

**The LORD's First Indictment Ends:
Woe to False Prophets
Micah 2:6-11
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In the first study of the Book of Micah we had as a question, "When one considers the office of prophet what comes to mind?"

Our study of Micah thus far has detailed God's first indictment against Israel, the northern kingdom, and Judah, the southern kingdom.

- The first chapter highlighted idolatry as the sin of Israel, represented by its capital Samaria, and then later in chapter 1 Judah's sin of reliance on its military for protection and security was highlighted.
- Woe, or in other words, judgement, was pronounced on covetous, wealthy landowners.

I. The False Prophets' Opposition Voiced and Answered (6-7)

What are the different aspects of the false prophets' message displayed in verse 6?

The false belief that judgement will not come upon Judah is reinforced by Micah's questions which are the first half of verse 7 where we read.

Though spoken by Micah these questions come from the standpoint of the wealthy landowners and/or the false prophets.

During this period in which God is using Micah to speak against the idolatry and sins of Israel and Judah God is also using Hosea and Isaiah to warn of His coming judgement to the northern and southern kingdoms respectively. **Isaiah 30:8-11.**

As the false prophets and those against whose sin Micah spoke raised their opposition against God's message God responds to this opposition at the end of verse 7.

If His people had walked uprightly, there would not have been the need for Micah's words of judgement against them.

II. The People's Wicked Deeds Reviewed (8-9)

God does not hold back on how He views the deeds of these wealthy landowners. God sees their actions as one of an enemy.

In verses 8b-9 God details the wickedness of the wealthy landowners' actions against their fellow members of the covenant people.

What is revealed about God in verses 8-9?

III. God's Judgement Rendered (10-11)

Verse 10 begins "Arise and go" indicating that God is forcing the people out of the land.

The reason that they are being cast out is that the land that was promised to the nation of Israel is now no place of rest because of the uncleanness, the people's sin, that has polluted the land.

As the passage ends the false prophets which began the passage are the focus again but this time they are described by God.

*What are the elements of God's description of the preacher in 11b? What does the description of the preacher in verse 11 reveal about the people? **Jeremiah 5.***

How should we consider applying to our lives what is revealed about the people in verse 11 and how should we consider applying this passage to our lives?