

MICAH

An open book with glowing particles rising from it against a starry background.

DO JUSTLY

LOVE MERCY

WALK HUMBLY

MICAH 6-7

PART 1

HISTORICAL BOOKS RELATIONSHIP

Samuel Saul David Solomon
UNITED KINGDOM

Israel (Northern Kingdom)

931BC

PROPHETS OF ISRAEL

AMOS
760 753

722BC

ELISHA
848 ???

HOSEA
755 725

ELIJAH
874 846

JONAH
785 750

Judah (Southern Kingdom)

931BC

PROPHETS OF JUDAH

(Babylonian Exile)

OBADIAH
850 840

ISAIAH
740 680

JEREMIAH
627 585

EZEKIEL
592 570

605BC

JOEL
841 834

MICAH
735 700

ZEPHANIAH
640 620

DANIEL
605 536

NAHUM
650 620

HABAKKUK
609 606

POST EXILE
MALACHI HAGGAI ZECHARIAH

1 Samuel
Judgship to Kingship

1085BC

2 Samuel
David

1010BC

1 Kings
United then Divided Kingdom

970BC

2 Kings
Divided Kingdom and Exile

853BC

1 Chronicles
Priestly

2 Chronicles
Priestly aspects of History

586BC

Ezra
Nehemiah

538BC

FIRST
COMING



BOOK OF MICAH



SECOND
COMING

| CHAPTERS 1-2 | CHAPTERS 3-5 | CHAPTERS 6-7 |
|---|--|--|
| Hear, all you peoples! (1:2) | Hear now, O heads of Jacob (3:1) | Hear now... O mountains (6:1) |
| FIRST MESSAGE | SECOND MESSAGE | THIRD MESSAGE |
| <i>Israel's Impending Judgment — & — Future Restoration</i> | <i>Guilt of Israel's Leaders — & — Her Future Hope</i> | <i>God's Case Against Israel — & — Ultimate Triumph of His Kingdom</i> |

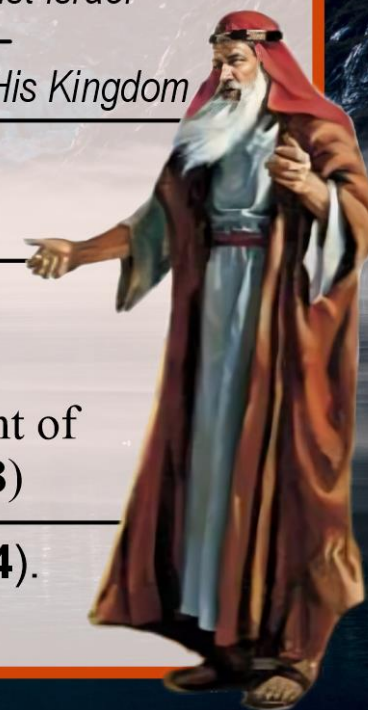
THEME: A true relationship with God is naturally linked to how we treat one another. Micah contrasts Judah's kingdom with God's righteous and just messianic kingdom.

KEY VERSE: • "He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?" (Mh.6:8)

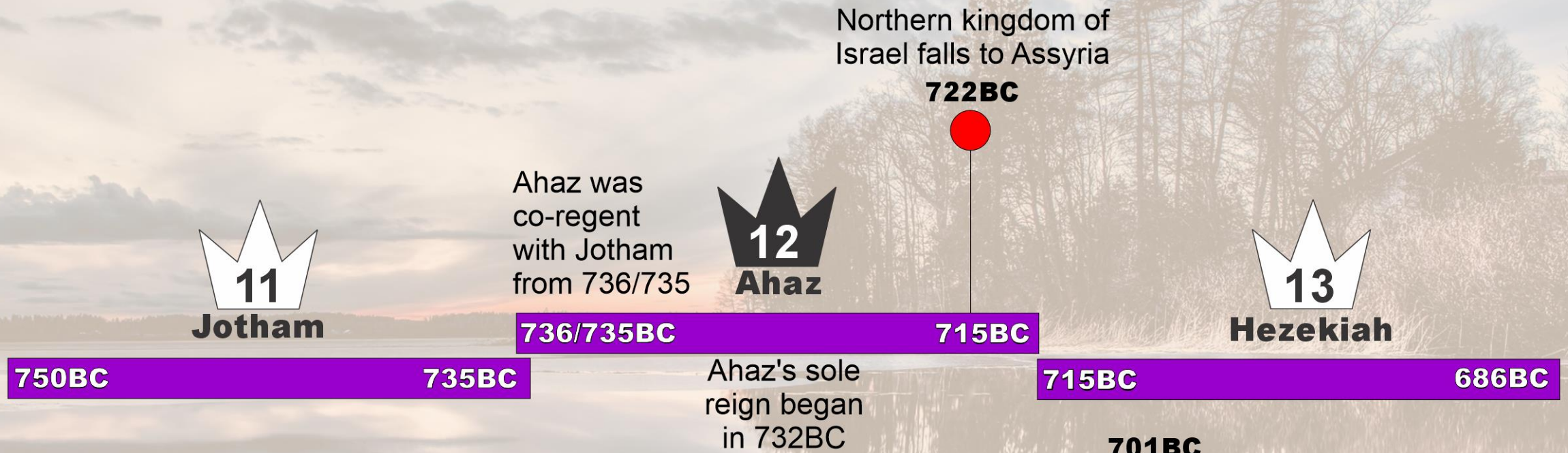
CHRIST IN MICAH: • "Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy." (Mh.7:18)

CHRIST IN MICAH: • Micah predicted Messiah's birthplace, lineage, origin (5:2), and future reign (4:1-7; 5:4).


CHRIST IN MICAH: • He is called Israel's King (2:13) and Ruler who is eternal.




MICAH HISTORICAL BACKGROUND



LEGEND

 **KING** = Basically Bad

 **KING** = Basically Good

735 **MICAH** 700

INTRODUCTION

- **Chapters 4 and 5 are full of hope; chapters 6 and 7 proclaim judgment and appeal to the people to repent.**
- **Micah opens this third message (Mh.6-7) with a courtroom motif moving back and forth between three speakers:**
 - 1. The Lord pleading His case**
 - 2. The people responding under conviction**
 - 3. The prophet as the lawyer for the plaintiff**





IN COURT WITH THE LORD

(Micah 6:1-2)

**Hear now what the LORD says:
Arise, plead your case before
the mountains, And let the hills
hear your voice.**

MICAH 6:1





“Hear now what the LORD says: “Arise, plead your case before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice.” (Mi.6:1)



- Micah pictures a court of law, with Israel “on trial” before the Lord.**
- God called to the mountains to confirm the people's guilt.**
- The mountains would serve as excellent witnesses, for it was in the high places that the people had built pagan altars and had sacrificed to false gods (1Ki.14:23; Je.17:2-3; Ek.20:28).**



**Hear, O you mountains, the LORD's
complaint, And you strong
foundations of the earth; For the
LORD has a complaint against His
people, And He will contend with
Israel.**

MICAH 6:2





“Hear, O you mountains, the LORD's complaint, And you strong foundations of the earth; For the LORD has a complaint against His people, And He will contend with Israel.” (Mi.6:2)

- In God's court, He will bring His case or complaint against Israel.**
- God, the Judge, tells his people what he requires of them and recites all the ways they have wronged both him and others.**
- The mountains and hills were present at Sinai when the Lord made His covenant with Israel, and the law was placed in the Ark of the Covenant as a permanent witness (Du.31:26).**



The background of the slide is a scenic landscape. In the foreground, there is a calm body of water, likely a lake or a wide river, which perfectly reflects the sky and the trees. The sky is a mix of deep blues and greys, with a soft orange glow from the setting or rising sun visible on the horizon. A line of trees, including tall evergreens and bare deciduous trees, stands along the far shore. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

THE LORD'S COMPLAINT AGAINST THE PEOPLE

(Micah 6:3-5)

**O My people, what have I
done to you? And how
have I wearied you?
Testify against Me.**



MICAH 6:3





“O My people, what have I done to you? And how have I wearied you? Testify against Me.” (Mi.6:3)

- As Israel steps up to the witness stand, God asks them, “What have I done to you?”**
- God has done nothing but good to Israel, and has been repaid with rejection and rebellion.**





For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage; And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.



MICAH 6:4





“For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage; And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.” (Mi.6:4)

- God did no evil to Israel. He also did them an enormous amount of good.**
- He redeemed them and gave them godly leaders. God’s case against Israel looks pretty good.**



**O My people, remember now What
Balak king of Moab counseled, And
what Balaam the son of Beor
answered him, From Acacia Grove
to Gilgal, That you may know the
righteousness of the LORD.**

MICAH 6:5



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- **After meeting with King Balak of Moab, Balaam prophesied over Israel four times.**
- **As he spoke forth God’s word, he did not curse Israel. But he blessed them each time.**
- **When he was unsuccessful in cursing Israel, Balaam answered Balak on how to bring Israel under a curse.**





“O My people, remember now What Balak king of Moab counseled, And what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, From Acacia Grove to Gilgal, That you may know the righteousness of the LORD.” (Mi.6:5)

- Instead of trying to have a prophet curse them, the Moabites lead them into fornication and idolatry, and God will curse them.**
- Balak sent his young women into the camp of Israel to lead Israel into sexual immorality and idolatry.**
- Because of their sin, God did curse Israel by bringing a plague of judgment upon Israel that killed 24,000.**
- Like a great lawyer in court, God shows Israel that if they feel cursed in any way, it is entirely their responsibility.**



THE ANSWER OF THE PEOPLE

“What can I do?”

(Micah 6:6-7)

**With what shall I come before the
LORD, And bow myself before the
High God? Shall I come before
Him with burnt offerings, With
calves a year old?**

MICAH 6:6





“With what shall I come before the LORD, And bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old?” (Mi.6:6)

- “With what shall I come before the LORD” is a question asked out of bitterness.**
- Israel calls out to God from the witness stand, and says: “Just what do You want from me?”**
- “God, You ask too much. Nothing will satisfy You.”**



**Will the LORD be pleased with
thousands of rams, Ten thousand
rivers of oil? Shall I give my
firstborn for my transgression, The
fruit of my body for the sin of my
soul?**

MICAH 6:7





“Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” (Mi.6:7)

- We can almost hear Israel shouting at God from the witness stand.**
- If we brought thousands of rams or rivers of oil or even my own firstborn it would not be enough. You are unreasonable.**
- Blinded to God’s goodness and character, he reasons within his own depraved frame of reference.**





“Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” (Mi.6:7)

- “We do not need to change. It is God who needs to change” appears to be their thinking.**
- His willingness to raise the price does not reflect his generosity but veils a complaint that God demands too much.**



THE REPLY OF THE LORD

“He has shown you”

(Micah 6:8)

**He has shown you, O man, what is
good; And what does the LORD
require of you But to do justly, To
love mercy, And to walk humbly
with your God?**

MICAH 6:8





“He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?” (Mi.6:8)

- God stops the shouting of the angry defendant from the witness box (“He has shown you”).**
- Israel acts as if it is some mystery God requires of them. God's point is that it is no mystery at all.**
- The LORD answers the contentious witness in open court.**





“He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?” (Mi.6:8)

- What God requires is not complicated. Simply do three things.**
 - DO JUSTLY – Act in a fair way toward others as you would want from Me**
 - LOVE MERCY – Give others the same measure of mercy you want to receive from Me**
 - WALK HUMBLY with your God – Remember who I am which will humble you.**





“He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?” (Mi.6:8)

- Do not try to be humble, just be humble. When a man talks a great deal about his humility he is an insincere hypocrite.**
- Humility must be in the heart, then it will come out spontaneously in every act of life.**
- True humility is thinking properly about yourself. When you know who you are, you have nothing to boast of.**





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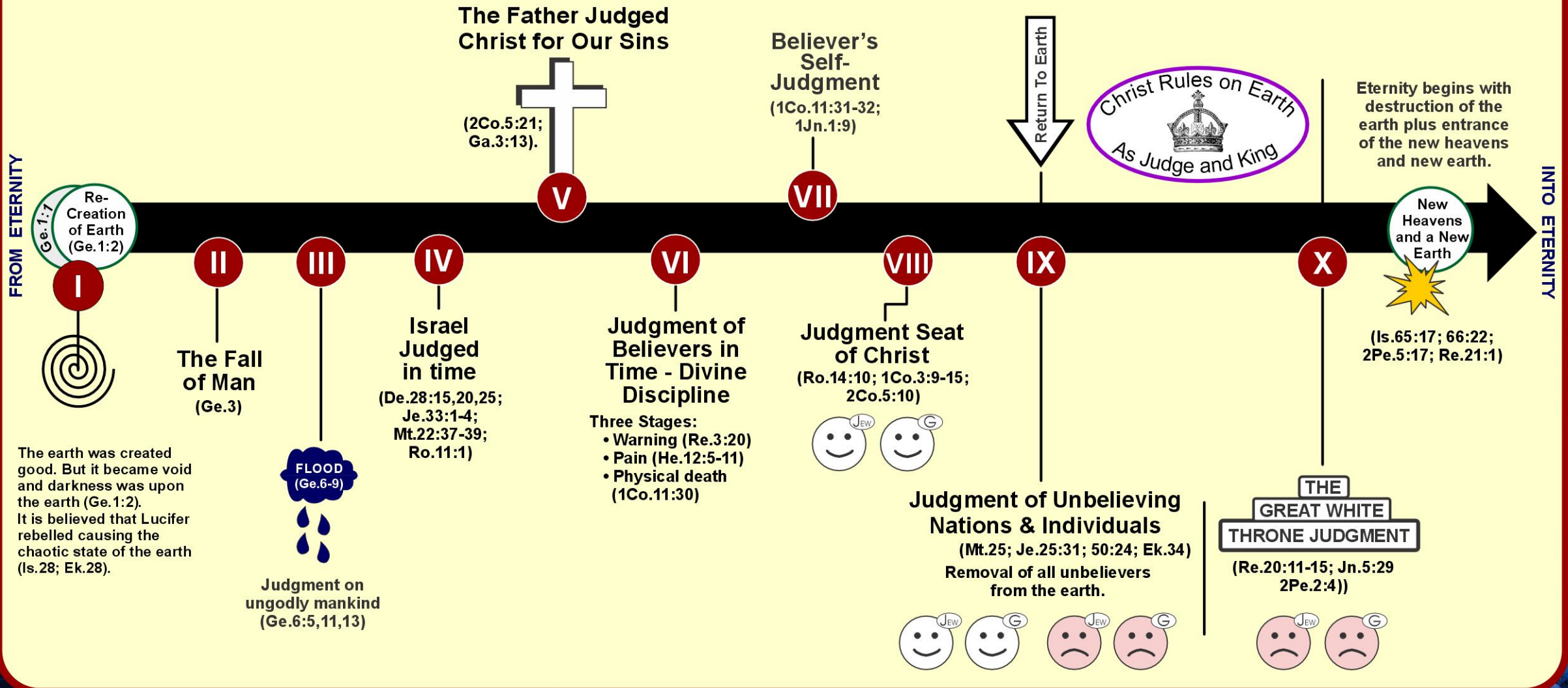
- Israel is afflicted, but it is not because of the neglect or disregard of God.**
- Their own sin brought their affliction upon them.**
- What God required of them was not mysterious or too difficult. They simply did not do it.**



10 JUDGMENTS OVERVIEW — PAST AND FUTURE

FROM ETERNITY

INTO ETERNITY



THE FACT OF THE EVALUATION

¹⁰But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. ¹¹For it is written: "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL CONFESS TO GOD." ¹²So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

ROMANS 14:10-12

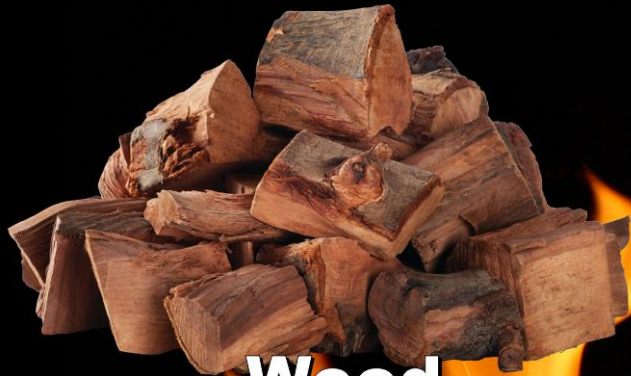
THE MECHANICS OF THE EVALUATION



¹⁰According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-15

THE QUALITY OF THE EVALUATION



Wood



Hay



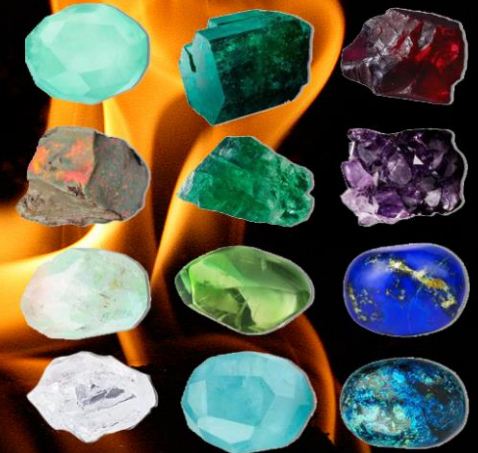
Straw



Gold



Silver



Precious Stones

1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-15

PURPOSE OF THE BEMA

1 Believers are to “give an account” of ourselves to God (Ro.14:10-12)

- 1** God is a holy God, and we must give an account for our lives
- 2** The Bema prepares the Bride for the Marriage Supper (Rv.19)
- 3** All human good is removed (1Co.3:12,15)

2 The Bema properly rewards faithfulness for serving Christ

- 1** All believers have been given the gift of eternal life, but not all believers will inherit the same rewards.
- 2** Reward is given for divine good (1Co.3:14)
- 3** The Bema prepares the believer for eternity



A scenic landscape featuring a calm body of water in the foreground, reflecting the sky and surrounding trees. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The trees are dark and silhouetted against the bright sky. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, bold, green font with a black outline.

GOD SEES THE INJUSTICE OF ISRAEL

(Micah 6:9-12)

The LORD's voice cries to the city— Wisdom shall see Your name: "Hear the rod! Who has appointed it?"

MICAH 6:9





“The LORD’s voice cries to the city— Wisdom shall see Your name: “Hear the rod! Who has appointed it?” (Mi.6:9)

- **Israel FELT the rod of God, but did not “hear” it.**
- **God tells them to “Hear the Rod”. Hear has the idea of hearing with obeying. Their ears may work, but their hearts are hard, thus, their lives are corrupt (Je.8:14, “Because we have sinned against the LORD.” These were words without meaning to Judah. Judah missed this point).**
- **The Rod can have two senses:**
 - **As a picture of corrective discipline of God (Pr.22:15)**
 - **As personified in the voice of God Himself (Ps.110:2; Is.11:1,4 referring to the Messiah)**



**Are there yet the treasures of
wickedness In the house of the
wicked, And the short measure
that is an abomination?**

MICAH 6:10





“Are there yet the treasures of wickedness In the house of the wicked, And the short measure that is an abomination?” (Mi.6:10)

- They lied, stole, and cheated one another simply to make some money off each other.**
- Treasures of wickedness refers to the gain the leaders held which they obtained unjustly from the poor.**
- “Short measure” signifies one of the means by which the poor were defrauded out of their possessions.**
- It was by tampering with the legal scales and weights to be used in business transactions (Am.8:5).**



**Shall I count pure those with
the wicked scales, And with
the bag of deceitful weights?**



MICAH 6:1 1





**“Shall I count pure those with the wicked scales,
And with the bag of deceitful weights?” (Mi.6:11)**

- Sellers used dishonest scales and false weights to give less merchandise than the buyers thought they were getting.**
- God said He hates such unfair practices, that take advantage of others.**
- The thought is that if God were to tolerate or accept the dishonest dealings of the people, then He would not be pure from such evils either.**



**For her rich men are full of
violence, Her inhabitants have
spoken lies, And their tongue
is deceitful in their mouth.**



MICAH 6:12





“For her rich men are full of violence, Her inhabitants have spoken lies, And their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.” (Mi.6:12)

- The sin of Israel went further than just cheating others in business and commerce; they also made themselves rich through violence.**
- No society is ever entirely upright or godly; there are always evil people in it.**
- In a well-functioning society the evil are suppressed and those of good character are prominent and rule the land.**
- In times of moral breakdown this is inverted.**



GOD'S JUDGMENT ON GREEDY ISRAEL

(Micah 6:13-16)

**Therefore I will also make you
sick by striking you, By making
you desolate because of your
sins.**

MICAH 6:13





“Therefore I will also make you sick by striking you, By making you desolate because of your sins.” (Mi.6:13)

- The common people were destined also to feel the wrath of God because of their falsehood in behalf of the wicked leaders.**
- They were to be made “sick” and many disappointments would come to them in their experiences of life.**



**You shall eat, but not be satisfied;
Hunger shall be in your midst. You
may carry some away, but shall
not save them; And what you do
rescue I will give over to the
sword.**

MICAH 6:14





“You shall eat, but not be satisfied; Hunger shall be in your midst. You may carry some away, but shall not save them; And what you do rescue I will give over to the sword.” (Mi.6:14)

- God promises a tragic end for their ill-gotten gains.**
- He will allow them no satisfaction or blessing in what they possess.**



When I have cut off your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall bring back your bread by weight, and you shall eat and not be satisfied. (Lv.26:26)

- What they would store up would be taken by their enemies (Lv.26:16-17; Du.28:33).**



You shall sow, but not reap; You shall tread the olives, but not anoint yourselves with oil; And make sweet wine, but not drink wine.



MICAH 6:15





“You shall sow, but not reap; You shall tread the olives, but not anoint yourselves with oil; And make sweet wine, but not drink wine.” (Mi.6:15)




- Their planting would bring no harvest for them (Du.28:30).**
- Taken into captivity, they would not be allowed to enjoy the fruit of their labor (Du.28:39-40).**
- These punishments resulted from the people’s failure to obey Him (Du.28).**



**For the statutes of Omri are kept;
All the works of Ahab's house are
done; And you walk in their counsels,
That I may make you a desolation,
And your inhabitants a hissing.
Therefore you shall bear the
reproach of My people.**

MICAH 6:16





“For the statutes of Omri are kept; All the works of Ahab's house are done; And you walk in their counsels, That I may make you a desolation, And your inhabitants a hissing. Therefore you shall bear the reproach of My people.” (Mi.6:16)

- Instead of walking in the ways of the LORD, they (Omri, Ahab) walked in the sinful example of wicked kings before them, and in the counsels of the ungodly.**
- Omri, king of Israel, the father of Ahab, was one of the worst kings the Israelites ever had.**
- Ahab followed in his wicked father's steps.**
- Judgment was coming as severe as what happened to the northern kingdom of Israel.**






KING AHAB



JEZEBEL

- **Ahab married Jezebel. Both were evil.**
- **Ahab angered God more than any other kings.**

- **Ahab blamed Elijah for bringing trouble on Israel (1Ki.18:17-18), but it was Ahab's promotion of idolatry that was the true cause of the three-and-a-half-year famine.**
- **In a dramatic confrontation between Elijah and Ahab's false prophets, all of Ahab's men of Baal were killed.**

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AN HONEST CONFESSION OF THEIR SINFUL STATE

(Micah 7:1-4)



MICAH 6-7