It was in the Acacia Meadows that the Hebrew men engaged in "sexual" pagan worship of Baal by having sinful sex where they committed "Spiritual" Adultery with the Moabite women.

This act of *sinful "Spiritual" Adultery* by the Hebrew men at *Gilgal* was the start of a *long list of Foolish sinful actions that Tested the "Faithfulness" of Father God!*

It was at this point of *Total "Disobedience"* that *Yahweh* could have *Destroyed* all the *sinful Hebrews* and been *Totally and --- Legally Justified*.

Sadly, after this earlier *sinful time in Gilgal* the *Hebrews* have *continued to sinfully worship at Gilgal* worshiping *false gods and Idols* and other *worldly material things with burnt offerings*. Now *Yahweh* asks His *"Chosen People"* what can the *sinful Hebrews* bring *Him* to show their *"True" Faithfulness and "Devotion"* to --- *The LORD, GOD?*

Will the *Hebrews people* now offer the same *material worldly things* they offered to *pagan gods*; will they be *Foolish and sinfully* offer their own *children* as *"Burnt Offerings"* to *"Pay"* for their *sins?*

Father God tells the *"Very Forgetful" Hebrews "All" He has ever "Required" of His "Chosen People"* is for them to *"Obey" His Commandments "Love" their brothers and sisters* and live a life that is one of *Humility and Obedience* to their --- *Heavenly Father!*

Micah 6:9–16 (NLT)

Israel's Guilt and Punishment

⁹ *Fear the LORD if you are wise!*

His voice calls to everyone in Jerusalem:

*"The armies of destruction are coming;
the LORD is sending them.*

¹⁰ *What shall I say about the homes of the wicked
filled with treasures gained by cheating?*

*What about the disgusting practice
of measuring out grain with dishonest measures?*

¹¹ *How can I tolerate your merchants
who use dishonest scales and weights?*

¹² *The rich among you have become wealthy
through extortion and violence.*

*Your citizens are so used to lying
that their tongues can no longer tell the truth.*

¹³ *"Therefore, I will wound you!
I will bring you to ruin for all your sins.*

¹⁴ *You will eat but never have enough.
Your hunger pangs and emptiness will remain.*

*And though you try to save your money,
it will come to nothing in the end.*

*You will save a little,
but I will give it to those who conquer you.*

¹⁵ *You will plant crops
but not harvest them.*

*You will press your olives
but not get enough oil to anoint yourselves.*

*You will trample the grapes
but get no juice to make your wine.
16 You keep only the laws of evil King Omri;
you follow only the example of wicked King Ahab!
Therefore, I will make an example of you,
bringing you to complete ruin.
You will be treated with contempt,
mocked by all who see you."*

Comments on Micah 6:9-16

This last part of *Chapter #6* starts with *Yahweh* reminding the *Hebrew* people "*His Chosen People*" and "*All Men and Women*" in "*All Times*", those who will hear or read this prophesy that if they are "*Truly Wise*" they will "*Fear*" --- *The LORD, God!*

Proverbs 1:7 (NLT)

It Is Wise to Fear --- The LORD!

*⁷ Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and discipline.*

Father God informs the *sinful* and *wealthy Hebrew* People that *The Lord* is sending an army of "*Destruction*" to *Destroy* the homes and *material wealth* of the ---*Wicked!*

Yahweh lists all the *dishonest violent* and *sinful* methods the "*Disobedient*" *Hebrews* have used to gain *material worldly wealth*.

The *Hebrew* people's "*Sinless*" *Father God* also points out how the *Wealthy Hebrews* all tell *lies* with no *Remorse* or feelings of *guilt* and *shame*.

This approaching time of *Righteous Judgement* will bring the *loss* of all that the *wealthy Hebrews* have *gained* they will be forced to eat the *Fruit* of the --- "*Bitter Vine of Sin*"!

The *sinful Disobedient* "*Children of Abraham*" will become *slaves of the Babylonians* if they are spared by *Yahweh* and chosen to live through the *violent destruction* of their *material world*.

The *Dishonest sinful Hebrews* will be "*Ruined*" but not all the *Hebrew* people will *Die!*

A "*Remnant*" of *Hebrew slaves* will be *Protected* so that *Yahweh's* "*Chosen People*" will be "*Restored*" at a later time.

In the last verse of *Chapter #6* *Yahweh* tells the *Hebrew* People that they do not follow "*His Law*", they have *Foolishly* chosen to follow the "*man-made law*" and the *Foolish sinful* lifestyle of the "*Evil Kings*" --- *Omri* and *Ahab*.

This "*History*" of decent into a *sinful* and *Disobedient* way of life can be traced back to the first time the *Hebrew* people were "*Redeemed*" *Rescued* by *Yahweh* from *Egyptian Slavery*.

Regretfully with the passing of time the *Hebrew* people became even more *Foolishly materialistic* and openly *Objected* to being "*Ruled*" and "*Directed*" by --- *Yahweh*.

When *Samuel* became too old to lead the *Hebrew* people, the *Hebrew's* would not follow the leadership of his sons who were motivated by "*Greed*" and *Perverted Justice* with "*man-made*" *Laws*, that became *religious requirements*.

The *Confused Lost* and *sinful Hebrew* people wanted to be like their *Pagan* neighbors and have a “King” they “Choose”, not a normal man “Appointed” by Yahweh!

1 Samuel 8:1–9 (NLT)

Israel Requests a King

As Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons to be judges over Israel. ² Joel and Abijah, his oldest sons, held court in Beersheba. ³ But they were not like their father, for they were greedy for money. They accepted bribes and perverted justice.

⁴ Finally, all the elders of Israel met at Ramah to discuss the matter with Samuel. ⁵ “Look,” they told him, “you are now old, and your sons are not like you. Give us a king to judge us like all the other nations have.”

⁶ Samuel was displeased with their request and went to the LORD for guidance. ⁷ “Do everything they say to you,” the LORD replied, “for they are rejecting me, not you. They don’t want me to be their king any longer. ⁸ Ever since I brought them from Egypt they have continually abandoned me and followed other gods. And now they are giving you the same treatment. ⁹ Do as they ask, but solemnly warn them about the way a king will reign over them.”

King Omri is recorded in the *Holy Bible’s* history of “*The Kings*” of the *Hebrew* people as the “*Most Sinful*” of the *Hebrew Kings* who lived like a *Fool* and led the *Hebrews* into *sinful idol worship!*

1 Kings 16:25–26 (NLT)

The Sins of King Omri!

²⁵ But Omri did what was evil in the LORD’s sight, even more than any of the kings before him.

²⁶ He followed the example of Jeroboam son of Nebat in all the sins he had committed and led Israel to commit. The people provoked the anger of the LORD, the God of Israel, with their worthless idols.

It is also recorded in the history of the *Hebrew kings* that *King Ahab* was the *Richest* and most *Powerful Hebrew King*.

Then because of *king Ahab’s Wealth Greed* and *Pride* his wife *Jezebel* *sinfully* used the *king’s wealth* and *power* to murder a man and take that man’s vineyard, an incredibly beautiful vineyard that her husband *King Ahab* had *coveted!*

1 Kings 21:13–16 (NLT)

The Taking of Naboth’s Vineyard!

¹³ Then the two scoundrels came and sat down across from him. And they accused Naboth before all the people, saying, “He cursed God and the king.” So he was dragged outside the town and stoned to death. ¹⁴ The town leaders then sent word to Jezebel, “Naboth has been stoned to death.”

¹⁵ When Jezebel heard the news, she said to Ahab, "You know the vineyard Naboth wouldn't sell you? Well, you can have it now! He's dead!" ¹⁶ So Ahab immediately went down to the vineyard of Naboth to claim it.

This "Foolish" sinful lifestyle of the wealthy Hebrews who were living like their sinful Hebrew Kings, will cause Yahweh to make the victims and survivors of the coming "Ruin" an "Example" of Yahweh's Anger to the all the world, even if they are His --- "Chosen People"! The "Children of Abraham" will become an Obvious living Example of how Father God can make the most Powerful and Worldly Rich men and women "Worthless" objects of --- "Contempt" and "Shame"!

Micah 7:1-6 (NLT)

Misery Turned to Hope

¹ How miserable I am!

I feel like the fruit picker after the harvest
who can find nothing to eat.

Not a cluster of grapes or a single early fig
can be found to satisfy my hunger.

² The godly people have all disappeared;
not one honest person is left on the earth.

They are all murderers,
setting traps even for their own brothers.

³ Both their hands are equally skilled at doing evil!
Officials and judges alike demand bribes.

The people with influence get what they want,
and together they scheme to twist justice.

⁴ Even the best of them is like a brier;
the most honest is as dangerous as a hedge of thorns.

But your judgment day is coming swiftly now.
Your time of punishment is here, a time of confusion.

⁵ Don't trust anyone—
not your best friend or even your wife!

⁶ For the son despises his father.
The daughter defies her mother.

The daughter-in-law defies her mother-in-law.
Your enemies are right in your own household!

Comments on Micah 7:1-6

The prophet Micah points out his "Painful" search for "men who were godly" in this first section of Chapter #7:1-6.

The prophet Micah uses the "Earthly Example" of the harvest workers who try but cannot find the smallest remnants of food on the grape vines or fig trees.

This *harvest Famine* and lack of food then causes the empty-handed *harvest workers* to feel genuine *Hunger* and *Pain!*

The *Hebrew* people of this time could understand this “*agricultural comparison*” because they all at some point took part in gathering a *harvest* of food, *barren* trees and vines would be a *True* and *Painful* “*Misery*” to them.

Then *Micah* asks the question “*Who is like Yahweh?*” or who is living a “*Lifestyle*” that brings *Glory* and *Honor* to *Father God?*

The prophet of *God* then asks the *Hebrews* who hear or read this prophesy an additional question --- “*have they all disappeared?*”

This question of “*Can a godly man be found*” from the prophet *Micah* is just as *Relevant* today as it was in the time of *The Old Testament*.

Murder and *sinful Greed* are now more than ever found in the *hearts* and minds of most mankind, men and women have *little* or no “*Respect*” for their brothers or sisters.

Our governmental officials and judges willingly and gladly take bribes, money is the top *motivating factor* in what today passes for *Justice*.

We do not have to look awfully hard in our modern times to find the same “*Spiritual*” *Hunger* and *Misery* when we “*look for*” and then “*do not find*” men and women who are --- “*Godly!*”

The prophet *Micah* warns of a *swiftly coming* time of *Punishment* and *Confusion* caused by the *Hebrew* people’s lack of living a *Life* of “*Obedience*” to --- *The Holy Laws* of *Yahweh!*

This is the same “*Law*” (The Ten Commandments) the *Hebrew* people received from *Yahweh* in *the wilderness*. The *corrective* “*Law*” that was delivered at “*The Mountain of the LORD*” to the *Hebrew* people by *Moses* long ago.

The *Hebrew* people have again become their own “*Worst Enemy*”, an *enemy* who lives in their own house.

Satan has become their god and he will *gladly lead* the *sinful Foolish Hebrew* people to “*Spiritual*” *Death* and *Physical Destruction!*

The price for mankind’s “*Sinful Disobedience*” has and will always be --- *Death!*

If we allow *sin* into our life and live a life of *Unrepentant sin*, we are acting just as *Foolishly* as the *Hebrew* people did thousands of years ago.

The painfully sad “*End Result*” of *Unrepentant sin* will be our “*Spiritual Death*” and the loss of -- *Eternal Life!*

Micah 7:7–13 (NLT)

⁷ *As for me, I look to the LORD for help.
I wait confidently for God to save me,
and my God will certainly hear me.*

⁸ *Do not gloat over me, my enemies!
For though I fall, I will rise again.
Though I sit in darkness,
the LORD will be my light.*

⁹ *I will be patient as the LORD punishes me,
for I have sinned against him.
But after that, he will take up my case*

*and give me justice for all I have suffered from my enemies.
The LORD will bring me into the light,
and I will see his righteousness.*

¹⁰ *Then my enemies will see that the LORD is on my side.*

*They will be ashamed that they taunted me, saying,
“So where is the LORD—
that God of yours?”*

*With my own eyes I will see their downfall;
they will be trampled like mud in the streets.*

¹¹ *In that day, Israel, your cities will be rebuilt,
and your borders will be extended.*

¹² *People from many lands will come and honor you—
from Assyria all the way to the towns of Egypt,
from Egypt all the way to the Euphrates River,
and from distant seas and mountains.*

¹³ *But the land will become empty and desolate
because of the wickedness of those who live there.*

The prophet *Micah* has the “Correct Answer” for every man and woman’s *Quest for Physical* and “*Spiritual*” *Salvation* --- “He will look for his help from The Lord God”!
This “*Help from The Lord*” is the one and only “*Totally*” *Reliable* source for *Help* and *Protection* when the *Enemy* (Satan) is at your gate, our *Father God* --- *Never Sleeps!*

Psalms 121:1–8 (NLT)

My Help Comes from The LORD!

¹ *I look up to the mountains—
does my help come from there?*

² *My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth!*

³ *He will not let you stumble;
the one who watches over you will not slumber.*

⁴ *Indeed, he who watches over Israel
never slumbers or sleeps.*

⁵ *The LORD himself watches over you!
The LORD stands beside you as your protective shade.*

⁶ *The sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon at night.*

⁷ *The LORD keeps you from all harm
and watches over your life.*

⁸ *The LORD keeps watch over you as you come and go,
both now and forever.*

Now as the *sinful* Hebrew people find themselves in the time of coming *Punishment* and *Judgement* Micah reminds the *Hebrew* people that the "*Remint*" will be *Returned* to their "*Rebuilt*" cities and their countries borders will be *Expanded* to the "*Original Borders*" of *The Chosen Peoples --- Promised Land!*

The *Returning "Seed Crop"* of *Hebrews* will then see with their own eyes *The Glory* and *Power* of "*The Light*" of *Yahweh's --- Righteousness!*

All the enemies of *Yahweh's Chosen People* will be *Destroyed* by the *Unstoppable Power* of "*The LORD*" and their enemies' *homeland* will become a "*Wasteland*" because of their *sinful wickedness*.

Micah 7:14–20 (NLT)

The LORD's Compassion on Israel

¹⁴ *O LORD, protect your people with your shepherd's staff;
lead your flock, your special possession.*

*Though they live alone in a thicket
on the heights of Mount Carmel,
let them graze in the fertile pastures of Bashan and Gilead
as they did long ago.*

¹⁵ *"Yes," says the LORD,
"I will do mighty miracles for you,
like those I did when I rescued you
from slavery in Egypt."*

¹⁶ *All the nations of the world will stand amazed
at what the LORD will do for you.
They will be embarrassed
at their feeble power.*

*They will cover their mouths in silent awe,
deaf to everything around them.*

¹⁷ *Like snakes crawling from their holes,
they will come out to meet the LORD our God.
They will fear him greatly,
trembling in terror at his presence.*

¹⁸ *Where is another God like you,
who pardons the guilt of the remnant,
overlooking the sins of his special people?
You will not stay angry with your people forever,
because you delight in showing unfailing love.*

¹⁹ *Once again you will have compassion on us.
You will trample our sins under your feet
and throw them into the depths of the ocean!*

²⁰ *You will show us your faithfulness and unfailing love
as you promised to our ancestors Abraham and Jacob long ago.*

Micah now "Prays" to Yahweh for His "Compassion" calling on Him as *The Good Shepard of His Flock Yahweh's "Special Possession"* even if the Hebrews are now living in the "Painful Thicket" of "Thorny" Unrepentant Sin!

The prophet asks for the Hebrews to be Returned to the *Lost Fertile Pastures* of "The Land of Milk and Honey" to the "Obedient" time and the "Peaceful" land they lived in before they became "Spiritually" Adulterous sinners.

Our Loving God Yahweh answers the prophet Micah by telling him that He will keep His "Eternal Promise" to Defend and Protect the Hebrews, God will again "Rescue" His Chosen People from "Slavery in Egypt" --- Sin!

Psalm 147:1–5 (NLT)

¹ *Praise the LORD!*

How good to sing praises to our God!

How delightful and how fitting!

² *The LORD is rebuilding Jerusalem
and bringing the exiles back to Israel.*

³ *He heals the brokenhearted
and bandages their wounds.*

⁴ *He counts the stars
and calls them all by name.*

⁵ *How great is our Lord! His power is absolute!
His understanding is beyond comprehension!*

This future Glorious and Miraculous time of "Rebuilding" The LORD's "The Land of Promise" will Astound and fill with Fear and Terror all the nations that once attacked and enslaved the Hebrew people.

At this Frightening time of Righteous Judgement, the sinful Pagan Nations will be "Exposed" to the Blinding Light and Power of The LORD, Jesus Christ who will "Punish" the Unrepentant for not "Accepting" Him as their LORD!

Psalm 11:1–5 (NLT)

I Trust in The Lord!

¹ *I trust in the LORD for protection.*

So why do you say to me,

"Fly like a bird to the mountains for safety!"

² *The wicked are stringing their bows
and fitting their arrows on the bowstrings.*

*They shoot from the shadows
at those whose hearts are right.*

³ *The foundations of law and order have collapsed.*

What can the righteous do?"

⁴ *But the LORD is in his holy Temple;
the LORD still rules from heaven.*

*He watches everyone closely,
examining every person on earth.*

⁵ *The LORD examines both the righteous and the wicked.
He hates those who love violence.*

The prophet *Micah* asks, "Where is another God like you?" a Loving God who will "Pardon" the Guilty Hebrew Remnant!

Where can the *sinful Disobedient Hebrews* find a *Merciful God* that will --- Forget His Anger! The answer to *Micah's* question is found in *Yahweh's "Boundless" Never-Ending Love and Compassion*, Father God will cast the sins of the "Sinful Remnants" into the --- Depths of the Ocean!

Psalms 103:8–13 (NLT)

The Compassion of Father God!

⁸ *The LORD is compassionate and merciful,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.*

⁹ *He will not constantly accuse us,
nor remain angry forever.*

¹⁰ *He does not punish us for all our sins;
he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.*

¹¹ *For his unfailing love toward those who fear him
is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.*

¹² *He has removed our sins as far from us
as the east is from the west.*

¹³ *The LORD is like a father to his children,
tender and compassionate to those who fear him.*

Our Loving Father God made an "Eternal Promise" to Abraham and Jacob concerning the Provision and Protection of the Hebrew people --- His Chosen People!

Genesis 12:1–3 (NLT)

The Call of Abram!

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

Genesis 35:10–12 (NLT)

Jacob is Renamed Israel

¹⁰ saying, “Your name is Jacob, but you will not be called Jacob any longer. From now on your name will be Israel.” So God renamed him Israel.

¹¹ Then God said, “I am El-Shaddai—‘God Almighty.’ Be fruitful and multiply. You will become a great nation, even many nations. Kings will be among your descendants! ¹² And I will give you the land I once gave to Abraham and Isaac. Yes, I will give it to you and your descendants after you.”

This *Eternal Promise* for “*The Chosen People*” the Hebrews is now the “*Guarantee*” of *Provision* and *Protection* for all “*Repentant*” sinners who have been *Grafted into “The True Vine”* with the “*Redemptive Blood*” of --- *The LORD*,--- *Jesus Christ!*

This *Redemptive Prophecy* of *Micah* was delivered in the *Sixth Century B.C.* for the Hebrew people to bring them to “*Repentance*” it was then recorded in *The Holy Bible*.

The *Redemptive Prophecy* of *Micah* has the same “*Unchanging*” *Valuable Truth* and *Wisdom* for all men and women today.

Only a “*Fool*” would choose to be a “*Slave*” to *Satan* and then “*Burn*” with him in the --- *Eternal Fires of Hell!*

The “*Truth*” will set you --- *Free!*