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Introduction

† Micah 7 closes with a clear picture of Israel's corruption, the certainty of judgment, and the confidence of God's mercy toward the remnant.

† This is not about a distant future, it speaks directly to the last days of the Old Covenant leading up to the destruction of

Jerusalem in AD 70.

† What Micah saw was fulfilled in Christ and experienced by the faithful remnant in that generation.

Micah 7:1

Woe is me! For I am like the fruit pickers, like the grape gatherers. There is not a cluster of grapes to eat, Or a first-ripe fig which I crave.

† Micah describes total spiritual barrenness, there was no fruit left among the people.

† Jesus confirmed this when He cursed the fig tree, showing Israel's emptiness in His day.

† The harvest imagery shows judgment had arrived in their generation.

Micah 7:2

The godly person has perished from the land, And there is no upright person among people. All of them lie in wait for bloodshed, Each of them hunts the other with a net.

† This reveals complete moral collapse among the people.

† Jesus exposed the same condition in the leaders of His time.

† Internal violence filled Jerusalem before its fall, confirming this historically.

Micah 7:3

Concerning evil, both hands do it well. The leader asks, also the judge, for a bribe, And a great person speaks the desire of his soul; So they weave it together.

† Corruption reached every level of leadership.

† Jesus said they devoured widows' houses, showing the same condition.

† The covenant system had become fully corrupt and was ready to pass away.

Micah 7:4

The best of them is like a thorn bush, The most upright like a thorn hedge. The day when you post your watchmen, your punishment will come. Then their confusion will occur.

† Even the best were harmful like thorns.

† The watchmen warned them, the prophets and Christ.

† The punishment came in their generation when Jerusalem fell.

Micah 7:5-6

Do not trust in a neighbor; Do not have confidence in a friend. From her who lies in your arms Guard your lips. For son treats father contemptuously, Daughter rises up against her mother, Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; A person's enemies are the people of his own household.

† Division within families marked the last days of that age.

† Jesus directly applied this to His generation.

† This confirms fulfillment in the first century.

Micah 7:7

But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me.

† The faithful remnant trusted God in the middle of corruption.

† This is the remnant according to grace.

† Their hope was salvation through Christ.

Micah 7:8

Do not rejoice over me, enemy of mine. Though I fall I will rise;
Though I live in darkness, the Lord is a light for me.

† This shows restoration after judgment.

† The fall of Israel revealed the true people of God in Christ.

† Light overcoming darkness is fulfilled in His kingdom.

Micah 7:9

I will endure the indignation of the Lord Because I have sinned
against Him, Until He pleads my case and executes justice for
me. He will bring me out to the light, And I will see His
righteousness.

† The remnant accepts judgment and acknowledges sin.

† This matches the call to repentance in the first century.

† God brings them into righteousness through Christ.

Micah 7:10

Then my enemy will see, And shame will cover her who said to
me, Where is the Lord your God? My eyes will look at her; At
that time she will be trampled down Like mud of the streets.

† The enemies mocked God's people just as Christ was
mocked.

† Judgment reversed the situation and vindicated the faithful.

† This was fulfilled in the fall of Jerusalem.

Micah 7:11-13

It will be a day for building your walls. On that day your boundary will be extended. It will be a day when they will come to you From Assyria and the cities of Egypt, From Egypt even to the Euphrates, Even from sea to sea and mountain to mountain. And the earth will become desolate Because of her inhabitants, On account of the fruit of their deeds.

† This points to the expansion of God's people, not physical walls.

† Gentiles coming in fulfills this from all nations.

† The desolation refers to the land of Israel in judgment.

Micah 7:14

Shepherd Your people with Your scepter, The flock of Your possession Which dwells by itself in the woodland, In the midst of a fruitful field. Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead As in the days of old.

† Christ is the Good Shepherd caring for His people.

† This is spiritual provision, not land restoration.

† The flock is secure in Him.

Micah 7:15

As in the days when you came out from the land of Egypt, I will show you miracles.

† This speaks of a new exodus fulfilled in Christ.

† The miracles were seen in Christ and the apostles.

† This was happening in that generation.

Micah 7:16-17

Nations will see and be ashamed of all their might. They will put their hand on their mouth, Their ears will be deaf. They will lick the dust like a serpent, Like reptiles of the earth. They will come trembling out of their fortresses; To the Lord our God they will come in dread, And they will be afraid of You.

† The nations respond to God's power through the gospel.

† This shows Christ's authority already established.

† The message had gone out to all nations in that generation.

Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like You, who pardons wrongdoing And passes over a rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us; He will trample our guilty deeds underfoot. Yes, You will cast all their sins Into the depths of the sea. You will give truth to Jacob And faithfulness to Abraham, Which You swore to our forefathers From the days of old.

† This reveals God's mercy and forgiveness.

† This is fulfilled in Christ where sins are removed completely.

† The promises to Abraham are fulfilled in Christ.

Historical References

† Josephus records the corruption and internal violence of Jerusalem before its fall.

† Eusebius records that the church fled Jerusalem before destruction.

† Tacitus describes the chaos and judgment that came upon the city.

How it applies to us today

† These things are already fulfilled, we are not waiting for them.

† God's mercy is fully revealed in Christ.

† We live in the established kingdom now.

† God preserves His people through judgment.

† We are part of the fulfilled promise to the remnant.

Q & A Appendix

Q When was Micah 7 fulfilled

A In the first century during the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70

Q Who is the remnant

A The faithful believers in Christ

Q What does the judgment refer to

A The destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the Old Covenant

Q How are sins cast into the sea fulfilled

A Through Christ removing sin completely

Q Are we still waiting for this

A No, it has already been fulfilled

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