

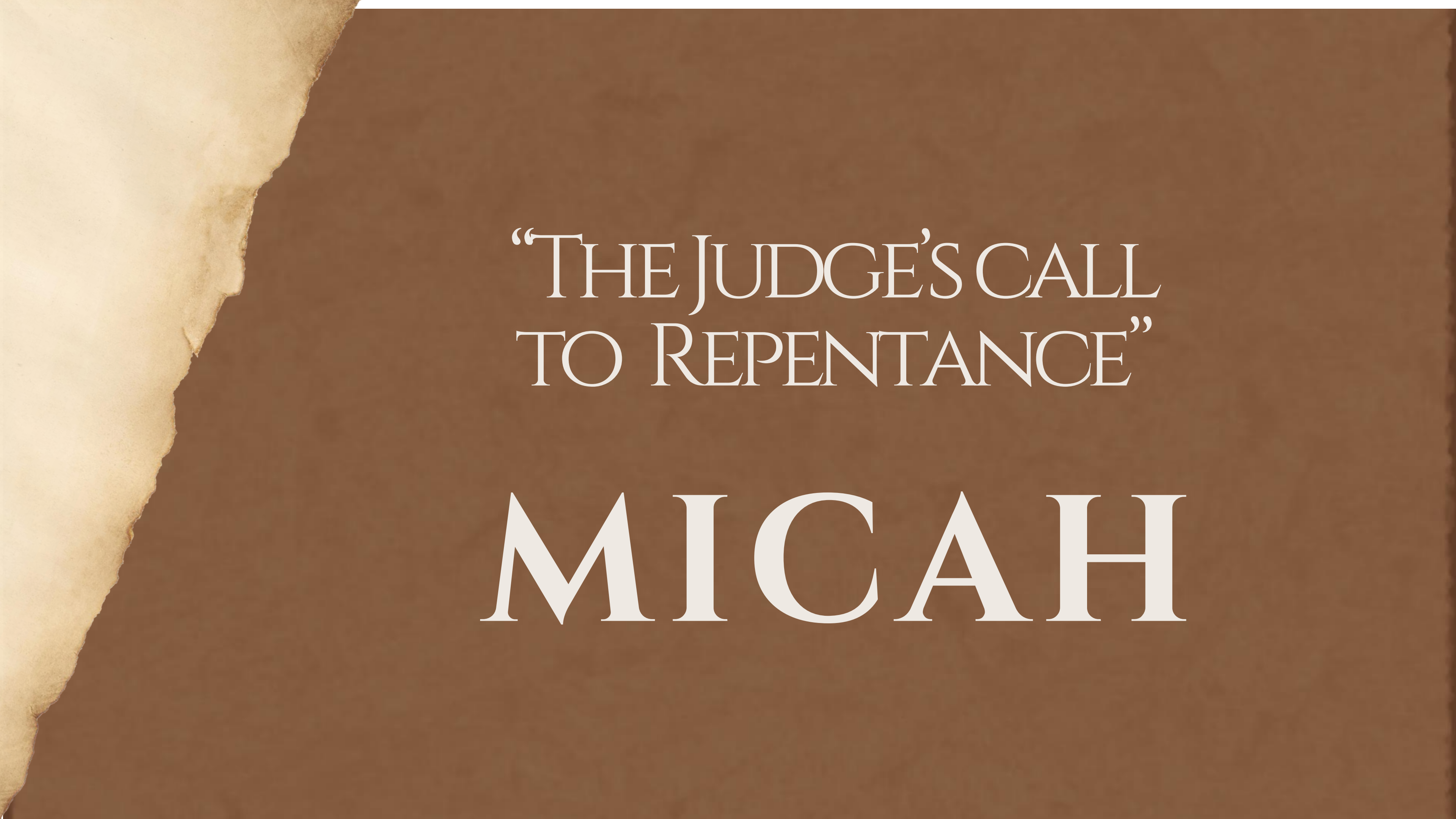
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“THE JUDGE’S CALL
TO REPENTANCE”

MICAH

The Condition

,
Micah 1:1-9 A people who
have willfully adopted other
ways than God's ways

3:1, 5, 9, 11: Rulers,
prophets and priest gone
bad

750 BC– Micah begins his prophetic ministry.

740 BC– Isaiah begins his ministry in Judah.

732 BC– Assyria begins its conquest of northern Israel.

722 BC– Fall of Samaria: Assyria completes its invasion of the Northern Kingdom.

720 BC– Deportation of Israelites begins under Sargon II.

700 BC– Micah's ministry concludes.

The Coming Clarity

,Micah 4:1-5 A Jerusalem reigned real peace with God as head

4: 6 -11 Affliction is coming & exile to Babylon & Nations rise up to destroy Jerusalem

BUT . . .

5: 1 – 5 a: The King born in Bethlehem, He will be our peace

The Coming Clarity

5:2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of His brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

4 And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth.

5 And He shall be their peace.

*The Consistent Call to Worship God
And SERVE others with His heart.*

Micah 6: 1-8

8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

But Judgement when we don't.

1. *God's Correction — Our repentance*

Micah 7:1 Woe is me! For I have become
as when the summer fruit has been gathered, as when the grapes
have been gleaned: there is no cluster to eat, no first-ripe fig that
my soul desires.

2 The godly has perished from the earth, and there is no one upright
among mankind; they all lie in wait for blood, and each hunts the
other with a net.

3 Their hands are on what is evil, to do it well; the prince and the
judge ask for a bribe, and the great man utters the evil desire of
his soul; thus they weave it together.

4 The best of them is like a brier, the most upright of them a thorn hedge. The day of your watchmen, of your punishment, has come; now their confusion is at hand.

5 Put no trust in a neighbor; have no confidence in a friend; guard the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your arms;

6 For the son treats the father with contempt, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

7 But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

8 Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me.

9 I will bear the indignation of the Lord because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon His vindication

10 Then my enemy will see, and shame will cover her who said to me, "Where is the LORD your God?" My eyes will look upon her; now she will be trampled down like the mire of the streets.

11 A day for the building of your walls! In that day the boundary shall be far extended. 12 In that day they will come to you, from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, and from Egypt to the River, from sea to sea and from mountain to mountain.

13 But the earth will be desolate because of its inhabitants, for the fruit of their deeds.

2. *God's Protection — Our re-focus*

14 Shepherd your people with your staff,
the flock of your inheritance, who dwell alone in a forest
in the midst of a garden land; let them graze in Bashan and Gilead
as in the days of old.

15 As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt,
I will show theme marvelous things.

16 The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might;
they shall lay their hands on their mouths; their ears shall be deaf;

17 they shall lick the dust like a serpent, like the crawling things of
the earth; they shall come trembling out of their strongholds; they
shall turn in dread to the Lord our God, and they shall be in fear of
you.

3. God's Compassion — Our restoration

18 Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance?

He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love.

19 He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

20 You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

1. *God's Correction — Our repentance*
2. *God's Protection — Our re-focus*
3. *God's Compassion — Our restoration*

Applications

. Living Micah 6:8

- Do justice. Who in your life needs you to stand up for what's right?*
- Love mercy. Who needs your compassion—not just your agreement, but your grace?*
- Walk humbly with God. Are you living with a posture of surrender and trust?*