

DO JUSTICE;
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YOUR GOD

MICAH

1 The LORD gave this message to Micah of Moresheth during the years when Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings of Judah. The visions he saw concerned both Samaria and Jerusalem.

Grief over Samaria and Jerusalem

- 2** Attention! Let all the people of the world listen!
Let the earth and everything in it hear.
The Sovereign LORD is making accusations against you;
the Lord speaks from his holy Temple.
- 3** Look! The LORD is coming!
He leaves his throne in heaven
and tramples the heights of the earth.
- 4** The mountains melt beneath his feet
and flow into the valleys
like wax in a fire,
like water pouring down a hill.
- 5** And why is this happening?
Because of the rebellion of Israel*—
yes, the sins of the whole nation.
Who is to blame for Israel's rebellion?
Samaria, its capital city!
Where is the center of idolatry in Judah?
In Jerusalem, its capital!
- 6** "So I, the LORD, will make the city of Samaria
a heap of ruins.
Her streets will be plowed up
for planting vineyards.
I will roll the stones of her walls into the valley below,
exposing her foundations.
- 7** All her carved images will be smashed.
All her sacred treasures will be burned.
These things were bought with the money
earned by her prostitution,
and they will now be carried away
to pay prostitutes elsewhere."
- 8** Therefore, I will mourn and lament.
I will walk around barefoot and naked.
I will howl like a jackal
and moan like an owl.
- 9** For my people's wound
is too deep to heal.
It has reached into Judah,
even to the gates of Jerusalem.
- 10** Don't tell our enemies in Gath*;
don't weep at all.

1:5 Hebrew *Jacob*; also in 1:5b. The names "Jacob" and "Israel" are often interchanged throughout the Old Testament, referring sometimes to the individual patriarch and sometimes to the nation.
1:10a *Gath* sounds like the Hebrew term for "tell."

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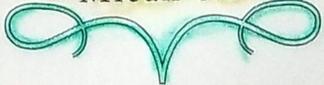
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Deuteronomy 10:12-13 And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the LORD's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?

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nagad - to tell, report, make known or declare something, to make it conspicuous.

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Leviticus 19:15 You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor nor defer to the great, but you are to judge your neighbor fairly.

Leviticus 19:18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Proverbs 21:3 To do righteousness and justice is desired by the LORD rather than sacrifice.

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Psalm 37:25-30 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread. ²⁶ He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed. ²⁷ Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore. ²⁸ For the LORD loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off. ²⁹ The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell in it forever. ³⁰ The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice.

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Isaiah 1:17 learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

Hosea 6:6 For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

Amos 5:15 Hate evil, love good, and establish justice in the gate!

Amos 5:24 Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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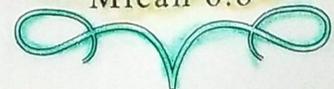
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Job 34:4 Let us choose justice for ourselves; Let us know among ourselves what is good.

Proverbs 16:16 How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver.

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Hineh mah – tov... How good it is !!

Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For
brethren to dwell together in unity!

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Micah 6:8 is not an instruction to the world...

- a. we shouldn't expect this
- b. we shouldn't be surprised when they don't do it
- c. we shouldn't be surprised when we are mocked

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Moses gave 365 prohibitions and 248 positive commands.

David: 11 - Psalm 15

Isaiah: 6 - Isaiah 33:14-15

Micah: 3 – Micah 6:8

Habakkuk: The just shall live by faith. Habakkuk 2:4

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 - When you know how great God is, and then you will know how – NOT GREAT – you are!

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Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient; love is kind. Love does not envy; is not boastful; is not conceited;

Colossians 3:12 And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience

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James 1:27 Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

James 4:6-7 But He gives greater grace. Therefore He says: God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore, submit to God. But resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.

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1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

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