

## TODAY'S LESSON

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**6** “For what **great nation** is there that has **God so near to it, as the LORD our God** is to **us**, for whatever reason **we may call upon Him**? **8** And what **great nation** is there that has such **statutes and righteous judgments** as are in **all this law** which **I set before you this day**? **9a** Only **take heed to yourself**, and **diligently keep yourself**, lest you forget the **things your eyes have seen**, and lest they depart from **your heart all the days of your life**.

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**9b** “And **teach them to your children** and **your grandchildren**, **10** especially concerning **the day you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, ‘Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.’”**

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# **Micah 1:3-16 Destruction is Coming**

**1:3-7 judgment from God against Samaria**

**1:8-16 judgment from God against Judah**

**v.8-9 (Micah inserts himself) Jerusalem**

**v.10-12 closer towns**

**v.13-15 Micah's own area!**

**v.16 mourn your children's captivity**

## Micah 2:1-13 Depth of Depravity

**v.1** “*Woe...*” (also **starts sixth** section of book at **7:1**)

**v.1-2** **they covet** and **scheme evil** at night

**v.2** **they carry out their plans in the day**

**v.3-5** **they will reap what they sowed**

**v.6-7** **they reject the LORD's word**

**v.8-10** **worse enemies to each other**

**v.11** **paid prophets to say what they want to hear**

**v.12-13** **captivity** → **return** → **true restoration**

# Micah 3:1-12 Conviction of Leaders

**v.1** “*Hear now*” (also **starts fifth** section of book at **6:1**)

**v.1-4** message for Israel’s civil leaders to hear

**v.2-3** 7 verbs describe their sins

**v.4** consequence of their sins

**v.5-8** the LORD’s prophecy for false prophets

**v.6-7** consequences of their sins

**v.9-12** message Judah’s civil leaders to hear

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# Micah 4:1-5:15 The Remnant Redeemed

4:1-5 the LORD's rule over the Gentiles

4:6-7 promise to the Jewish weak remnant

4:8-10 dominion *from the first* will come to Migdal  
Eder; birth pangs v.9

4:11-5:1 the LORD reverses order of everything

5:2-5a ruler *from everlasting* will come from  
Bethlehem Ephrathah; birth pangs v.3

5:5b-9 promise to the Jewish weak remnant

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v.12-16a

God’s summary against Israel v.16b

# Micah 7:1-7 Depth of Depravity

**v.1** “*Woe...*” (started second section of book **7:1**)

Micah **inserts himself** as he did in **1:8-9**

People **so bad** his **work seems** hopeless **v.1**

Faithful men **have** perished **v.2**

Powerful men **conspire** against helpless **v.3**

Even respected people are harmful **v.4**

Don't trust friends! **v.5**

Don't trust family! **v.6**

**TRUST IN GOD! WAIT PATIENTLY FOR GOD!**

## **Micah 7:8-20 Faith in Reversal of Destruction**

**I will endure God's anger for my sin v.8-9**

**My enemy will see and be ashamed v.10**

**Restoration will happen; come from Egypt  
v.11-13**

**Prayer for the LORD to shepherd us v.14**

**Restoration will happen as when left Egypt  
v.15**

**God's enemies will see and be ashamed  
v.16-17**

**God's anger not forever; forgives our sin  
v.18-20**

# Lessons from the Message Through Micah

Practical advice for tough times

God delights in mercy 7:18 be merciful

God is good 6:3-5; 7:18-20 love & obey God

Trust in the LORD 7:5-7 be faithful

*God has shown you what is good* 6:8

*Do justice* Amos 5:24

*Love mercy* Hosea 6:6

Walk humbly with God Isaiah 59:14-21

John 4:24; 5:23; Heb. 5:9; Mark 16:16; Luke  
24:46-47; 1 John 1:7-2:2



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