

Micah 6:1-16 **Earth called as witness of Yahweh's case against Israel**

God Pleads with Israel

1 Hear now what Yahweh (the Lord) says:

"Arise, plead your case before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice.

2 Hear, O you mountains, Yahweh (the Lord's) complaint, And you strong foundations of the earth; For Yahweh (the Lord) has a complaint against His people, And He will contend with Israel.

3 "O My people, what have I done to you? And how have I wearied you? Testify against Me.

4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage; And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O My people, remember now What Balak king of Moab counseled, And what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, From Acacia Grove to Gilgal, That you may know the righteousness of Yahweh (the Lord)."

6 With what shall I come before Yahweh (the Lord), And bow myself before le-Elohey Marowm (the High God)? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old?

7 Will Yahweh (the Lord) be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does Yahweh (the Lord) require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with Eloheykaa (your God)?

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9 Yahweh (The Lord's) voice cries to the city — Wisdom shall see Your name:

"Hear the rod! Who has appointed it?

10 Are there yet the treasures of wickedness In the house of the wicked, And the short measure that is an abomination?

11 Shall I count pure those with the wicked scales, And with the bag of deceitful weights?

12 For her rich men are full of violence, Her inhabitants have spoken lies, And their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

13 "Therefore I will also make you sick by striking you, By making you desolate because of your sins.

14 You shall eat, but not be satisfied; Hunger shall be in your midst. You may carry some away, but shall not save them; And what you do rescue I will give over to the sword.

15 "You shall sow, but not reap; You shall tread the olives, but not anoint yourselves with oil; And make sweet wine, but not drink wine.

16 For the statutes of Omri are kept; All the works of Ahab's house are done; And you walk in their counsels, That I may make you a desolation, And your inhabitants a hissing. Therefore you shall bear the reproach of My people."

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Facts Revealed:

God Pleads with Israel [\[Micah 6:1-8\]](#)

- ✧ Earth is called to witness Yahweh's case against Israel. [\[Micah 6:1-2\]](#)
- ✧ Yahweh recalls all the good He has done for Israel from the time He brought them out of Egypt until they entered the Promised Land. [\[Micah 6:3-5\]](#)
- ✧ Yahweh's care and provision for them was to demonstrate His righteousness. [\[Micah 6:5\]](#)
- ✧ Looking at the laws of Sacrifice, Yahweh asked their understanding of what He demands. [\[Micah 6:6-7\]](#)
- ✧ The answer is simple; "To do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with Eloheykaa (your God)." [\[Micah 6:8\]](#)

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- ✧ Yahweh is the One Who has appointed their punishment. [\[Micah 6:9\]](#)
- ✧ Abominable weights and measures are still in the house of the wicked. [\[Micah 6:10\]](#)
- ✧ How can Yahweh count deceitful practices as pure? [\[Micah 6:11\]](#)
- ✧ The rich are full of violence, the inhabitants speak lies and deceit. [\[Micah 6:12\]](#)

- ✧ Yahweh will therefore make them sick and desolate because of their sins. [\[Micah 6:13\]](#)
- ✧ The sword will take many and the work of their hands will be lost and not satisfy them. [\[Micah 6:14-15\]](#)
- ✧ Idolatry and following the sins of Ahab's house are the cause of Yahweh's punishment resulting in their desolation. [\[Micah 6:16\]](#)
- ✧ They will be scorned by the Gentiles and bear the reproach of His people. [\[Micah 6:16\]](#)
- ✧ Israel was originally chosen to be a model to the Gentiles through whom the world would know Yahweh as the only true God creator and judge. [\[Exodus 8:10, 22, 9:14, 29, 10:2, 11:7, 14:4, Joshua 4:24, 1 Samuel 17:46, 2 Kings 19:19, Isaiah 37:20, 45:6\]](#)