

The Book of Micah

Chapter Seven

Introduction

- We close our study by closing out the third message that began in Chapter Six.
- In the previous chapter, God was the primary speaker but here Micah is the spokesman for the righteous remnant in the land.

Chapter Seven – The Response of Micah and the Remnant

- vs. 1 – The imagery is that of what is left on a tree or on a vine after a harvest; that is, not much remains. This pictures the few righteous in the land.
- vs. 2-3 – The state of society: men are treacherous, conniving, corrupt.
- vs. 3 – “the wrap it up” – a wonderful picture in Hebrew: each man’s wickedness is entwined together with that of other men.
- vs. 4 – briars and thorn hedges – far removed from the fruitful tree of Psalm 1:3!
- vs. 4 – “the day of thy watchmen...” – the swift judgement that would leave them helpless with nowhere to turn.
- vs. 5-6 – Can’t even trust your own family!
- vs. 6 – referenced by Christ in Matthew 10:21.
- vs. 7 – Trust in the Lord! See Psalm 46.
- vs. 8-17 – I think these verses might have a double fulfilment prophetically speaking. First, in the restoration of Israel after the Babylonian captivity. Second, in the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom.
- vs. 8-9 – Note the hope that is still present. Even though Israel is being judged, they will turn back to God and be restored,
- vs. 10 – The tables will turn; the enemies of God will see their victory turned to defeat.
- vs. 11-12 – Jerusalem and Israel are exalted in the earth.
- vs. 13-14 – contrasts the desolate state of the land without God’s people to its bountiful state when God is blessing it.
- vs. 15-17 – the miraculous ascent of Israel leaves their enemies speechless.
- vs. 18-20 – A.C. Gaebelein: “The three concluding verses belong to the greatest in the Old Testament Scriptures.” I agree. Note the praises of God for His mercy, grace, and forgiveness.