

## “Hope Found” - Micah 7:1-10, 18-20

Ask - “Are you generally a positive or negative person? Would others agree?”

Background - Though Micah prophesied of a coming judgment, he concluded his message on a positive note expressing hope in a future restoration. In the end, God is good and merciful. We can rest in knowing that His justice will prevail.

“A Nation Gone Astray” - Micah 7:1-6

(v1-2) What does Micah compare himself to? What can he not find? Who do the allusive grapes and figs represent? Describe what the people have become.

(v3-4) To what degree is evil being practiced in Israel? How do the royals, judges, and elites act corruptly? Even the most upright of them are still like what? What will be the result of their wickedness?

(v5-6) What warning does Micah give concerning neighbors, friends, and even lovers? Why? How will family members treat each other as judgment nears?

MICAH LAMENTS THAT THE RIGHTEOUS HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM THE LAND, THE LEADERS ARE CORRUPT, AND NO ONE CAN BE TRUSTED.

“A Prophet Standing Firm” - Micah 7:7-10

(v7-8) In contrast, describe Micah’s behavior. Is he hopeful or full of despair? Why does he feel this way? Discuss.

(v9) What does Micah acknowledge about himself? Does he view his circumstances as unfair? Again, why does he express such confidence (1 John 2:1-2)?

(v10) How will Micah, along with all of the redeemed children of God, be vindicated? Compare this with Psalm 23:5.

MICAH UNDERSTANDS THAT HE IS A FALLEN SINNER LIVING IN A BROKEN WORLD. YET HE CLINGS TO HOPE KNOWING THAT GOD IS JUST AND THE RIGHTEOUS WILL BE SAVED.

“A God Like No Other” - Micah 7:18-20

(v18) List and discuss the various acts and charactics of God highlighted in this verse. Answer the question, “Who is a God like you?” Play a worship song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L85gOnIswdw>

(v19) What will the LORD do with the sins of those who have trusted in Him?

(v20) What will God give to His covenant people Israel in the days of their restoration? Will God keep His promises to her?

MICAH LISTS SOME OF THE AMAZING CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR GOD AND EXPRESSES HOPE FOR THE SINNER AND FOR HIS PEOPLE ISRAEL.

Application - We serve a great and mighty God who is like no other. He is long-suffering and patient with us and our waywardness. Even in His judgment, there is mercy for the sinner who cries out to the LORD. Our hope is found in nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. Close with a word of prayer thanking God for His forgiveness and salvation.