

Micah's Personal Response to the Proliferation of Evil in His Time

Micah 7:1-7



Genesis 6:5-6

- Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

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- Micah's emotional response (Micah 7:1-4a)

Micah 6:8

- He has shown you, O man [adam], what *is* good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy [chesed], And to walk humbly with your God?

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- Micah's emotional response (Micah 7:1-4a)
- Micah's spiritual response (Micah 7:4b-7)

When overwhelmed by the
oppressive manifestation of evil in
society...

- Rest in God's promises (Micah 7:4b)

Isaiah 56:10-12

- His watchmen are blind, They are all ignorant;
They are all dumb dogs, They cannot bark;
Sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yes,
they are greedy dogs *Which* never have enough.
And they *are* shepherds Who cannot
understand; They all look to their own way,
Every one for his own gain, From his *own*
territory. "Come," *one* says, "I will bring wine,
And we will fill ourselves with intoxicating drink;
Tomorrow will be as today, *And* much more
abundant."

Micah 3:5-7

- 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: "Therefore you 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.
So the seers shall be ashamed, And the diviners
abashed; Indeed they shall all cover their lips;
For *there is* no answer from God."

Micah 3:8

- 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 3:11-12

- Her heads judge for a bribe, Her priests teach for pay, And her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean on the LORD, and say, "Is not the LORD among us? No harm can come upon us."
- 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.

When overwhelmed by the oppressive manifestation of evil in society...

- Rest in God's promises (Micah 7:4b)
- Recall God's character (Micah 7:5-6)

Proverbs 31:11

- The heart of her husband safely trusts her;
So he will have no lack of gain.

When overwhelmed by the oppressive manifestation of evil in society...

- Rest in God's promises (Micah 7:4b)
- Recall God's character (Micah 7:5-6)
- Wait in hope (Micah 7:7)



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