

# JUDGMENT, SALVATION, AND HOPE

The Message of the Minor Prophets

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Micah: *“Who is a God Like You?”*

## Micah 7:18-20

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Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? He does not stay angry forever but delights to show mercy. <sup>19</sup> He will again have compassion on us; You will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. <sup>20</sup> You will be faithful to Jacob, and show love to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our ancestors in days long ago.

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1. The God of Justice

2. The God of Promise

3. The God Who Delights to Show Mercy

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# 1. The God of Justice

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Micah 1:1-2:11; 3:1-12; 6:1-16

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# 1. The God of Justice

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## a. A Tale of Two Cities: Samaria and Jerusalem (1:1-9)

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# Micah 1:1-9

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The word of the Lord that came to Micah of Moresheth during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah—the vision he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.<sup>2</sup> Hear, you peoples, all of you, listen, earth and all who live in it, that the Sovereign Lord may bear witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple.

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# Micah 1:1-9

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<sup>3</sup> Look! The Lord is coming from his dwelling place; he comes down and treads on the heights of the earth. <sup>4</sup> The mountains melt beneath him and the valleys split apart, like wax before the fire, like water rushing down a slope. <sup>5</sup> All this is because of Jacob's transgression, because of the sins of the people of Israel. What is Jacob's transgression? Is it not Samaria? What is Judah's high place? Is it not Jerusalem?

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# Micah 1:1-9

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<sup>6</sup> “Therefore I will make Samaria a heap of rubble, a place for planting vineyards. I will pour her stones into the valley and lay bare her foundations. <sup>7</sup> All her idols will be broken to pieces; all her temple gifts will be burned with fire; I will destroy all her images. Since she gathered her gifts from the wages of prostitutes, as the wages of prostitutes they will again be used.”

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# Micah 1:1-9

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<sup>8</sup> Because of this I will weep and wail; I will go about barefoot and naked. I will howl like a jackal and moan like an owl. <sup>9</sup> For Samaria's plague is incurable; it has spread to Judah. It has reached the very gate of my people, even to Jerusalem itself.

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a. A Tale of Two Cities: Samaria and Jerusalem (1:1-9)

b. Leaders, listen up! (3:1-16)

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## Micah 3:1-3

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Then I said, “Listen, you leaders of Jacob, you rulers of Israel. Should you not embrace justice,<sup>2</sup> you who hate good and love evil; who tear the skin from my people and the flesh from their bones;<sup>3</sup> who eat my people’s flesh, strip off their skin and break their bones in pieces; who chop them up like meat for the pan, like flesh for the pot?”

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- Prophets (3:5-6)
- Seers (3:7)
- Rulers (3:9-10)

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## Micah 3:1 1-12

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Her leaders judge for a bribe, her priests teach for a price, and her prophets tell fortunes for money. Yet they look for the Lord's support and say, "Is not the Lord among us? No disaster will come upon us." <sup>12</sup> Therefore because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets.

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# Micah 6:16

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You have observed the statutes of Omri and all the practices of Ahab's house; you have followed their traditions. Therefore I will give you over to ruin and your people to derision; you will bear the scorn of the nations.”

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# 1. The God of Justice

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- a. A Tale of Two Cities: Samaria and Jerusalem (1:1-9)
- b. Leaders, listen up! (3:1-16)
- c. The justice God requires (6:8)

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# Micah 6:8

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He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly with your God.

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*Hearing the Voice of the Minor Prophets*

# THE MESSAGE OF THE TWELVE



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“To act justly” required treating others with fairness in accordance with the Mosaic law and carried an obligation to provide for the poor. Loving “faithfulness” (hesed) meant a lifestyle of covenantal loyalty and relational commitment toward God and others. One could not love God without also loving one’s neighbor. . . Walking “humbly” would guarantee that Israel did not presume upon God’s grace.

# Micah 4:10

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Writhe in agony, Daughter Zion, like a woman in labor, for now you must leave the city to camp in the open field. You will go to Babylon; there you will be rescued. There the Lord will redeem you out of the hand of your enemies.

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## 2. The God of Promise

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Micah 2:12-13; 4:1-5:15

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## 2. The God of Promise

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### a. The promise of a remnant (2:12-13)

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## Micah 2:12-13

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“I will surely gather all of you, Jacob; I will surely bring together the remnant of Israel. I will bring them together like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture; the place will throng with people. <sup>13</sup> The One who breaks open the way will go up before them; they will break through the gate and go out. Their King will pass through before them, the Lord at their head.”

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## 2. The God of Promise

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- a. The promise of a remnant (2:12-13)
- b. The promise of peace (4:1-4)

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## Micah 4:1-4

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In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. <sup>2</sup> Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

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## Micah 4:1-4

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<sup>3</sup> He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. <sup>4</sup> Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken.

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## 2. The God of Promise

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- a. The promise of a remnant (2:12-13)
- b. The promise of peace (4:1-4)
- c. The promise of a king (5:2-6)

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## Micah 5:2, 4-6

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“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” . . . <sup>4</sup> He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

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## Micah 5:2, 4-6

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<sup>5</sup> And he will be our peace when the Assyrians invade our land and march through our fortresses. We will raise against them seven shepherds, even eight commanders, <sup>6</sup> who will rule the land of Assyria with the sword, the land of Nimrod with drawn sword. He will deliver us from the Assyrians when they invade our land and march across our borders.

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# 3. The God Who Delights to Show Mercy

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# 3. The God Who Delights to Show Mercy

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a. Light in the darkness (7:7-9)

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## Micah 7:7-9

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But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me. <sup>8</sup> Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light. <sup>9</sup> Because I have sinned against him, I will bear the Lord's wrath, until he pleads my case and upholds my cause. He will bring me out into the light; I will see his righteousness.

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HOW TO FIGHT FOR JOY

JOHN PIPER

## John Piper on "Gutsy Guilt"

- Not cheap grace, not trivializing sin
- Gutsy guilt recognizes "the Lord's wrath" (v. 9  
- "indignation of the Lord," ESV)
- But it also endures the darkness with confidence that the Lord will be our light
- The divine judge will become the divine Advocate!
- He himself will plead our case (v. 9)

### 3. The God Who Delights to Show Mercy

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- a. Light in the darkness (7:7-9)
- b. Pardon for the guilty (7:18)

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# Micah 7:18-19a

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## Exodus 34:5-7

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Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. <sup>6</sup> And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup> maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.

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### 3. The God Who Delights to Show Mercy

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- a. Light in the darkness (7:7-9)
- b. Pardon for the guilty (7:18)
- c. Triumph over our enemies (7:19)

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And here in the cross is where every enemy of joy is overcome: divine wrath, as he becomes a curse for us; real guilt, as he becomes forgiveness for us; lawbreaking, as he becomes righteousness for us; estrangement from God, as he becomes reconciliation for us; slavery to Satan, as he becomes redemption for us; bondage to sin, as he becomes liberation for us; pangs of conscience, as he becomes cleansing for us; death, as he becomes the resurrection for us; hell, as he becomes eternal life for us.

—John Piper

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