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Introduction

One of the ways I've been studying the Word of God is by making a list of everything that each book of the Bible teaches. This has resulted in more than a thousand pages of material. Although it's interesting and I've learned a lot from writing it, that's a lot of bullet points to read through!

The purpose of this book is to extract the most interesting insights from that massive list. This isn't intended to summarize each book of the Bible because that's what my "Chapter Summary of the Bible" is for. It's also not intended to list the major points of each book because you're probably already familiar with them. Finally, it's not intended to offer in-depth commentary because that's what my regular commentary is for. This book is simply a collection of points that I found interesting.

I hope there's some material here that you find edifying.

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Micah

- This prophecy is given to all the earth (Micah 1:2). It's not given just to Israel or Judah.
- In this prophecy God is a witness against the whole earth (Micah 1:2).
- God said that He was going to come to this world to judge it. When He comes, the mountains will melt and the valleys will be torn open (Micah 1:2-4).
- God hates income that comes from wickedness (Micah 1:7). It's unclean in His sight and He doesn't want it. In the coming judgment He's going to burn it with fire.
- God compares idolatry to prostitution, and the money that's given to idols to money that's given to prostitutes (Micah 1:7).
- Micah proclaimed a message of coming destruction to cities. He told them the Lord was coming against them because of their sin (Micah 1:11-16).
- Sin doesn't start when someone actually carries out the iniquity. Making the plan to carry it out is also sinful (Micah 2:1).
- There are wicked people who come up with evil plans while they're still in bed (Micah 2:1). They then carry out those wicked plans when morning comes.
- The wicked were succeeding in violently robbing people. God didn't stop them from doing it, but He's going to punish them for it and they won't be able to escape the judgment that's coming (Micah 2:1-3). Since the wicked carried out acts of violence against others, God is going to carry out acts of violence against them.

- In the day of judgment God will take away the wealth of the wicked (Micah 2:4).
- One day the Lord is going to put an end to the house of the wicked. They will have no descendants to stand before Him (Micah 2:5).
- The wicked know that the prophecies of the Lord condemn them, so they try to stop people from prophesying so they won't be ashamed (Micah 2:6).
- We won't find rest in places that are spiritually polluted (Micah 2:10). Such places bring destruction, not peace. God wants us to leave places like that.
- The people loved both lies and lying prophets. They hated the things of God and loved the carnal things of this world (Micah 2:11).
- God requires the leaders of a nation to be just and righteous (Micah 3:1).
- God won't save leaders who oppress the people. When their day of disaster comes, God won't save them even if they cry out to Him (Micah 3:4).
- God is against prophets who proclaim a message of peace when He said that war and destruction and death are coming (Micah 3:5).
- There were some prophets who told people what they wanted to hear instead of what God actually said. God was against those prophets (Micah 3:5).
- God holds leaders accountable for what they do to their nation (Micah 3:9-12).
- God told the leaders of Israel that terrible judgment was

coming, but they refused to believe Him. Instead they claimed that nothing bad would ever happen to them and everything would always be fine (Micah 3:11).

- Because of the wickedness of the leaders of Israel, Zion was going to be plowed like a field (Micah 3:12). In 135 AD this came to pass: the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and literally plowed the ground where it once stood. This was done under emperor Hadrian. (Once again we can see how literally God fulfills prophecy.)
- During the millennium, the mountain upon which the temple of the Lord sits will be the highest mountain in the world (Micah 4:1).
- The geography of the world during the millennium will be different from what it is today. In the millennium the tallest mountain in the world will be in Israel (Micah 4:1-2).
- In the millennium the Gentiles will go to the temple of the Lord in Israel so they can learn God's ways and walk in them (Micah 4:2).
- In the millennium the nations will turn their weapons into farming instruments (Micah 4:3). Nations will no longer wage war against one other because God won't allow it.
- In the millennium people will no longer try to steal the wealth, land, or houses of others (Micah 4:4).
- In the millennium people will plant vines and trees and will enjoy the fruit that they produce. They will enjoy the fruit of their labors and no one will take it away from them (Micah 4:4).
- In the millennium the Israelites will walk in the name of the Lord. They will obey God forever and will never stray

from Him again (Micah 4:5).

- In the millennium God will find the Jews who were driven out of Israel and bring them back (Micah 4:6).
- In the millennium God Himself will reign over His people from mount Zion (Micah 4:7).
- The Lord loves Israel and will protect her. Although Israel has many enemies, the Jews are still God's people and He still has a plan to save them and give them a future (Micah 4:12).
- In the millennium the nation of Israel will be stronger than the other nations of the world and will rule over them (Micah 4:13).
- The Messiah was going to be born in the Bethlehem that's in Ephrathah (Micah 5:2). (There were two different Bethlehems in Israel.)
- The Messiah is an eternal being. He existed before He was born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2).
- Micah refers to the antichrist as the "Assyrian" (Micah 5:5).
- In the end times the Jews will raise up 7 shepherds and 8 principal men against the antichrist. This will happen after the antichrist has entered the land and attacked their palaces (Micah 5:5-6). These 15 men will lay waste to the land of Assyria (the land of the antichrist).
- The day is coming when God will pour out His vengeance upon the heathen (Micah 5:15).
- God listed His righteous acts throughout Israel's history in order to show Israel that He was righteous (Micah 6:5).

God wanted the Jews to remember the things He had done for them in the past so they would repent and return to Him.

- What God desires from us is not expensive presents, but for us to walk with Him in justice, mercy, and humility (Micah 6:8).
- God hates wealth that's obtained through wickedness (Micah 6:10).
- Those who defraud people are wicked in the sight of God (Micah 6:10-11).
- God is against those who tell lies (Micah 6:12).
- God's judgment was going to come upon Jerusalem because of the people's violence, and fraud, and lies. The city was going to be smitten and made desolate because of the sins of those who lived there and the evil things they did (Micah 6:12-13).
- When God punished Jerusalem, the wicked wouldn't be able to deliver themselves from the calamity. Their wealth wouldn't be able to save them (Micah 6:14).
- God was going to punish the wicked by not allowing them to enjoy the fruits of their labors. The wicked would work but they wouldn't benefit from their work (Micah 6:15).
- Not being able to enjoy the fruit of your labors is a bad thing (Micah 6:15).
- Micah used a lack of summer fruits as an analogy. God was looking for fruits of righteousness but there were no righteous people in the world. It seems there will come a time when all of the good people are gone and there will literally be no upright people left. Every single person in

the entire world will be a violent killer who lies in wait for blood (Micah 7:1-3).

- There won't always be righteous people around (Micah 7:2).
- The day is coming when people will eagerly do evil with both hands. Evil will no longer be done reluctantly but will be carried out with great passion (Micah 7:3).
- When everyone is corrupt and violent and out for blood, it's foolish to trust anyone – including your friends, your spouse, your children, or your relatives (Micah 7:5-7). When that day comes, the only one you can safely trust is the Lord.
- The wages of sin is desolation. The sins of a nation leads to the desolation of that nation (Micah 7:13).
- God compares the wonders that He will do in the end-times period to the wonders that He did in Egypt during the days of Moses (Micah 7:15).
- In the end times God will cause the people of the nations to fear Him (Micah 7:17).
- God delights in mercy (Micah 7:18).
- The Jews have sinned against God and He is angry with them. However, He won't always be angry with them. One day He will pardon their sins, pass over their transgressions, and cast their sins into the depths of the sea (Micah 7:18-19).
- Israel's many sins haven't canceled out the promises that God made to Jacob and Abraham. God is still going to keep all of those promises (Micah 7:20).