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# *Micah*

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## **I. (1:1—2:13) Listen! Impending Retribution**

Introduction (1:1)

### A. Impending Judgment on Expanding Sin (1:2-16)

1. Warning: The LORD will come from His temple and destroy Samaria because of Israel's sins (1:2-7).
2. Lament: Judah had adopted the sins of Israel and stood in line for divine destruction (1:8-16).

### B. Impending Judgment on Oppressive Sin (2:1-13)

1. Warning: Those who devise evil plans will themselves be subject to the evil that the LORD will bring on the land (2:1-5).
2. Accusation: The people rejected the prophet's preaching but welcomed oppressive power and the promise of pleasure (2:6-11).
3. Promise: The LORD will gather Israel's remnant and lead them to safety like cherished sheep (2:12-13).

## **II. (3:1—5:15) Listen! Future Restoration**

### A. Retribution on Israel's Wicked Leaders (3:1-12)

1. The LORD will refuse to answer Israel's rulers because of their severe injustice (3:1-4).
2. The LORD will withhold revelation from Israel's prophets because they led the people astray (3:5-8).
3. The LORD will destroy Jerusalem because of the injustice of Israel's rulers, priests, and prophets (3:9-12).

B. The Restoration of Mount Zion (4:1-13)

1. “In the last days” the nations will stream to Jerusalem to learn the ways of God and peace will prevail (4:1-5).
2. “In that day” the LORD will honor the lame and the outcasts when He reigns in Jerusalem (4:6-8).
3. Although Israel would go into exile in Babylon, God would rescue and redeem them (4:9-13).

C. The Reign of the Messianic King (5:1-15)

1. Judah's ruler would come out of Bethlehem and establish peace (5:1-6).
2. The remnant of Judah will once again become free and victorious (5:7-9).
3. “In that day” the LORD will eliminate sin, idolatry, and the nations that oppressed His people (5:10-15).

**III. (6:1—7:20) Listen! Ultimate Renewal**

A. Reflection on God’s Goodness—A Call for Humility (6:1-8)

1. God presents His controversy with His people, reminding them of their redemption from slavery (6:1-5).
2. God requires justice, mercy, and humility in contrast to sacrificial offerings (6:6-8).

B. Retribution for the Unrighteous—An Absence of Honor (6:9—7:6)

1. God had already begun to bring judgment on His people because of their sins (6:9-16).
2. The land was void of faithful people and filled with contemptible people (7:1-6).

C. Restoration for the Remnant—A Beacon of Blessing (7:7-13)

1. The LORD will vindicate those who look to Him and who bear with indignation (7:7-10).
2. Restoration would eventually come for God’s people who will become a beacon to the nations (7:11-13)

D. Release from Sin—The Forgiveness of God (7:14-20)

1. Micah offered a prayer for God to once again shepherd His people (7:14-17).
2. Micah offered a prayer of praise for God's anticipated forgiveness and restoration of His people (7:18-20).