

Micah 3-5**1-2-02*****“Thy Kingdom Come!”*****1. Intro:**

- 1.1. Here we have quite the contrast between the **evil shepherds** & the **Good shepherd!**
 - 1.1.1. Like the background of **black velvet** jewelers use to show off a **diamond!**
- 1.2. Here we learn of Israel’s glorious future!
 - 1.2.1. We all love Jer.29:11, “For I know the **thoughts** that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of **peace** and **not of evil**, to give you **a future** and a **hope.**”
 - 1.2.2. You would think this hope would motivate the leaders to **turn from their sins.**
 - 1.2.3. 1 Jn.3:3 “And **everyone** who **has this hope** in Him **purifies himself**, just as He is pure.”
- 1.3. **Outline:** Thy Judgment Come; Thy Kingdom Come; Thy King Come.

2. THY JUDGMENT COME! (Micah 3)

- 2.1. **BAD POLITICAL LEADERSHIP!** (1-4)
- 2.2. They should have adopted the Police Motto: “**To Serve & Protect!**”
 - 2.2.1. Instead of **caring** for the people though, they treated them like **animals & devoured them.**
 - 2.2.2. “They attacked them, skinned them alive, butchered them, chopped them up, & made stew out of them!”¹
 - 2.2.2.1. These leaders are compared to **cannibals!**
- 2.3. (4) These wolves in shepherds clothing would cry out for God’s mercy, but no mercy would be given.
- 2.4. They were not being **heard** by God!
 - 2.4.1. And the next group(the prophets) were not **speaking** for God!

¹ www

- 2.5. **BAD PROPHETICAL LEADERSHIP!** (5-7)
- 2.6. So how do you lead misleaders?
- 2.7. Instead of guiding the flock, they led them astray.
- 2.7.1. They brought messages of **“false peace”**.
- 2.7.2. If you *“bought them a drink”*(2:11) they would declare whatever you wanted them to say. [growing up w/priests in our home]
- 2.7.3. 2 Tim.4:3,4 *“For the time will come when men will not put up with **sound doctrine**. Instead, to **suit their own desires**, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.”*
- 2.7.4. The result is **darkness**, which results in **no hope!**
- 2.8. **GOOD PROPHETICAL LEADERSHIP!** (8-12)
- 2.9. (8) Micah’s unabashed autobiographical statement!
- 2.9.1. Spurgeon, *“The greatest works are done by the **“ones”**. The hundreds do not often do much--the companies never. It is the **units**, the **single individuals**, that are the power and the might.”*
- 2.9.2. **Q:** How are you doing with this 1st statement? Do you have power?
- 2.9.2.1. **Fear** will keep you from speaking out for God. So, you can’t rely on **your own power!**
- 2.9.3. **Q:** Is **power** for me to have or is that just for The Greats?
- 2.9.3.1. Acts 1:8 *“But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*
- 2.9.3.2. 1 Thes. 1:5 *“For our gospel did not come to you in **word only**, but also in **power**, and in the Holy Spirit and in **much assurance**, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.”*
- 2.10. (9) Everything was distorted, perverted.
- 2.11. (11a) **Money** became the bottom line! (for a **bribe**; for **pay**; for **money**)
- 2.12. (11b) **Q:** How do you like being used?
- 2.13. A true leader **protects** the people, **guides** them in God’s will, & **serves** w/o thought of personal gain!

3. **THY KINGDOM COME!** (Micah 4)

- 3.1. **A CITY!** (1-5)
- 3.2. (1) “**When the outlook is grim, try the uplook!**” (www)
 3.2.1. This describes the millennial reign.
- 3.3. **Mountain Zion will be the most renowned mountain!** – Not the high mountain ranges such as the **Sierra Nevada’s**, nor the **Andes** in South America, and the **Himalayas** in Asia...but **Zion** at a whopping 2700’.
- 3.4. (2a) This will be a time of **peace** when all men will want to **learn** about the Lord & **walk** in His ways!
- 3.5. (2b) One day little **Jerusalem** will be...the capitol of the **Kingdom**... the capitol of the **World!**
- 3.6. **Come let us go to the mountain of the Lord** - “**Worship** is not just **personal introspection**, or we would worship our feelings. **Worship** is not even a **warm glow**, or we would worship that. We worship **One outside ourselves**. We concentrate on him, we praise him, we adore him, we hear his Word for he is announcing it to us. We listen in holy awe to the word of God, for it is a part of that “all” of Scripture which is given by the outbreathing of God and is personally necessary for “my” correction and “my” instruction in righteousness.”² (Roger Palms)
- 3.7.
- 3.8. (3) **Disarmament!**
 3.8.1. This is what **every** Jewish family (& every nationality’s family) desires...**a pleasant home, w/a productive garden, in a peaceful land!**
 3.8.2. Arms became farm implements! [**New campaign...Arms for Farms!**]
 3.8.3. **A modern twist on this text** was when back in 1989 when Hungary was still a Communist country. The European Baptist Federation met in Budapest, and it was the first time the federation had ever met in a Communist country. The meeting ended with a one-day **Billy Graham crusade** that filled the sports stadium with the largest crowd ever assembled there. There were eighty-five thousand inside and thousands more outside. Earlier sessions had welcomed church leaders from all over Europe with translations into the various languages and headphones for the listeners. Where, you may wonder, did they get all those headphones? They got them **from the army!** **It was a modern twist on an old text--turning swords into plowshares.**

² Roger Palms in Living Under the Smile of God. Christianity Today, Vol. 34, no. 14.

- 3.9. (4,5) **Peace shall prevail!**
- 3.9.1. But even better than **peace & economic stability** was the blessing of **knowing** the Lord & **obeying** him!
- 3.9.2. In one of Jesus' last teachings he said, "**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.**" (Jn.14:27)
- 3.9.3. At His **1st coming** he brought **peace to the world**, to those who would receive it!
- 3.9.4. At His **2nd coming** he will bring **to the world peace!**
- 3.10. **A FLOCK!** (6-8)
- 3.11. Praise God, as we all fit into these groups! {Spiritually lame, spiritual outcasts, & spiritually afflicted!}
- 3.12. **A BIRTH!** (9-10)
- 3.13. Like childbirth... a time of **pain** would eventually bring a **blessing!**
- 3.14. **A HARVEST!** (11-13)
- 3.15. (12) Vance Havner noted, "The little boy who didn't understand why God put so many vitamins in **spinach** and didn't put more of them in **ice cream** had a pretty good idea that it just doesn't work out like you'd think!"
- 3.15.1. **The situation today is:**
 Lots of **knowledge**, but little **understanding**
 Lots of **means**, but little **meaning**
 Lots of **know-how**, but little **know-why**
 Lots of **sight**, but little **insight**.³
- 3.16. (12b) A different twist to "Bringing in the sheaves"
- 3.17. (13) Armageddon -

4. **THY KING COME! (Micah 5)**

- 4.1. **THE MESSIAH!** (1-5a)
- 4.2. (1) Vs.1 seems to fit with last ch. - Hebrew bible is set up this way!
- 4.2.1. Is speaking of Babylon's imminent siege of Jerusalem.
- 4.3. (2) Micah 5:2 was fulfilled 700 years later in Mt.2:5,6.
- 4.3.1. **Insignificant Bethlehem** is offset by the **incredible significance** of the **One** born there. (What president was born in **Yorba Linda?**)

³ Robert Short, Leadership, Vol. 6, no. 3.

- 4.3.2. **Ephrathah**(fruitful) – old name for Bethlehem.
- 4.3.2.1. Eternity entered Ephrathah!
- 4.3.2.2. Also a contrast from the Bethlehem of Zebulun(**Joshua 19:25**)
- 4.4. (2-4) We have the birth of **Messiah**(2); the birth of **a nation**(3; Is.66:8); & one day the birth of **peace...to the ends of the earth!**
- 4.5. (4) **He shall stand & shepherd his flock - Let us worship & bow down before Him as the people of His pasture.**
- 4.6. “**In the strength of the Lord**”...the Gordian knot is severed!
- 4.6.1. In Greek mythology, **the Gordian knot** was a complex knot tied by **Gordius**, king of Phrygia and father of Midas. Gordius was a peasant who became king. In gratitude, he dedicated his wagon to the god **Zeus** and tied the pole of the wagon to the yoke with a rope knotted so intricately that no one could undo it. According to legend, when **Alexander the Great** was unable to untie the Gordian knot, he cut through it with one stroke of his sword.⁴
- 4.6.2. And so Jesus, w/one fell stroke struck sins “Gordian knot”
- 4.7. (5a) He will be their/our **peace!**
- 4.7.1. **Read** Eph.2:14-18
- 4.8. **JUDGING HIS ENEMY!** (5b-9)
- 4.9. Messiah will win victory over His enemies!
- 4.10. **PURGING HIS OWN!** (10-15)
- 4.11. Messiah will win victory over His people...& purge them of their sin!
- 4.12. (10-15) The things they trusted in would be removed.
- 4.12.1. Like their Military power(Armaments, fortresses); nor supernatural powers like(sorceries, & idols).
- 4.12.2. (14) **Wooden images** – Asherah poles, groves, sacred trees or poles set up near the altars.
- 4.12.3. They were the feminine counterpart to Baal idols.
- 4.12.4. William Temple, “It is as much idolatry to worship God according to a false **mental** image as by means of a false **metal** image.”

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4.12.5. Q: How many people today have a false **mental** image of God?

4.12.5.1. Who say...“I think God wouldn’t...”, or “I think God is...” -
that is contrary to the bible's teaching on Him.

4.12.6. Q: Does God want to remove some things from your life so you can
enjoy His peace?

4.13. 2 Pet.3:10,11 “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in
which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will
melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be
burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, **what
manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,**”

4.14. **Prayer groups:** Have someone read **Micah 3:8a**. Pray for your group
regarding this!