

# Desolation and Exultation Micah 3 - 5

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## Micah 3 - 5

- Predominately Messianic
- The desolation of Israel – ch.3
- The salvation of Israel – ch.4
- The rule of the King of David – ch.5

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## Micah 3

Poetic device:

- 3 strophes of 4 verses each

1. To the princes – 1-4
2. To the false prophets – 5-8
3. To the princes, priests, and prophets – 9-12

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Micah – The Message

Three Parts:

- Summons to hear
- Oracle of doom
- Statement of hope

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Micah 3

- Summons to hear and oracle of doom are found in each of the 3 strophes
- The statement of hope is found in chapters 4&5
- Micah continues to address the leadership about their sin

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Micah 3

Strophe 1

- Addressed specifically to the leaders
- They are taking advantage of the people through their corrupt courts
- They do not care about true justice

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## Micah 3

### Strophe 1

- God will not answer them in the days that they seek justice from God
- God will treat them as they treated His people
- God will *hide His face* from them because of their evil
  - See Numbers 6:22-26

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## Micah 3

### Strophe 2

- Addressed specifically to the false prophets
- They prophecy for money
- They prophecy whatever the money pays them to prophecy
- They are not seeking God's word for the people

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## Micah 3

### Strophe 2

- The seers will no longer 'see'
- The light of God's words will no longer shine for them
  - See Ps 119:105
- God will no longer speak His words to them

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## Micah 3

### Strophe 2

- An interesting note in verse 8
- Micah contrasts true prophecy from false
- A true prophet is filled with the Holy Spirit
- A true prophet knows the justice of God
- A true prophet declares sin

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## Micah 3

### Strophe 3

- Addressed to the three levels of leadership; prince, prophet, and priest
- They all despise and distort justice for their own gain
- They all take bribes and do what money asks of them

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## Micah 3

### Strophe 3

- They still believe that God will look after them
- They tell others that God is their support
- But God is against them
- The whole nation will be destroyed because they led in the way of evil

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## Micah 4

- This begins a lengthy section of the Statement of Hope
- Divided into 2 sections; 1-5 and 6-13
- In the last days
  - A reference to the coming of the Messiah
  - See Hosea 3:5
  - Usually apocalyptic in nature – denoting the end times

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## Micah 4

- The temple on Mount Zion will be rebuilt
- The nations will come from all over the world to hear the words of God – want to know salvation
- The Messiah will restore true justice to the nations
- There will be no more wars

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## Micah 4

- Weapons of war will be turned into instruments of peace
  - See Joel 3:10
- Israel will be committed to walking with God

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## Micah 4

Verses 6-8

- In that day:
- God will bring back a remnant from exile
- God will rule over the remnant
- God will restore the kingship to Israel

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## Micah 4

Verses 9-10

- Back to the current day of prophecy of doom
- It brings to focus the short-comings of the earthly king
- Promises the coming of the true king to redeem them – the Messiah

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## Micah 4

Verses 11-13

- The nations believe that they are in control and the ones who will do the plundering
- But it is God who is really in control and He will once again raise up His people to plunder and rule the nations

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## Micah 5

Verses 1-3

- A ruler will arise – the Messiah!
- See Matt 2:1-6
- The Messiah will come to save His people

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## Micah 5

Verses 4-6

- The Messiah will be a shepherd for His people
  - See Jn 10:11
- The Messiah will be peace for His people
  - See Isa 9:6; Rom 5:1

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## Micah 5

Verses 4-6

- The Messiah will lead His people into victory over their enemies
  - See Rev 19:11-16

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## Micah 5

Verses 7-9

- The Remnant of Israel will be a blessing to the people of the nations
- The Remnant of Israel will be rulers among the nations

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## Micah 5

Verses 10-15

- On that day:
- Every strength that Israel trusts in will be taken away so that they trust only in God

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## Micah 5

Verses 10-15

- Trust is weapons of war – horses and chariots
  - See Deut 17:16; Isa 2:7
- Trust in their walled and fortified cities
- Trust in their diviners and sorcerers

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## Micah 5

Verses 10-15

- Trust in the idols that they have made for themselves
- Trust in the idols of other nations

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## Micah 5

Verses 10-15

- God will take away all the idols that they worshipped
- God will destroy the nations who have not put their faith in Him
- See Rev 19:11-16 again

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## Conclusion/Summary

- God's people will suffer loss now because of their disobedience to God
- The suffering of loss is so that they learn to trust in God alone
- Only their faith in God will save them

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## Conclusion/Summary

- God will restore them by raising up the Messiah in the last days
- The Messiah will rule the nations with His people ruling with Him

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