### Micah

## Chapter 6

1‘So, hear indeed, what Jehovah has said!  
 Arise and plead with the mountains…  
 Let all the hills hear what He’s said!  
  
 2‘Yes, listen, O mountains, to the judgments of God…  
 You foundations of the earth and its valleys!  
 For between Jehovah and His people  
 There’s a case to be tried…  
 And with And with <span class="placename">IsraEl And with <span class="placename">IsraEl</span>, He’s going to war!  
  
 3[‘For God asks:]  
  
 ‘O My people, what did I do?  
 Tell Me what trouble I’ve caused you!  
 4From the land of From the land of <span class="placename">EgyptFrom the land of <span class="placename">Egypt</span>, I led you…  
 From the house of slaves, I ransomed you back,  
 And before your face, I had sent you  
 MiriAm, Aaron, and Moses!  
  
 5‘Remember the plans that ‘Remember the plans that <span class="placename">MoAb‘Remember the plans that <span class="placename">MoAb</span>’s King Balak  
 Had once made against you,  
 And the answers that BalaAm (son of BeOr)  
 Was given from Was given from <span class="placename">ShittimWas given from <span class="placename">Shittim</span> to Was given from <span class="placename">Shittim</span> to <span class="placename">GilGalWas given from <span class="placename">Shittim</span> to <span class="placename">GilGal</span>,  
 So he’d know the righteous ways of the Lord.  
  
6[And Micah comments:]  
  
 ‘Yes, how can you conquer Jehovah?  
 Can you snatch Him down from the heights?  
 With your whole burnt-offerings, can you beat Him,  
 Or with [the blood of] 1-year-old calves? No!  
  
 7‘Will Jehovah [be swayed] by 1,000 male sheep  
 Or 10,000 one-year-old calves? No!  
 For your sins, can you offer your first-born? No!  
 Can you offer the first fruits that come from your bellies  
 To cover [the sins] in your lives? No!  
  
 8‘To you, He’s explained it, O man…  
 All the things that are righteous.  
 And all that Jehovah requires  
 Is for you to be fair and love mercy,  
 And to be ready to walk with your God!  
  
 9‘So the voice of Jehovah is calling to you,  
 And those fearing His Name will be saved.  
 So, listen to this, O you tribes,  
 [For God says:]  
  
 ‘Who will be the adornment of your cities?  
 10Won’t the homes of Law breakers be burned  
 Along with [the houses] of those loving crimes…  
 All the insolent and the unrighteous?  
  
 11‘Will I overlook all of your wicked scales  
 And your bags of deceptive weights?  
 12Will your irreverent ways be covered by wealth?  
 And all you liars that live there;  
 Will your [wicked] tongues [bring praise] from your mouths? No!  
  
 13‘For your sins, I’ll torment you to extinction,  
 14Then you’ll eat and never be filled.  
 I’ll banish you, and you’ll be lost  
 (No way will you be preserved);  
 And the survivors, I’ll hand to the broadsword.  
  
 15‘Then, although you may plant, you won’t reap;  
 And although you’ll press olives, you won’t anoint,  
 Nor will you drink any wine…  
 Since the Laws of My people will be wiped away.  
  
 16‘For the rules of [IsraElite King] OmRi, are what you’ve chosen,  
 As well as the deeds of the house of [IsraElite King] Ahab.  
 Yes, you’ve chosen their plans  
 So you wouldn’t be laughed at by others…  
 Thus, I’m bringing extinction upon you!’