

Micah 1-3 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From Micah 1:13-16 what would happen to Lachish (v13-14) and why (v14)? Why would Israel's glory have to go to the cave of Adullam (v15-16, see 2 Sam 23:13)?
5. Using 2:1-5 in what sins was Israel engaging (v1, 2) and what would their consequences be (v3, 4, 5)?
6. In 2:6-11 how was Israel treating the prophet and his words (v6-7)? How were they treating the good ones among them (v8, 9-10)? What did they want instead (v11)?
7. Read 2:12-13. What was the truth of what God would do (v12) and how would this happen (v13)? To whom does v13 refer?
8. According to 3:1-4 how were Israel's leaders treating the people (v1-3)? When they became desperate and turned to the Lord how would He respond (v4)? Why (v4)?
9. From 3:5-7 what two messages did the false prophets have (v5) and on what did it depend (v5)? What would happen to them (v6, 7)?
10. Looking at 3:8-12 what was Micah's general (v8) and specific (v9-11) message? What would happen to Israel because of their leaders' sins (v12)? What was Micah's power (v8)?
11. Review Micah 1-3. Against what sins of the people (1:7, 2:1-5) and of the leaders (3:1-3, 5-11) did Micah prophesy? How does that apply to us?

Scripture to Remember

*"Then they will cry out to the Lord,
but He will not answer them.
Instead He will hide His face
from them at that time because
they have practiced evil deeds."*

Micah 3:4 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Resources for the Race (2 Timothy 1:1-7)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share about a project or task that was difficult to complete. What were some of the resources that enabled you to finish? How did you feel when it was done?
2. Read 2 Tim 1:1-7. Discuss the "promise of life" in v1—what is the difference between "quantity" and "quality" of life? How much does "quantity of life motivate you? Why?
3. Why is obedience necessary to experience the "quality of life" that God promises?
4. Talk about why it is so important to people in your life that support you as you try to finish strong. Why are both a "friend" in the faith and a "family of faith" vital?
5. Share about a time (maybe now) when the "fire" of God burned strongly in you. Which of these three caused it to burn down—sin, self-sufficiency, or sedentary living?
6. Specifically talk about how you can rekindle the "fire" today and how you can access God's power to do this. Pray for each other to put these ideas into action.
7. If there is time bring up anything else from the message that you would like to talk about.



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The Bad News First

Introduction to Micah 1-3



It is good when God gets in our face and straightens us up through His Word.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

A good news/bad news joke always begins with the question, “Do you want the good news or the bad news first?” In this week’s study in Micah he delivers the bad news first. Micah was an eighth century B.C. contemporary of Isaiah who faithfully spoke the word of the Lord to Israel and Judah. Micah 1-3 records the bad news, while Micah 4-7 reveals the good news of Israel’s glorious future. The prophecy opens with a picture of retribution from God on Samaria, representing Israel, and on Jerusalem, representing the southern kingdom of Judah. The entire world was called to court for God to bear witness against His people. They were rebellious and idolatrous, and depended on their fortresses for security. God’s judgment was certain, though, as He came from His

high place in the heavens to melt the hills like wax, lay bear the foundations of evil, and smash the idols to pieces. Because of Samaria’s hardness their wound was incurable, and there was no point in even weeping for them. It was just a matter of time before they went into exile. God is just, however, so He cited the reasons for His judgment, recounting the sins of the people first, and then of their leaders. The people coveted and forcibly took the land of others; but they would lose it all and no one would be there to reapportion it to them. They also tried to silence Micah, God’s true prophet, and complained that God was “overreacting”. They stole the clothes of innocent people and took advantage of widows. They even preferred false prophets who would speak to

them about worldly pleasures. God’s leader (the Messiah), though, would be the One who would clear a path for them and gather them again. Israel’s leaders had sins for which to account as well—abusing the people, prophesying for pay, and falsely claiming to be right with the Lord. The response from God came through Micah whom He had empowered. He revealed that God’s judgment was coming because they were indeed sinful, building with violence. He was simply giving them the bad news first.

Daily Study Questions for Micah 1-3

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Micah 1:1-4. Who was going to bear witness against Israel (v2)? Where would He come from (v2-3) and what would occur (v3-4)?</p>	
<p>2. Using 1:5-7 why would Israel be judged (v5)? What would happen to Samaria (capital of Israel) (v6, 7)? Would this happen to Jerusalem (capital of Judah) - see v5b?</p>	
<p>3. Looking at 1:8-12 how did Micah feel (v8) and why (v9)? What was he told to not do (v10) and why (v11-12)?</p>	

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