

## Micah 6

Micah 6:1-2 say, “Hear now what the LORD is saying, “Arise, plead your case before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice. “Listen, you mountains, to the indictment of the LORD, And you enduring foundations of the earth, Because the LORD has a case against His people; Even with Israel He will dispute.” From these opening verses, the Lord would prepare His case like a lawyer to \_\_\_\_\_ His impending judgment against Israel (Judah) because of her many, gross sins. The \_\_\_\_\_ mountains and hills and foundations of the earth would be the Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_ against them, even as inanimate creation!

Micah 6:3-5 say, “My people, what have I done to you, And how have I wearied you? Answer Me. “Indeed, I brought you up from the land of Egypt And ransomed you from the house of slavery, And I sent before you Moses, Aaron and Miriam. “My people, remember now What Balak king of Moab counseled And what Balaam son of Beor answered him, And from Shittum to Gilgal, So that you might know the righteous acts of the LORD.” The Lord our God gives \_\_\_\_\_ to the weary who trust in Him. But here, the “weary” blame God for their troubles. The Lord here reminded them of His mighty \_\_\_\_\_ from slavery in Egypt through His servants Moses, Aaron and Miriam. Also, as recounted from Numbers 22-24, the \_\_\_\_\_ prophet Balaam was compelled by the Lord to “bless” Israel, even though the king of Moab (Balak) had hired him to “curse” them. The people of Judah were spurning God’s blessings upon them; and they would reap the actions of their wickedness.

Micah 6:6-8 say, “With what shall I come to the LORD And bow myself before the God on high? Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, With yearling calves? Does the LORD take delight in thousands of rams, In ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn for my rebellious acts, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?” Any kind of offering that does not include the faith of \_\_\_\_\_ to the voice of the Lord will not find His acceptance. Micah 6:8 describes the threefold responsibility of believers in the Lord concerning their daily lives before Him for His salvation...to do \_\_\_\_\_ and to love \_\_\_\_\_ and

to \_\_\_\_\_ humbly in His awesome presence. These general and powerful truths for a saving faith are repeated from James 1:19-27 in the New Testament.

Micah 6:9-12 say, “The voice of the LORD will call to the city—And it is sound wisdom to fear Your name; “Hear, O tribe. Who has appointed its time? “Is there yet a man in the wicked house, Along with treasures of wickedness And a short measure that is cursed? “Can I justify wicked scales And a bag of deceptive weights? “For the rich men of the city are full of violence, Her residence speak lies, And their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.” These verses speak of the great \_\_\_\_\_ of sinful wickedness, as though those committing such sins could escape God’s notice and think themselves spiritually safe. But the Lord spoke a definite indictment against them.

Micah 6:13-16 say, “So also I will make you sick, striking you down, Desolating you because of your sins. “You will eat, but you will not be satisfied, And your vileness will be in your midst. You will try to remove for safekeeping, But you will not preserve anything. And what you do preserve I will give to the sword. “You will sow but you will not reap. You will tread the olive but will not anoint yourself with oil; And the grapes, but you will not drink wine. “The statues of Omri And all the works of the house of Ahab are observed; And in their devices you walk. Therefore I will give you up for destruction And your inhabitants for derision, and you will bear the reproach of My people.” This judgment would happen in 586 B.C. as Judah would be crushed by the Babylonians and exiled for \_\_\_\_\_ years. The sins of Judah were so awful, they were \_\_\_\_\_ to the kings Omri and Ahab, who, at that time, were considered the “worst of the worst” among the kings of Israel as it concerned their rebellion and wickedness against the Lord. Everything the people of Judah would try to do to preserve their way of life would be thwarted by the Lord and eventually destroyed by the Babylonians.