

Micah 6-7 – 28 May 2026

“Israel’s Timeline Of Grace”

Introduction

*Micah is from the lowland foothills of Judah

*He’s writing between 740-687 BC during the time of the Assyrian crisis (722 BC)

Assyria will conquer Israel in north but not Judah
Judah will ultimately fall to Babylon 140 yrs later

*Chap 1-2 was addressed to 1:2 to all people of earth

There’s no benefit to selfishly gaining everything on earth and not know God

*Chap 3-5 was addressed to Israel’s corrupt leaders

It’s a contrast of God’s good rule over Israel

*Chap 6-7 is addressed in vs 2, 5 to His people Israel

It’s a timeline, from beginning to end, of God’s grace given to Israel

Today, let’s look at 5 steps in the timeline of Israel

#1 – They’re loosed from under evil leaders (6:1-4)

Read 6:1-2

1. The Lord calls the earth to listen to Him plead His case against His people Israel

Read 6:3-4

1. This is almost like saying, “where did our relationship gone wrong”?
 - a. But of course, it was b/c of Israel, not God
2. God brought them out from under evil leaders & gave them good leaders like Moses

#2 – They’re expected to forsake their own efforts (6:5-8)

Read 6:5

1. Even with a good God & good leaders, they followed their hearts into sexual sin
 - a. As a result, that saw God’s righteousness in executing 24,000 adulterers

Read 6:6-8

1. What shall we give to the God that has all?
 - a. How shall we live for the God that knows all?
 - i. Give, not of our hands, but of our heart
 - ii. Live, not by our works, but by choosing to do His will
2. Read I Sam 15:22 – If we don't believe in our heart that reality of what an offering or “work” is for, then the work is useless before God
3. Notice that vs 8 speaks of our relationship with self, others and God
 - a. Do justly – for yourself
 - b. Love mercy – for others
 - c. Walk humbly – toward God

#3 – They’re released into rebellion (6:9-16)

Read 6:9-12

1. The basic question God is asking here is, ‘How can I cleanse a defilement that’s in the heart?’
 - a. They’re lying & cheating in their business dealings
 - b. They do not fear God; they don’t live with God in mind while conducting their business

Read 6:13-16

1. Omri was Ahab’s father & was known as the worst king of Israel up to that point
2. All of the efforts of their hands will go unfulfilled b/c of their sin, idolatry & rebellion
 - a. Like putting into a moneybag with holes
 - b. Like trying to run from town to your house... using a treadmill

#4 – They’re discontent and distrusting (7:1-7)

Read 7:1-4

1. They are lean & in need of God’s provision b/c their evil works robbed them of God’s blessings
2. As evil workers set their watchmen and feel strong, then sudden destruction comes

Read 7:5-7

1. In the depths of this dishonest gain, people can’t trust each other
 - a. In Matt 10, Jesus says that to serve Him will divide us from people of our own family
 - b. So whether in the depths of sin or the height of serving Christ, people will be untrustworthy
 - i. Therefore, serve God (Read Rom 3:4a)
2. We are those that wait for our God to bring salvation
 - a. We can trust Him & *know* that it’ll happen

#5 – They’re gifted life by God’s grace (7:8-20)

Read 7:8-10

1. Micah speaking on behalf of the sinful nation
 - a. Though we’re brought low in punishment, we will rise by His grace
 - b. The Lord will bring us to His righteousness
2. What’s difference of sadness & true repentance
 - a. Sadness mourns over the consequences
 - b. Repentance mourns over the sin itself
3. Israel’s enemies should not gloat in Israel’s sin, b/c they’ll also be punished w/ no restoration

Read 7:11-13

1. Israel’s return to their land will be a time of building & regathering
2. Whether Micah is speaking of the nations or of Israel’s sins, that fact is; sins cause desolation
 - a. The nations will receive their destruction, as Israel is being restored from their desolation

Read 7:14-15

1. Micah now closes in prayer asking God to care wonderfully for His people
 - a. Feed in Bashan is to feed in a bountiful land
2. Let us return to the “1st condition” our 1st love

Read 7:16-17

1. There will be recognition by the nations that all their ways, apart from God, led to their shame
2. Even at their best, it's futile to stand in the day of His return

Read 7:18

1. To pass over is to go beyond, to transition
2. God has made a way to move past or get beyond sin
 - a. Sin is no longer the inevitable end of the line

Read 7:19-20

1. Compassion, forgiveness, truth, mercy; all things that God does *not* have to give to them, but He does – why?
 - a. B/c He promised to their forefathers He would give it
 - b. Our God is a promise-keeping God!

Conclusion

Now, this isn't just the timeline of Israel, this is the timeline of every human soul that coming to God for salvation

1. **We're loosed – given freedom to know God**
2. **We're instructed – given God's Word**
3. **We rebel – given freedom to choose**
4. **We're unsatisfied – given blessings of earth**
5. **We receive life – given by God's grace at the cross of Jesus Christ**