

# The Book of Micah

## Chapter Six

### Introduction

- Chapter 6 begins the third and final section of the book.
- These two chapters give us the reason for the coming judgment upon the people.
- We can easily see this message as if in a courtroom with God and Micah as prosecuting attorneys proving the guilt of the defendant Israel.

### Chapter Six – God’s Indictment Against Israel

- vs. 1-2 – Court is called into session and the audience is the whole earth. This is no secret thing that the Lord is doing.
- vs. 3 – No charge can be made against God in his treatment of His people.
- vs. 4 – The first example of God’s care for His people is His delivering them from Egypt and providing leadership to them.
- vs. 5 – The second example of God’s care for His people is His protection of them, illustrated by Balaam’s inability to curse them (Numbers 23:8).
- vs. 6-7 – These two verses are the response of the people to Micah’s message. They are defending their own actions by saying they have offered sacrifices so God should be happy with them.
- vs. 8 – The prophet responds that they had *not* done what the Lord commanded them, that God required more than sacrifices from impure hearts. See Isaiah 1:10-18.
- vs. 9 – God’s message was broadcast but only the wise could recognize His voice.
- vs. 10-11 – These verses concern dishonest business practices, either by shortchanging measurements or by using two sets of weights. See Amos 8:5, Proverbs 16:11.
- vs. 12-13 – God will humble those who enlarged themselves through sin.
- vs. 14-15 – These verses illustrate that as powerful as these men think they are they are powerless to stop God’s swift judgment.
- vs. 16 – statutes of Omri – The laws set in place by Omri, king of Israel. He is counted as one of the most wicked of all the kings. See I Kings 16:25-26.
- vs. 16 – works of the house of Ahab – Omri’s son, who was wicked in his own right and brought to Israel the worship of Baal. See I Kings 21:25-26.