

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Micah 7:7

But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM 24-1**"GOD'S JUSTICE INCLUDES MERCY"**
Micah 6:1-7:20**DAY 1 READ Micah 6:1-7:20**

1. What was significant to you from last week's lesson?
2. In today's reading how do you see God as an . . .
 - a. . . . Accuser? 6:2
 - b. . . . Afflicter? 6:16
 - c. . . . Advocate? 7:9

DAY 2 REVIEW Micah 6:1-8

3. What witnesses were called to hear the case of the Lord versus the people?
4. Imagine a courtroom scene:
 - a. The Lord contended He was faithful (vs. 3-5). How?
 - b. Israel responded that He's never satisfied (vs. 6,7). They say, "Shall I offer _____ soul?"
 - c. Micah interrupted and seemed to shout back to Israel what in verse 8?
5. This was not new knowledge. What had the following prophets said?
 - a. Amos 5:15?
 - b. Hosea 6:6?
 - c. Isaiah 66:2?

DAY 2 (Continued) REVIEW Micah 6:1-8

6. How would you answer a person who asked, "What is it God wants from me?"
. . . the non-Christian

. . . the Christian

DAY 3 REVIEW Micah 6:9-7:7

7. Micah reminded them it's wise to heed the One Who will administer the rod of correction. What do we learn about wisdom in Proverbs 1:7?

. . . about discipline in Hebrews 12:11?

8. God listed the sins and punishment. In which verse did you find the following:

<u>SINS</u>	<u>PUNISHMENT</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> ill-gotten treasure	<input type="checkbox"/> empty stomachs
<input type="checkbox"/> false weights	<input type="checkbox"/> loss of possessions
<input type="checkbox"/> violence and deceit	<input type="checkbox"/> no crops
<input type="checkbox"/> idolatry	<input type="checkbox"/> the scorn of nations

9. How did Micah describe the evil times he saw in 7:2-4?

10. a. What was his warning?

b. Strained relationships are not new. What are some things you found effective and helpful in bridging the generation gap, in-law friction, etc.?

11. What was Micah's statement of faith in verse 7?

DAY 4 REVIEW Micah 7:8-13

12. The sentence had been passed. How did Israel respond in verses 8,9?

13. Do circumstances cast a dark shadow in your life (or the life of one near you) right now? Share why the thought, "though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light" brings comfort.

DAY 4 (Continued) REVIEW Micah 7:8-13

14. a. The enemy may have had the upper hand, but what would be their eventual fate in verse 13?

b. Consider verse 13 in light of today's environmental problems. What thought comes to mind?

DAY 5 REVIEW Micah 7:14-20

15. Micah could understand God's frustration with Judah, yet he knew the character of God.

a. List at least ten attributes you know of God's character.

b. Romans 8:29 says we are being conformed into the likeness of His Son. Examine the list you just made. How's it coming?

16. What was true of God in verse 18?

17. Verse 19 says iniquities (sins) are hurled into the sea. What is the picture given in Psalm 103:12?

18. a. God had made an oath with Israel. How is it summarized in Deuteronomy 7:6-9?

b. What was prophesied in Jeremiah 31:31-34?

19. **NEW TESTAMENT APPLICATION:** What is the essence of the new covenant "good news" in Romans 8:1?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: