

Bible Reading Class – The Book of Micah

April 20, 2023 – Chapters 6-7

CHAPTER SIX

1. **Chapter 6** opens with God presenting a _____ [charges] against _____ and _____; they were both guilty of _____ (cf. **Micah 1:1-7**) and practicing _____ against the poor (cf. **Micah 2:1-5**).
2. According to **Micah 3**, the “heads of _____” (the kings, false prophets, and priests] have conducted themselves in unjust ways; they hate _____ and love _____; the mountains of **Micah 6:1** serves as a _____ to hear the _____ of God against Israel.
3. In **verse 3**, God asks Israel [Israel and Judah] a question, “O My _____, what have I _____ to you” that is, what had He done to cause them to _____ such _____ [sinful] _____ against Him?
4. Furthermore, God inquires “How have I _____ you?” He says, when you [Israel] was in bondage in _____, He sent _____, with the assistance of _____ and _____, to deliver them.
5. God asks the people to remember _____, king of Moab, who hired _____ a prophet to _____ Israel in exchange for a _____ (**Num. 22-24**), but both times God had _____ to pronounce a _____ on Israel rather than a _____; in **Numbers 23:8**, the prophet Balaam said, “How shall I _____ when God has not _____? And how shall I _____ when the Lord has not _____...?”
6. In **verse 6**, the ungrateful nation of Israel who had _____ God of _____ them asks the question, “With what shall I _____ before the _____” that is, what can we do to please You? Notice the people committed the sin of drawing near to God with their _____, but their _____ was far away (cf. **Isa. 29:13; Matt. 15:9**).
7. The people went through the ritual of _____ [thousands of _____ and ten thousand rivers of _____] as commanded by God, but their hearts were not in it; in **verse 8**, God says what He wants from Israel:

- 1) “to do _____”, that is, not _____ and _____ people,
 - 2) “to love _____”, that is, cease _____ people and show _____, and
 - 3) “to walk _____ with your God”, that is, _____ to doing God’s will.
8. God pleads with Israel to show “_____” by listening to Him; in **verses 10-12**, God exposes how the leaders had gain their _____ by _____ their people.
9. In **verses 13-16**, God states His _____ against the sins of the wicked people of Israel; the people were going to be punished with a _____ [first, Israel to captivity by the _____, and then Judah to captivity by the _____]; the people of Israel had followed the sinful ways of _____ and his son _____ by turning from God to serving _____ (cf. **1 Kgs. 16:25-33**).

CHAPTER SEVEN

1. This final chapter opens with the words, “_____ is me”; it’s not certain as to who said this – it could be _____ or the _____ figuratively crying out.
2. Micah or the land compares God’s people to a season of summer _____ that coming to an _____ and will not _____ for a time.
3. In **verse 2**, the cry continues by saying, “The _____ man has _____ from the earth”, that is, the land of Israel is overflowing with _____ people – there are very _____ righteous people remaining in Israel. Many in Israel had become fixed on _____ rather than _____.
4. The prince (**kings**) asks for _____, the judge (**prophets**) seeks a _____, and the great man (**rich men**) speaks of his _____; these all worked together to fulfill their wickedness.
5. When God looks upon Israel, what He sees is the _____ of them is “like a _____”; the people _____ all those who came to them.

6. The people of Israel are extremely _____; thus, the prophet Micah writes that they shouldn't be _____ [surprised] by God's _____ against them - captivity by the Assyrians.

7. **Verse 5** describes the _____ of the evil of the day; during this time, a person couldn't trust a _____, a friend, a _____, a daughter-in-law, a _____-in-law, _____, daughter or a man's _____.

8. In **verses 7-13**, the prophet Micah records the words of the _____; these are those like Micah who continued to _____ in God - they acknowledge that they "**will _____ for the God of my (their) _____ (God's promises).**"

9. Up to this point, Micah had been describing a period of _____ for Israel; in **verse 8**, he speaks of a message of _____ where God will _____ up His people, that is, they will one day come again to their _____ (Jerusalem), and it will be _____.

10. **Verse 10**, God describes the _____ that the nations against Israel will experience when they see Israel _____ from the dust of their _____.

11. **Verses 11-13**, it appears describe **two events** - in **verse 11**, the prophet describes God's people coming back from _____ captivity under Zerubbabel to _____ the _____ around the city of _____ and **verse 12** refers to the coming of _____ when all people shall come to the _____ of God from all _____ of the world.

12. The chapter ends with a beautiful message to the _____ in **verses 14-20**; the day shall come when God will show His great _____ though _____ and His _____ as He did when He brought Israel out of _____.

13. In that day, the remnant will say, "**Who is a _____ like You.** _____ **iniquity over the transgression of the _____**"; the answer is, there is no _____ like Jehovah-God (**cf. Isa. 46:9-10**).

14. The **Book of Micah** ends with the prophet reminding his readers that God will _____ those who turn from their _____ and will cast their sins into the _____ of the _____.