Promise and Restoration Micah 6 & 7

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Chapter 6 & 7 - Third Oracle

•Remember: •Summons to hear •Oracle of doom

•Statement of hope

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Summons to Hear -6:1-8

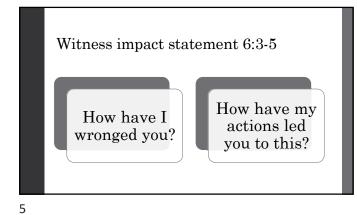
•Summons to hear – 6:1-8 •Listen to what the Lord says...

- •Vs 1&2 are put into a legal format
- •The Sinai Covenant was a legal contract with witnesses •Deut 30:19; 32:1-2; Isa 1:2

Summons to Hear -6:1-8

Micah is to present the case
The mountains are the witnesses/jury
Mountains have witnessed the actions of Israel over a long period of time

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Witness Impact Statement 6:3-5

- •God's actions have been only good •God has brought blessing upon
- them, not harm
- •Redemption from Egypt with godly
- leadership •No one could curse you, only bless you
- Crossing of the Jordan and defeat of Jericho

Witness Impact Statement 6:3-5

God has kept His part of the covenant
He has acted rightly and justly toward them

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The Expectation - 6:6-8

 $\cdot Vs$ 6-8 – Micah now speaks as God asked in v1

•How should we respond to the exalted God who keeps His covenant? •With what should we come to Him with?

 $\ensuremath{\cdot}\xspace{How}$ do we worship our God?

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The Expectation -6:6-8

How do we worship our God?

•With choice sacrifices?

•With many sacrifices?

•With the most precious of sacrifices?

The Expectation -6:6-8

Answer:

- Justice toward others
- •Mercy toward others
- •Humility before God
- •To live rightly before God and others!

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The Expectation -6:6-8

•Justice – how we treat others – James 1:27

•Mercy – 'hesed' love toward others •Includes faithfulness and kindness

•To walk humbly with God – to live in conscious and constant relationship with God – recognizing who He is and who, then, we are

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The Expectation -6:6-8

- •Micah is contrasting religion with relationship
- •God has no interest in the multiplication of empty religious acts

•See Jer 17:19-27; Ps 51:16-19

Oracle of Doom 6:9-7:6

- $\cdot \operatorname{Mistreatment}$ of the poor
- \cdot False scales and weights cheating/deception
- •Violence against others
- •Lying and falsehood is the common language

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Oracle of Doom - 6:9-7:6

God has begun to destroy them – He is in process
Famine
War
Loss of crops

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Oracle of Doom - 6:9-7:6

Another sin is mentioned – following after false gods
Omri was the father of Ahab of the famous Ahab/Jezebel pair

Oracle of Doom 6:9-7:6

Another judgment is mentioned
The nation will be ruined and made to be a scorn of the other nations – Lev 26:31-33
No longer the head, but now the tail

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Oracle of Doom - 6:9-7:6

Chapter 7 – Micah's lament

•There is no one left who is righteous

•No one left for him to fellowship with

•There is no one righteous, no not one •Rom 3:10-12; Ps 14:1-3; 53:1-3

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$Oracle \ of \ Doom-6:9-7:6$

Chapter 7 – Micah's lament

 $\bullet Murder$

- $\boldsymbol{\cdot} Evil \ practices$
- •Distortion of justice for their own gain
- •False righteousness

$Oracle \ of \ Doom-6:9-7:6$

Chapter 7 - Micah's lament

- •Confusion and disorder of societal relationships
- •No trustworthiness or faithfulness
- •Not even your own family
- *Not even the closest of relationships- marriage
- NOTE! Mal 4:5-6

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Statement of Hope -7:7-20

- $\cdot Micah$ turns the focus onto hope hope in God
- •The godly will look to their Saviour in times of distress and destruction
- $\ensuremath{\cdot}$ There is an expectancy of salvation and restoration
- •God is still faithful

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Statement of Hope -7:7-20

•Where sin abounds, grace abounds even more!

•Rom 5:20-6:4

•Sin always results in death, but grace always results in life

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Statement of Hope -7:7-20

•The Israelites and the inhabitants of the earth will be judged for their sin

•The day is coming when all will be made right

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Statement of Hope -7:7-20

•The Shepherd is coming to lead His people •John 10:11

•The One spoken of in Micah 5:2

•The nations will be ashamed but the righteous will rejoice

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Statement of Hope -7:7-20

•There is no God like our God!

- •Our God forgives sin
- •Our God is faithful
- •Our God shows His 'hesed' love to His people
- •See Ex 34:6-7

Conclusion/Summary

•God will restore the rightful order of creation when Jesus returns!

- •Wait for God
- •Trust in God

•Be faithful to God because He is faithful to you!

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