

The Lord's Requirements

Micah 1:1 – 2:11, 3:1-12, 6:1 – 7:7

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Micah was filled with power, filled with the Spirit of the Lord. Through him the Lord declared:

Listen to what I have to say.

Samaria is responsible for Israel's rebellion, and Jerusalem is the center of Judah's idolatry. So I will turn Samaria into a heap of rubble. I will mourn, for Israel is fatally wounded; Judah is doomed; and Jerusalem will fall.

Your leaders distort justice for their own gain. Priests demand payment for teaching my laws. Prophets will say anything for a price. Yet all claim to depend on me. But I tell you, sorrow waits for those who plot evil.

Don't try to tell my prophet Micah what to say. He can't be bought like the others. Do what is right and you will find his words comforting. Continue in your sin and you will find no rest.

I redeemed you from slavery, provided you with leaders, and protected you from your enemies. But you have forgotten all that I have done for you. Well, I have not forgotten what you have done. You are dishonest, violent, and deceitful. And so I will give you over to ruin.

Don't think you can depend on anyone. Even your dearest friend or your closest relative could be your worst enemy. I am the only one you can trust. Your only hope is to do what I require of you: seek justice, exercise mercy, and humbly obey your God.