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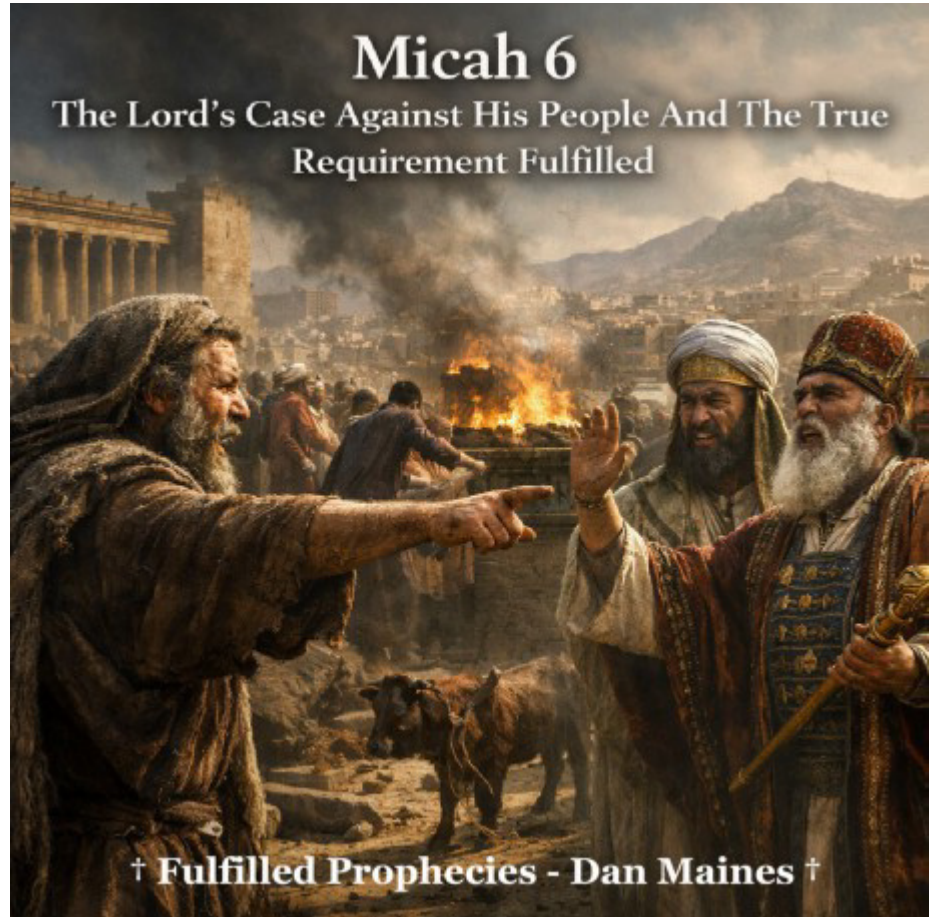
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Micah 6 The Lord's Case Against His People And The True Requirement Fulfilled



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Introduction

† Micah 6 presents the Lord bringing a covenant lawsuit against Israel, calling creation as witness to His faithfulness and exposing their rebellion (Micah 6:1-2).

† This isn't about future judgment, it's about the present covenant failure of Israel leading up to the first century

fulfillment.

† The chapter shows that God never desired empty ritual, He required righteousness, mercy, and humility, all of which were fulfilled and established in Christ.

Micah 6:1-2

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.

† God is bringing a legal case against Israel, just like in Deuteronomy covenant language where heaven and earth are witnesses.

† This shows covenant accountability, Israel was under obligation and failed it, leading to judgment fulfilled in AD 70.

† Jesus continued this same covenant lawsuit against that generation in Matthew 23, showing continuity.

Micah 6:3-5

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 Shittim to Gilgal, So that you might know the righteous acts of the LORD.

† God reminds them of His faithfulness, deliverance from Egypt, leadership, and protection.

† Their rebellion wasn't because God failed, it was because they rejected Him despite His proven faithfulness.

† This same pattern appears in Acts 7, where Stephen recounts Israel's history and exposes their continual resistance.

Micah 6:6-7

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?

† Israel thought outward sacrifice could replace obedience.

† This exposes the corruption of their worship system, especially in the first century temple leadership.

† Hebrews 10 confirms that sacrifices never removed sin, they pointed to Christ.

Micah 6:8

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?

† This is the heart of the covenant, not ritual but righteousness.

† Jesus echoed this in Matthew 23:23, rebuking leaders for neglecting justice, mercy, and faithfulness.

† The fulfilled kingdom restores this standard through Christ, not temple sacrifice.

Micah 6:9-12

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 residents speak
lies, And their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

† Corruption was everywhere, economic injustice, violence, and
deception.

† This describes the exact condition of first century Jerusalem
leaders.

† Jesus confirmed this corruption in Matthew 23, calling them
hypocrites and blind guides.

Micah 6:13-16

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 statutes 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 is covenant curse language straight from Deuteronomy
28.

† These judgments were fulfilled in the destruction of
Jerusalem, famine, sword, and desolation.

† Jesus directly tied these covenant curses to that generation in
Luke 21.

Historical References

† Josephus describes famine, internal corruption, and destruction in Jerusalem exactly matching Micah's warnings.

† Eusebius records the judgment upon Jerusalem as fulfillment of prophetic warnings.

† Tacitus confirms the devastation and moral decay leading to Jerusalem's fall.

How It Applies To Us Today

† God has never wanted empty religion, He wants obedience from the heart (Micah 6:8).

† We don't return to ritual, we've been brought into fulfillment through Christ where righteousness is the standard.

† We walk in justice, mercy, and humility now, not to earn salvation, but because it's already fulfilled in Him.

† The warning still stands, outward religion without inward truth is worthless.

† We live as the restored people of God, not under law, but in the fulfilled kingdom reality.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Was Micah 6 about a future generation thousands of years later?

A: No, it was directed at Israel under the covenant, fulfilled in their judgment in AD 70 (Matthew 23:36).

Q: Does God require sacrifices today?

A: No, Christ fulfilled all sacrifice once for all (Hebrews 10:10-

14).

Q: What does God require now?

A: To walk in justice, mercy, and humility as fulfilled in Christ (Micah 6:8).

Q: Was the judgment described literal?

A: Yes, fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem as recorded by Josephus (Luke 21:20-22).

Q: Are we still under the same covenant Israel was under?

A: No, that covenant ended, we now live in the fulfilled kingdom established by Christ (Hebrews 8:13).

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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† Micah 6:1-16

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