

Micah 3

Jesus

Micah 2:12 I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel...

Back from the future to the Time of Micah...

I. Wicked Rulers Judged Political/Religious

1 And I said: "Hear now, O **heads of Jacob**, And you **rulers of** the house of **Israel**: *Is it* not for you to **know justice**? 2 You who **hate good** and **love evil**; Who strip the skin from My people, And the flesh from their bones; 3 Who also eat the flesh of My people, Flay their skin from them, Break their bones, And chop them in pieces Like meat for the pot, Like flesh in the caldron."

Hear Now! Current Political/Religious leaders of Jerusalem/Samaria
You who Hate Good/Love Evil

- Inventing ways to show you contempt for God
- Using/Abusing fellow human beings for self-gain

I see what you are doing...

Psalms 82:1 God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods. 2 How long will you **judge unjustly**, And show **partiality to the wicked**? Selah 3 Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4 Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked. 5 They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; **All the foundations of the earth are unstable.**

IOWs Wicked Rulers Destabilize the Foundation of a Society
The LORD is about to Judge...

4 Then **they will cry** to the LORD, But **He will not hear** them; He will even hide His face from them at that time, Because they have been evil in their deeds.

Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

James 2:13 [But] **judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy.** Mercy triumphs over judgment.

5 Thus says the LORD concerning the **prophets** Who make my people stray; Who **chant "Peace"** While they chew with their teeth, But who **prepare war against him** Who puts nothing into their mouths:

God will deal harshly w/religious leaders leading people astray

6 "[They] shall have **night without vision**, And you shall have **darkness without divination**; The sun shall go down on the prophets, And the **day shall be dark for them**. 7 So the **seers shall be ashamed**, And the **diviners abashed**; Indeed they shall all cover their lips; For there is **no answer from God**."

To religious leaders who deceive for self-gain/promise what they cannot fulfill
God's promise: Eternal darkness/gloom/anguish...

Isaiah 8:20 To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because **there is no light in them**. 21 They will pass through it **hard-pressed and hungry**; and it shall happen, when they are hungry, that **they will be enraged and curse their king [On earth]** and their God [In Heaven], and look upward. 22 Then they will look to the earth, and see **trouble and darkness, gloom of anguish**; and they will be **driven into darkness**.

2 Peter 2:17 These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the **blackness of darkness forever**.

They find their way into our churches...

Jude 12 These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; 13 raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the **blackness of darkness forever**.

False prophets led Judah/Israel into worshiping demon gods of other Nations

8 But **truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD**, And of **justice and might**, To **declare to Jacob his transgression** And to **Israel his sin**.

- **Micah was a true Prophet of God**

1. Filled with God's power
2. Filled with God's Spirit
3. Filled with God's Justice
4. Filled with God's strength

Ready to call out the sins of the wicked leaders!

11 Her heads judge for a bribe...

- Why do Judges take bribes/give lenient sentences?

1. **Satanic Niceness:** No Truth/Justice, i.e. Making themselves the good guy
2. **They are guilty themselves:** Seek to ease their own consciences
3. **Greed...**

Note: The root cause of every sin was greed

11b [Her judges take bribes...] Her **priests teach for pay**, And her **prophets divine for money**. 9 Now hear this, You heads of the house of Jacob And rulers of the house of Israel, Who **abhor justice** And **pervert all equity**, 10 Who build up Zion with bloodshed And Jerusalem with iniquity...

Greedy Religious/Political leaders had destabilized the Nation
Greed led to all kinds of other evil...

1 Timothy 6:10 For the **love of money** is a root of **all kinds of evil...**

They could not serve their own appetites and serve the people at the same time

Matthew 6:24 No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Priests teach for pay/Prophets divine for money
All Hate justice/All Pervert fairness/All Build upon the blood of others

11b ...Yet they lean on the LORD, and say, "**Is not the LORD among us?**
No harm can come upon us."

So blinded by self-gain that in the midst of sacrificing their own children still say...
We trust in the LORD...The LORD is with us...We are safe?

Prognosis: Cancer metastasizing/Spreading/Must be cut out...

12 Therefore **because of you Zion shall be plowed** like a field, Jerusalem shall become **heaps of ruins**, And the **mountain of the temple like the bare hills of the forest**.

Jerusalem repented for 135 yrs w/King Hezekiah. Then...
Idolatry again became rampant/Jeremiah reaffirmed Judah's downfall...

Jeremiah 26:18 "Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Zion shall be plowed like a field, Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, And the mountain of the temple Like the bare hills of the forest."

Nebuchadnezzar raided Judah in three tours beginning in 587 BC

Jerusalem became heaps of ruins
The mountain of the temple like the bare hills of the forest. Who'd guess?

- **Judas to woman pouring oil on Jesus feet:** We could sell this oil/give to the poor

John 12:6 This he said, **not that he cared for the poor**, but because **he was a thief**, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

- **Judas began w/greed ended a traitor to Jesus:**

Judah/Israel began w/greed. Led to idolatry culminating in child sacrifice
Began w/greed. Lust. Insatiable thirst for more and more salt water

John 4:13 [Jesus to the Samaritan woman] "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." 15 The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst..."

Micah 4

Jesus

From Current 722 BC...Back to the Future 2025+ AD

I. Future Restoration After Much Pain

1 Now it shall come to pass **in the latter days** That the mountain of **the LORD's house Shall be established** on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And peoples shall flow to it. 2 Many nations shall come and say, "**Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob;** He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For **out of Zion the law shall go forth**, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 3 He shall judge between many peoples, And rebuke strong nations afar off; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

The Latter Days began w/Jesus Resurrection
Rapture/Tribulation/2nd Coming/ Judgment/**Millennial Kingdom**

- Temple on the Mount in Jerusalem
- People of earth flowing to Jerusalem

Come let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob
He will teach us His ways...We shall walk in His paths

- Jesus will proclaim His will from Jerusalem
- Jesus will judge the nations from Jerusalem
- Jesus will bring true peace as He reigns from Jerusalem

Devil is Bound/No more War

4 But **everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree**, And no one shall make them afraid; For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

No war but instead... Prosperity and Peace

Hosea 3:5 Afterward the children of Israel shall return and **seek the LORD their God and David their king**. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness **in the latter days**.

No hate but instead...Love and Friendship

Zechariah 3:10 In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'Everyone will invite his neighbor Under his vine and under his fig tree.'

Not Heaven but... Almost Heaven for 1000 years

Because some unbelievers live through the tribulation without making a decision for/against Jesus, they will not have glorified bodies on earth as we will when we return with Jesus. These must make a decision for or against Jesus. These will live/die and resurrect after 1000 years. Those who have not accepted Christ when Satan is released at the end of 1000 years will join Satan in the last rebellion of all time against Christ followed by Satan and his followers final judgment at the White Throne where they will be cast into the lake of fire along with those imprisoned in Hades awaiting this final judgment. [NJC]

All those who are saved shall sit under his vine/Under his fig tree
No one shall make them afraid

5 For all people walk each in the name of his god, But we will walk in the name of the LORD our God Forever and ever.

Unlike in the time of Michah...There will be no idolatry in the Kingdom of Jesus
In the Latter Days: We will walk in the Name of the LORD forever...and ever

II. Future Triumph

6 "In that day," says the LORD, "I will assemble the lame, I will gather the outcast And those whom I have afflicted..."

As David blessed lame Mephibosheth w/kindness at his table
So, Jesus will bless the lame/Allow us to sit at His table

Psalms 147:2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

7 I will make the lame a remnant, And the outcast a strong nation

The Lame/Outcast/Those afflicted by their own sin I will make My people
IOWs A nation filled with blood bought saints

7b ...So the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on, even forever. 8 And you, O tower of the flock, The stronghold of the daughter of Zion, To you shall it come, Even the former dominion shall come, The kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem."

Jesus will physically reign in Jerusalem over the people of the earth
It will be the government of Jesus...Theocracy/Christ-ocracy

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder.

Revelation 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our LORD and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

Jesus will physically reign in Jerusalem over the earth

It will be the Government of Jesus. Who will fill His cabinet?

- **King of Israel:** Jesus
- **Prince of Israel:** David

Ezekiel 34:2 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and **My servant David a prince among them**; I, the Lord, have spoken.

- **Rulers over Israel:** Apostles

Matthew 19:28 Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me **will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**

- **Governors of Earth:** Church

1 Corinthians 6:2 Do you not know that the **saints will judge the world? ...3** Do you not know that **we shall judge angels?**

Micah now speaks a personified Israel throughout all time

9 Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no king in your midst? Has your counselor perished? For **pangs have seized you like a woman in labor.**

Of Jerusalem...Your Pain will lead to New Life

10 **Be in pain**, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, Like a woman in birth pangs. For now you shall go forth from the city, You shall dwell in the field, And to Babylon [literal/fig. for godlessness] you shall go. **There you shall be delivered**; There the **LORD will redeem you** From the hand of your enemies.

Samaria: You are going to Assyria
Jerusalem: You are going to Babylon

The LORD redeemed Jerusalem from geographical Babylon in 538 BC
The LORD will redeem Jerusalem from Spiritual Babylon Mid-Trib

Revelation 1:5b ...To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And **all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.**

Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. 11 In that day **there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem...**

From Micah until they accept Jesus as Savior
Israel will be surrounded at least 6 Times

11 Now also **many nations have gathered against you**, Who say, "Let her be defiled, And let our eye look upon Zion."

- **1. Babylon:** Neb in 587 BC. 135 yrs after Micah
- **2: Rome:** Titus 70 AD
- **3. Surrounding Nations:** Today? Tomorrow?

Psalm 83:2 For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have lifted up their head. 3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, And consulted together against Your sheltered ones. 4 They have said, "Come, and let us **cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more.**"

- **4. Russia/China/Iran** coalition: After Psalm 83 some time

Ezekiel 38:10 Thus says the Lord God [To Russia]: "On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: 11 You will say, 'I will go up against a land of unwallled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them **dwelling without walls**, and having neither bars nor gates'—

- **5. AC/FP/Nations:** End of the Tribulation

Psalm 2:1 Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." 4 **He who sits in the heavens shall laugh...**

Revelation 19:19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to **make war against Him** who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

- **6. Devil/Unsaved:** End of the Millenium

Revelation 20:7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to **deceive the nations** which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to **gather them together to battle**, whose number is as the sand of the sea. 9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and **surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city**. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. 10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be **tormented day and night forever and ever.**

After the time of Micah, Israel will be surrounded **at least 6 X**
God will continue to supernaturally protect His Jewish remnant from His enemies

12 But **they do not know the thoughts of the LORD**, Nor **do they understand His counsel**; For He will gather them like sheaves to the threshing floor.

Israel is the Apple of God's Eye
Bless Israel and be blessed...Curse Israel and be cursed

13 "Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion; For I will **make your horn iron**, And I will make your **hooves bronze**; You shall **beat in pieces many**

peoples; I will consecrate their gain to the LORD, And their substance to the LORD of the whole earth."

IOWs I the LORD will be your Iron-like Strength in Battle [Iron Dome]

Zechariah 12:8 In that day [The day AC/world come against Jerusalem] the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day **shall be like David**, and the house of David **shall be like God**, like the Angel of the Lord before them. ⁹ It shall be in that day *that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.*

No matter what...Jesus will ultimately prevail for Israel
Because Jesus must ultimately reign in Israel