



Sermon Outline
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Prophet & Loss

**Micah and
Habakkuk**

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An important connect between Micah and Matthew:

Micah 5:2 - "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Matthew 2:4-6a - When he (King Herod) had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah..."

* **A birthplace, a delivery and a national census were all perfectly _____ by God.**

* **A prophet's message would often involve a pattern of _____ followed by _____.**

* **Micah's warning:**

Micah 2:1-2 - Woe to those who plan iniquity, to those who plot evil on their beds! At morning's light they carry it out because it is in their power to do it. They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them. They defraud people of their homes, they rob them of their inheritance.

* **Micah's hope:**

Micah 7:18-19 - 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. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

* **Micah's insight:** How I treat others is the most accurate reflection of what I think about _____.

Micah 6:8 - 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.

Integration: *Are my actions toward others _____ with my beliefs about God?*

* **Habakkuk's warning:**

Habakkuk 1:6-7 - I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwellings not their own. They are a feared and dreaded people; they are a law to themselves and promote their own honor.

* **Habakkuk's hope:**

Habakkuk 2:2-3 - Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

* **Habakkuk's insight:** Wait on the Lord, expecting that He will indeed work out ____ things for our good.

Faith Anchor – I believe God is _____. I know evil will be punished and the innocent _____.

Habakkuk 3:17-19a - Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength...

Integration: *Do I _____ that God is working out His plan?*