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# Micah

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**Micah 1–3 Judah's EVIL Cooks**

**Micah 4–5 Ancient of Days Sends Son**

**Micah 6–7 Hope Found**

***in God's Forgiveness***

**Prophet Micah**

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# Micah 6-7 Opens with the Lord's Case Against Israel

Narration shifts from Lord to Micah to Israel  
Israel or Judah ... or Israel/Judah ... *foggy*

Evil Deeds Summarized ...

- ✓ Craftiness in Doing Evil ...
- ✓ Best of Them are a Thorn Bush
- ✓ Everyone BETRAYS Everyone
- ✓ Enemies WILL Fail in Plans
- ✓ *Good* Times Coming

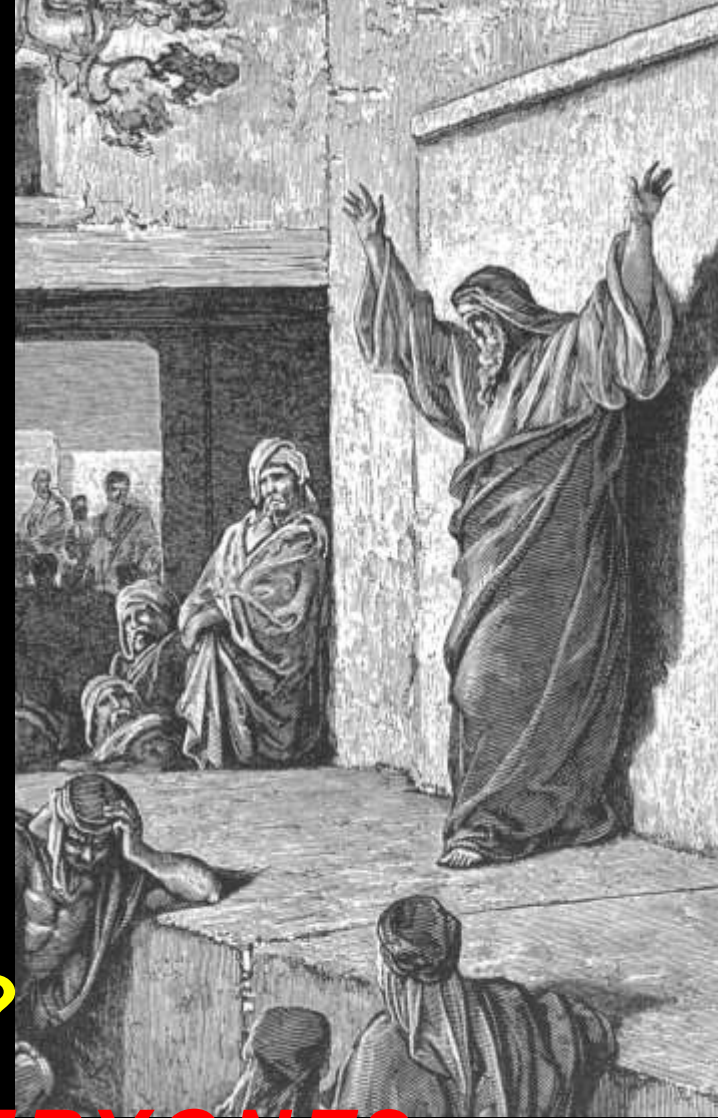




Micah 6-7 ... then ....

# God's Great Forgiveness

- ✓ What **IS** Forgiveness?
- ✓ Who **SHOULD** We Forgive?
- ✓ How **GREAT IS** God's Forgiveness?
- ✓ Why Doesn't God Just Forgive **EVERYONE**?
- ✓ Where Is the Place of **Justice** in Forgiveness?



Micah 6-7 ... then ....

# God's Great Forgiveness

- ✓ Forgiveness – more complicated than not
- ✓ Forgiveness – *Who* Forgives ALL Evil?
- ✓ Forgiveness – Who *CAN* for All Evil?
- ✓ Forgiveness – What We *ALL* Want ...
- ✓ Forgiveness – Greatest *GIFT* from God

only for Those *IN CHRIST*



## Micah 6:1-7

1 Listen to what the LORD says:

“Stand up, plead my case before the mountains;  
let the hills hear what you have to say.

**LIFE on Earth is the MOST Important Game  
You'll EVER Play**

**You have ONE Life ... ONE Present Moment  
There is NO Reincarnation ... No 2nd Life**

Hebrews 9:27 “Appointed unto man **ONCE** to DIE”

**You may have been Christian many decades ...**

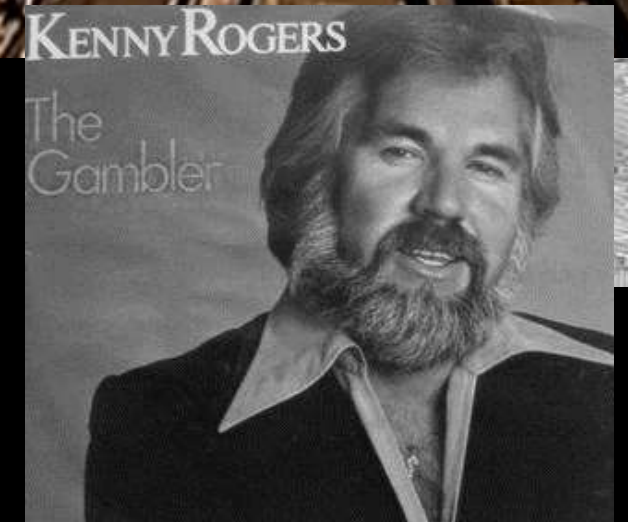
**May have come to Christ LATE in Life ... like Thief on Cross**





***Listen UP!***

**On the warm summer's evening  
on a train bound for nowhere  
I met up with a gambler  
we were both too tired to sleep  
So we took turns a starin'  
out the window at the darkness  
Till boredom overtook us  
and he commenced to speak.**



## Micah 6:2

2 Hear, you mountains, the LORD's accusation;  
Listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth....

Micah writes circa 730ish B.C. ...

*before* Samaria is taken in 722 B.C.

*before* Jerusalem is taken in 586 B.C.

> Announcing First Coming of Christ in A.D. 1ish  
the First Christmas

> Announcing Second Coming of Christ ..... on **THAT DAY**

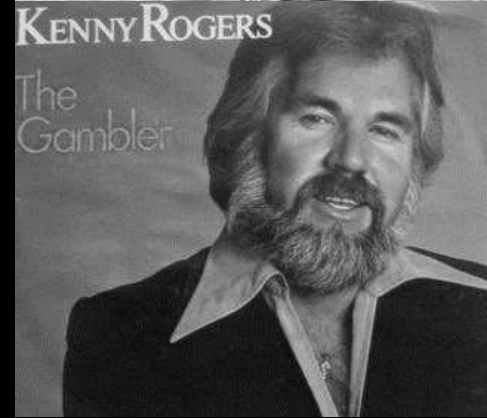
You have **ONE LIFE** ... One Deck of Cards

Play Your Hand **WISELY**





He said, "Son I made a LIFE  
out of readin' people's faces  
And knowin' what the cards were  
by the way they held their eyes  
So if you don't mind my sayin',  
I can see you're out of ACES





**Micah 6:3-7**

**3 “My people, what have I done to you?  
How have I burdened you? Answer me.**

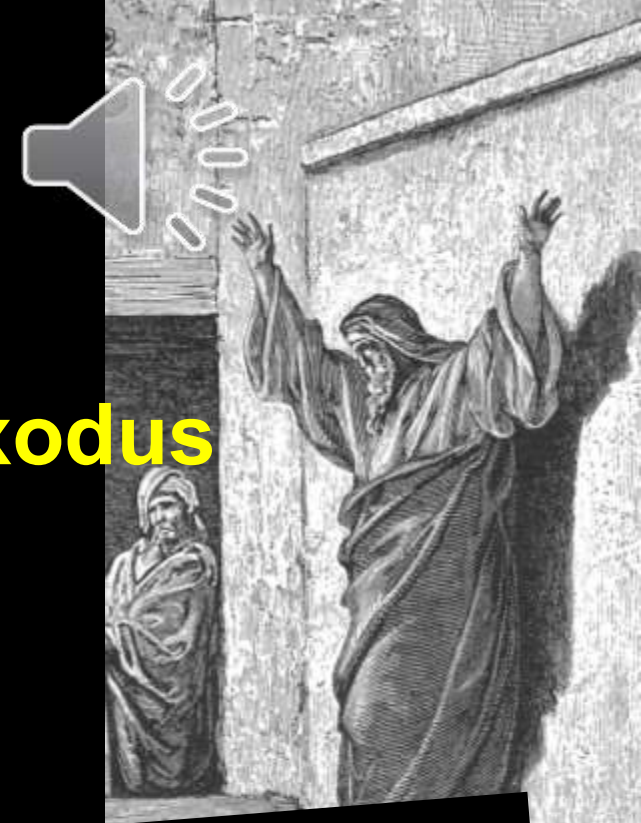
**Micah speaks as God & sums 40 yrs of Exodus  
then Micah speaks as Israel/Judah**

**7 Will the LORD be pleased with  
thousands of rams? ... etc.**

**Shall I offer my firstborn  
for my transgression?**

**like Abraham?  
c. 2100 B.C**

**So if you don't mind my sayin',  
I can see you're out of Aces**



**Micah 6:10 .... voice of Lord**

**10 Am I still to forget your  
ill-gotten treasures,  
you wicked house ...**

**Micah outlines their evil deeds**

**13 Therefore,  
I have begun to destroy you ....  
15 You will plant but not harvest ...  
etc. ... etc. ... et cetera**

**Watch the NEWS ... murders, mayhem, MADNESS  
Lord gave us Micah 2,700 years ago ... other prophets**





8 He has shown you, O MORTAL,  
what is good. And what does  
the LORD REQUIRE of you?



To act justly and to **LOVE MERCY**  
and to walk humbly with your God....



And the night got deathly quiet  
and his face lost ALL expression

He said, "If you gonna play the game boy  
you gotta learn to play it right."



## **Micah 7:1-3 ... voice of Lord**

**1 What misery is mine!**

**I am like one who gathers summer fruit  
at the gleaning of the vineyard ...**

**2 The faithful have been swept from the land;  
NOT one upright person remains.**

**Everyone lies in wait to shed blood....**

**3 Both hands are skilled in doing evil ...**

**Ambidextrous EVIL ... litany if injustices**

**Lot asked GOD, What if only 10 Good are LEFT?**





**Micah 7:4 ~ Depth & Degradation of WOE**

**4 The BEST of them is like a brier  
Most UPRIGHT worse than a thorn hedge....**

**DAY** God visits you has come...

**Watchmen sound the alarm.**

**Now is the time of your confusion.**



**'Cause every hand's a winner  
and every hand's a loser  
And the best that you can hope for  
is to die in your SLEEP.**



## Micah 7:5-8

5 Do not trust a neighbor;  
put NO confidence in a Friend....

son to father ... daughter to mother

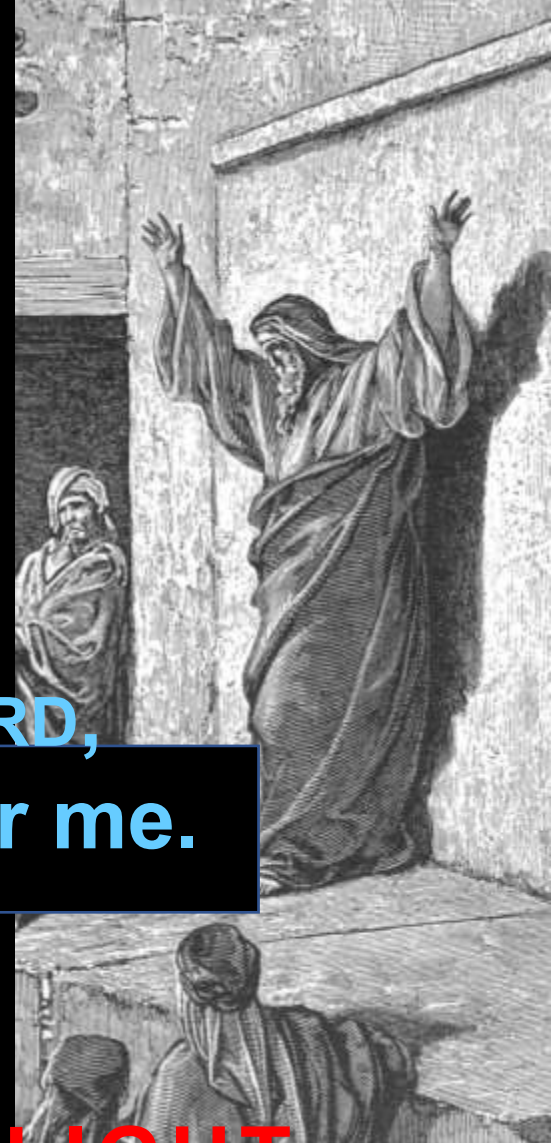
**Everyone BETRAYS EVERYONE**

7 But as for me, I watch in HOPE for the LORD,  
I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

8 Do not gloat over me, my enemy!  
Though I have fallen, I will **RISE**.

Though I sit in darkness, LORD will be my **LIGHT**.

**In many eras ...we've seen many BETRAYALS**





**Micah 7:9-10**

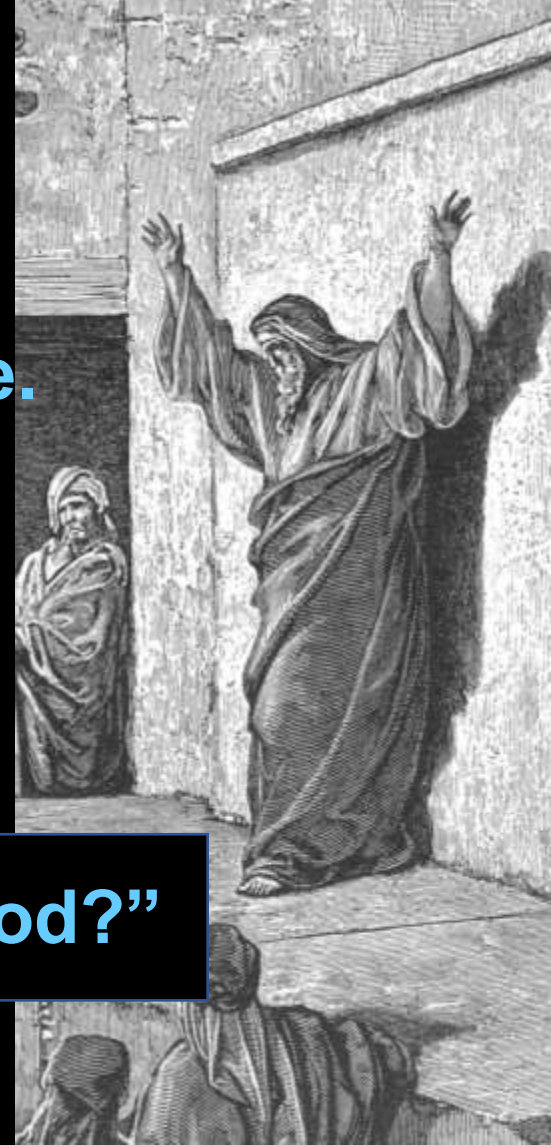
9 Because I have sinned against him,  
I will bear the LORD's wrath,  
UNTIL he pleads my case & UPHOLDS my cause.

He will bring me out into the **LIGHT**;  
I will see **HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

10 Then my enemy will see it  
and will be covered with shame,  
she who said to me, "Where is the LORD your God?"  
My eyes will see her downfall ...

On **THAT DAY ... DAY** of **LIGHT ...**

**RIGHTEOUSNESS will RULE**



You gotta know when to hold 'em,  
know when to fold 'em

Know when to walk away,  
know when to RUN

You never **COUNT** your money  
when you're sittin' at the table

There'll be **TIME** enough for countin'  
when the dealin' is **DONE**.

**NOT** a LITERAL Table ... but the Table of LI

**You BETTER Bet on the Lord**



**Yah Don't Count  
the COST of  
Doing RIGHT**



## Micah 7:12-14

- 12 In **THAT DAY** people will come to you  
from Assyria and the cities of Egypt ...  
and from Sea to Sea  
and from Mountain to Mountain.
- 13 The earth will become desolate because  
of its inhabitants ... result of their deeds.
- 14 Shepherd your people with your staff,  
the flock of your inheritance, which lives  
by itself in a forest, in fertile pasturelands.  
Let them feed in Bashan & Gilead  
as in days long ago.



Every gambler knows  
that the secret to survivin'  
Is knowin' **WHAT** to Throw Away  
and knowin' **WHAT** to Keep

'Cause every hand's a winner  
and every hand's a loser

And the best that you can hope for  
is to die in your sleep.

One of the **GREATEST** Lessons in LIFE ... is truly

Knowin' **WHAT** Throw Away & **WHAT** to Keep





**Micah 7:15-17**

**15 As in the days when you  
came out of Egypt,  
I will show THEM my wonders.**

**16 Nations will see & be ashamed ... etc., etc.**

**17 They will lick dust like a snake ... etc.  
they will TURN in FEAR  
to the LORD our God  
and will be afraid of you.**

**Sometime in the great FOG of the FUTURE ...**

**On THAT DAY ... that no one knows > > PEACE**



## Micah 7:18 – God’s Forgiveness

18 Who is a God like you,  
who **PARDONS** sin and  
**FORGIVES** the transgression  
of the remnant of his inheritance?

You do not stay angry forever  
but delight to show **MERCY**.

Despite **OUR** trouble with forgiveness ...  
God is capable ... and wants to forgive ...

**Those Who TURN to Him for Mercy**





And when he finished speakin'  
He turned back toward the window  
Crushed out his cigarette  
And faded off to sleep



And somewhere in the darkness  
The Gambler, he broke even

And in his final words  
I found an Ace that I could keep

Among the many FOGGY elements of Micah

ACE that we can KEEP is: **Trusting God's Mercy**



## Micah 7:18 – God’s Forgiveness

19 You will **AGAIN** have compassion on us;  
you will tread our sins underfoot and  
hurl **ALL** our iniquities into the Depths of the Sea.



20 You will be **FAITHFUL** to Jacob,  
and show **LOVE** to Abraham,  
as you pledged on oath to our ancestors  
in days long ago.

And in his final words  
I found an Ace that I could keep

**ALL BETS on the *LORD* ~ only Game in Town!**

