



# **Be Generous**

## ***Micah***

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# Jerusalem

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# **Mongolia**

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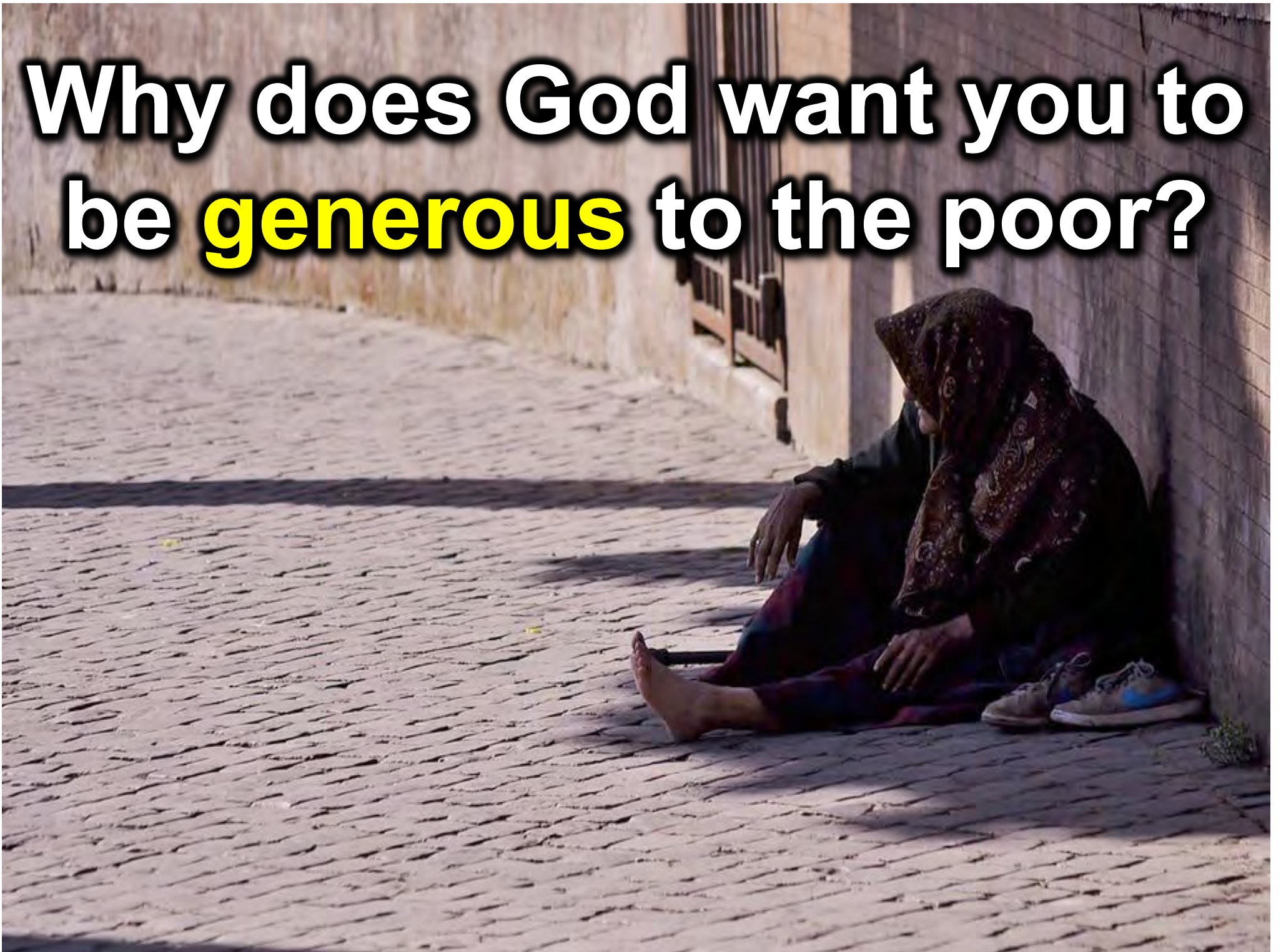


# To what extent has your money insulated you?






Why does God want you to  
be **generous** to the poor?





**Background**



# THE MINOR PROPHETS





# Minor Prophets | Major Message





# Interesting Facts

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***Author***

**Micah of  
Moresheth**



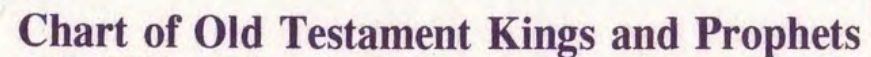


**The split in 1 Kings would soon leave  
Judah as the Surviving Kingdom**





# 232 & 342



(John C. Whitcomb, 4th rev. ed., Winona Lake, IN: BMH Books, 1962, 1968, p. 2).

# The Assyrian Threat





# Assyrians conquered Israel in Micah's Time





# When Hosea, Isaiah & Micah Wrote

*End of the  
Kings of Israel*

**Pekah**

**Hoshea**

*Kings of  
Judah*

**Uzziah**

**Jotham**

**Ahaz**

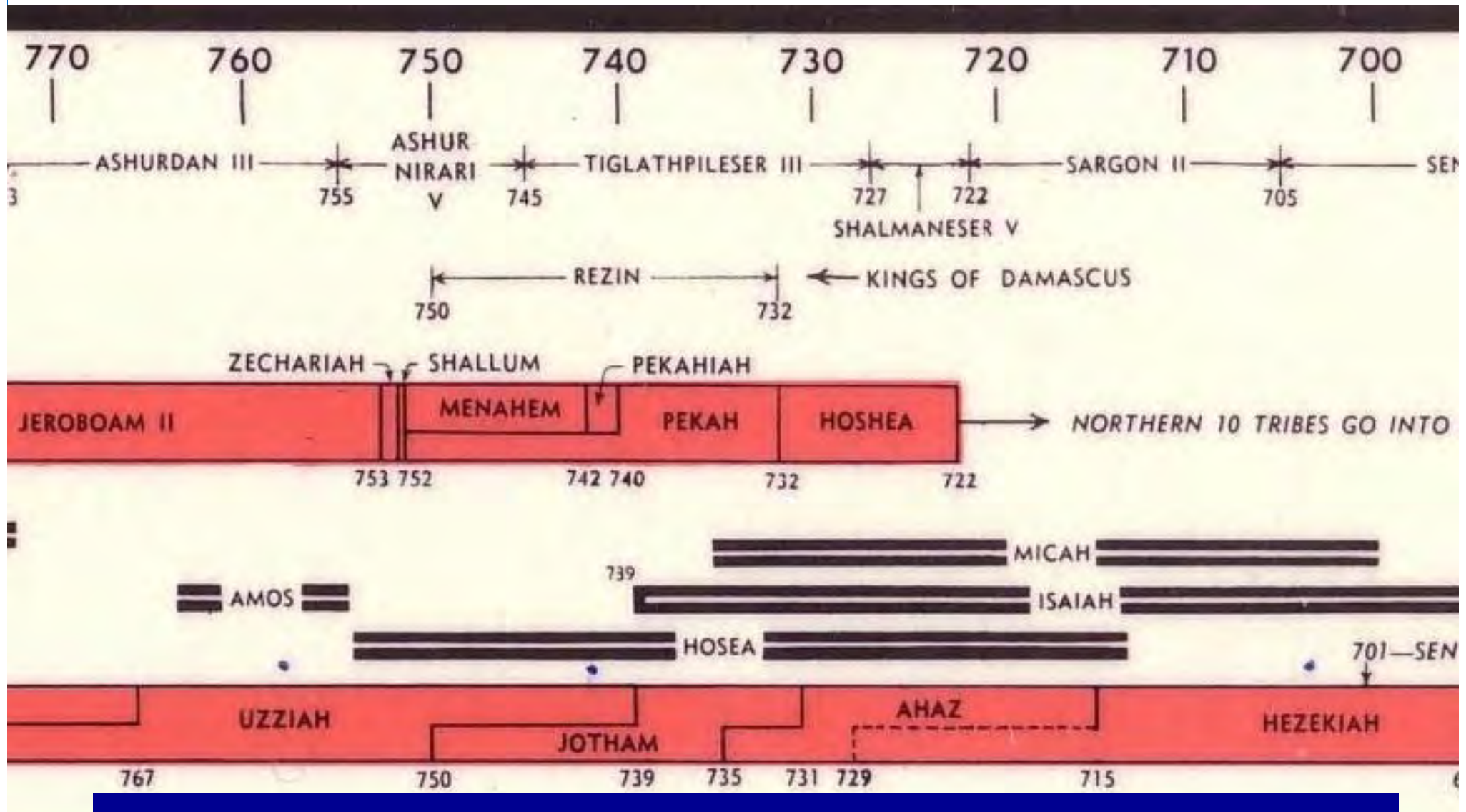
**Hezekiah**

**Isaiah's 60-Year Ministry**  
(739-680 BC)

# OT Kings & Prophets at Israel's Fall

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**HIM = Hosea + Isaiah + Micah**

# ***MICAH'S 3 SERMONS***

**"LISTEN!"**  
**(1:2)**


**"LISTEN!"**  
**(3:1)**

**"LISTEN!"**  
**(6:1)**

***WHY YOU SHOULD BE  
GENEROUS***



**Keep in mind...**



**BE GENEROUS:**  
**DON'T ASK WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU.**  
**ASK WHAT'S IN IT FOR THEM.**

# Micah 1

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(1:2)**

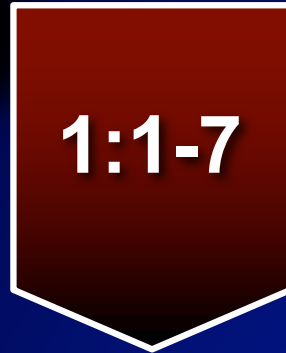
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***WHY YOU SHOULD BE  
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## ***Judgment***

- ***God***



- ***Micah***

## ***Hope***

- ***God***

- ***Micah***

## ***Structure of Micah***

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**"Attention! Let all the people of the world listen! Let the earth and everything in it hear. The Sovereign LORD is making accusations against you; the LORD speaks from his holy Temple" (Micah 1:2 NLT).**







**Israel**

• **Samaria**

**Moresbeth-gath**

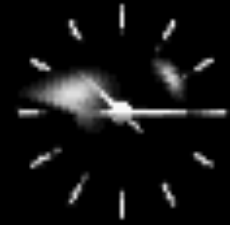
• **Judah**

• **Jerusalem**

"So I, the Lord, will make the city of **Samaria** a heap of ruins..." (1:6)

"Oh, people of **Judah**, shave your heads in sorrow,  
for the children you love will be snatched away.  
Make yourselves as bald as a vulture,  
for your little ones will be exiled to distant lands" (1:16).





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# MICAH'S LAMENT

## **Judgment**

- *God*

1:1-7

- *Micah*

1:8-16

## **Hope**

- *God*

- *Micah*

**"Therefore, I will mourn  
and lament.**

**I will walk around  
barefoot and naked.  
I will howl like a jackal  
and moan like an owl"  
(1:8 NLT).**

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**Key Word**

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**Exploitation**

**Micah**

# Micah 2

## ***Judgment***

- ***God***

**1:1-7**

**2:1-5**

- ***Micah***

**1:8-16**

## ***Hope***

- ***God***

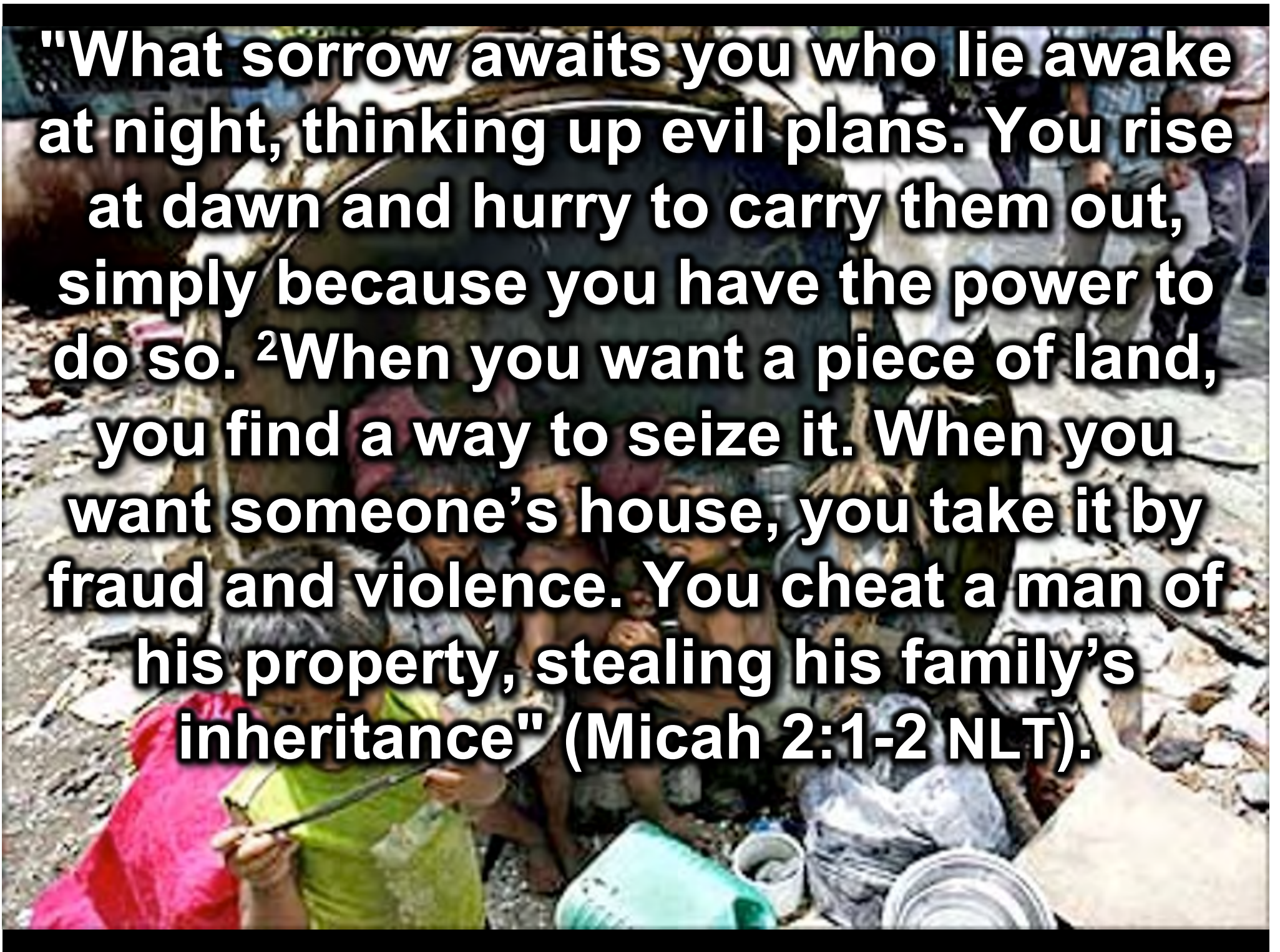
- ***Micah***

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**"What sorrow awaits you who lie awake at night, thinking up evil plans. You rise at dawn and hurry to carry them out, simply because you have the power to do so. <sup>2</sup>When you want a piece of land, you find a way to seize it. When you want someone's house, you take it by fraud and violence. You cheat a man of his property, stealing his family's inheritance" (Micah 2:1-2 NLT).**



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**"Someday, O Israel, I will gather you; I will gather the remnant who are left. I will bring you together again like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture. Yes, your land will again be filled with noisy crowds!"  
(Micah 2:12 NLT).**





**"Your leader will break out and lead you out of exile, out through the gates of the enemy cities, back to your own land. Your king will lead you; the LORD himself will guide you" (Micah 2:13 NLT).**

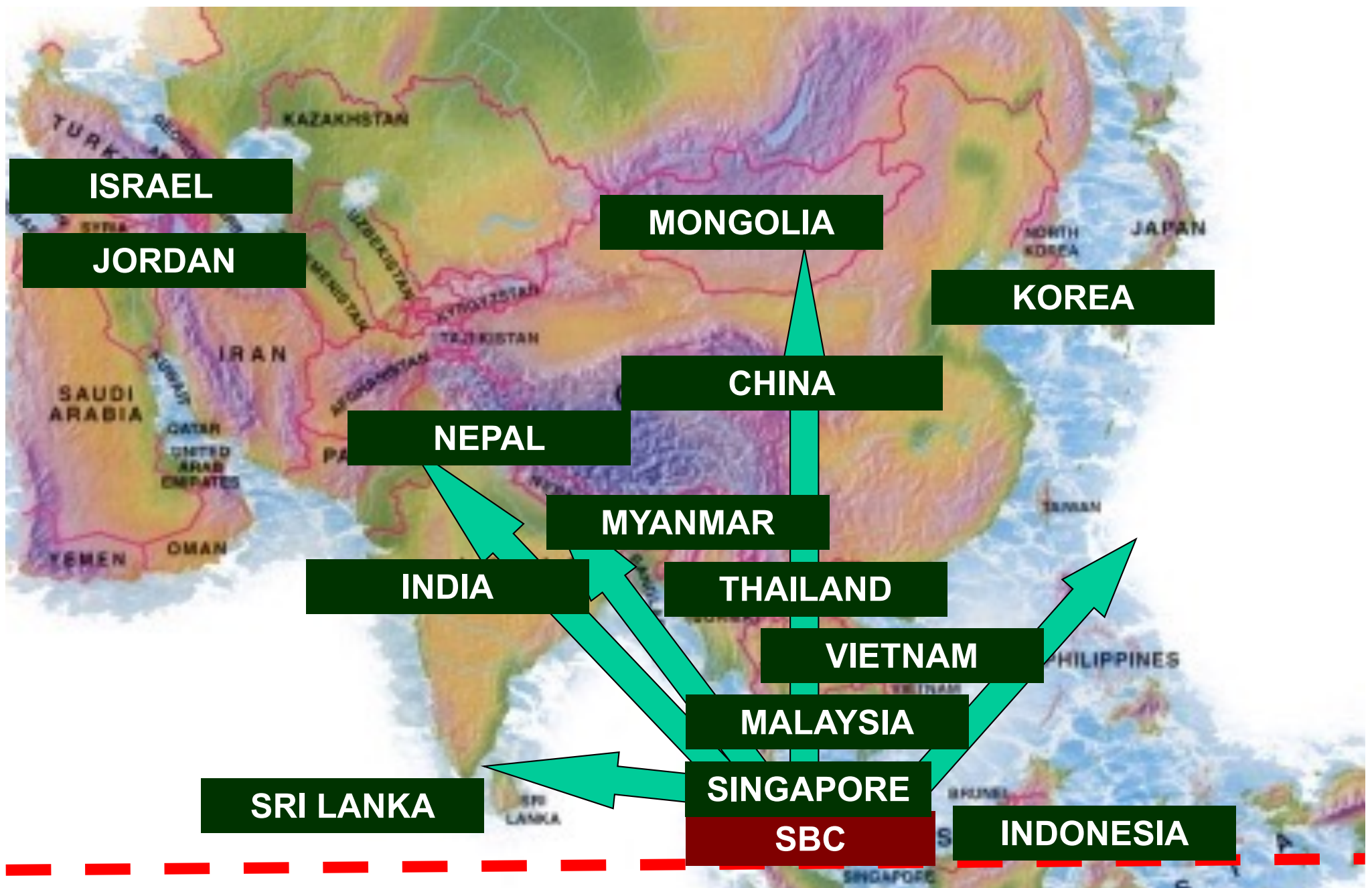


# What about us?

God will  
judge or  
bless us  
based on  
how we  
treat the  
poor.







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# Dies den Engelsen









# favourite team ?









# Indochina Starfish Foundation



**Education**  
**Medical Care**  
**Nutritious food**  
**School Uniforms**  
**Incentive to the family**  
**Community Service**





# Integration into Cambodian Society









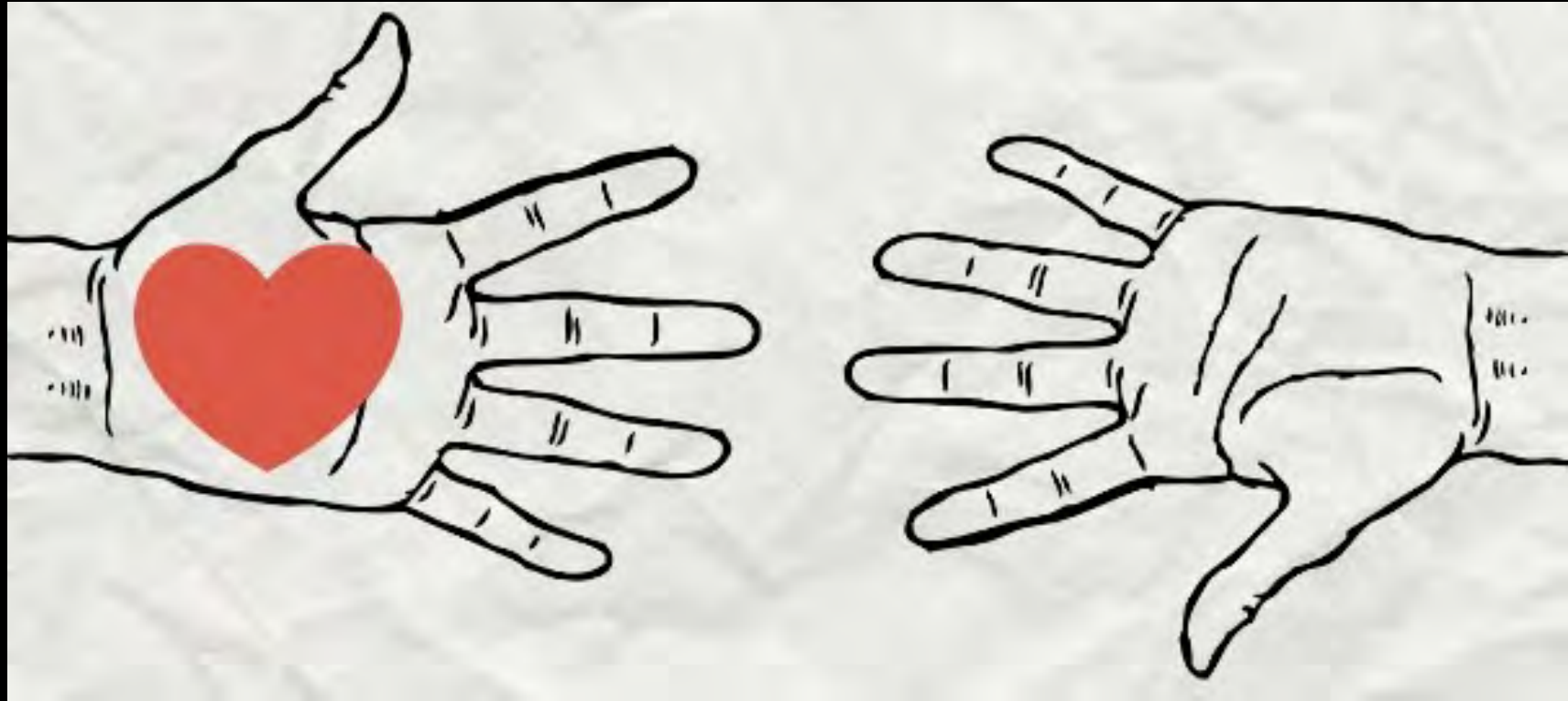




# Back To Rick and the Sermon on Micah



**Get others out of their bind.**







# Interesting Facts

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## *Foretelling Emphasis*

**Micah has one of the highest foretelling proportions of the prophetic books (70% of the content). It predicts:**

- **the falls of Samaria and Jerusalem**
- **the future restoration via a remnant leading into the messianic age**

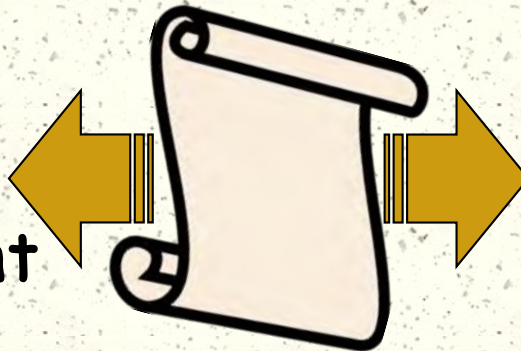




# Problems & Tips in Interpreting Prophecy

## # Inaccurate Presuppositions

Ethical  
Forthtelling  
Mosaic Covenant



Predictive  
Foretelling  
Abrahamic Covenant

## # Prophets were mainly covenant enforcers based on the Mosaic law

# The Prophetic Message

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- # The prophets were not pushovers. They went against the tide to preach the word of Yahweh to a rebellious nation.

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- # A major concern posed by the prophets was idolatry.
- # But they also had social and economic concerns.
- # They spoke pronouncements of judgments to steer the nation away from the curses.



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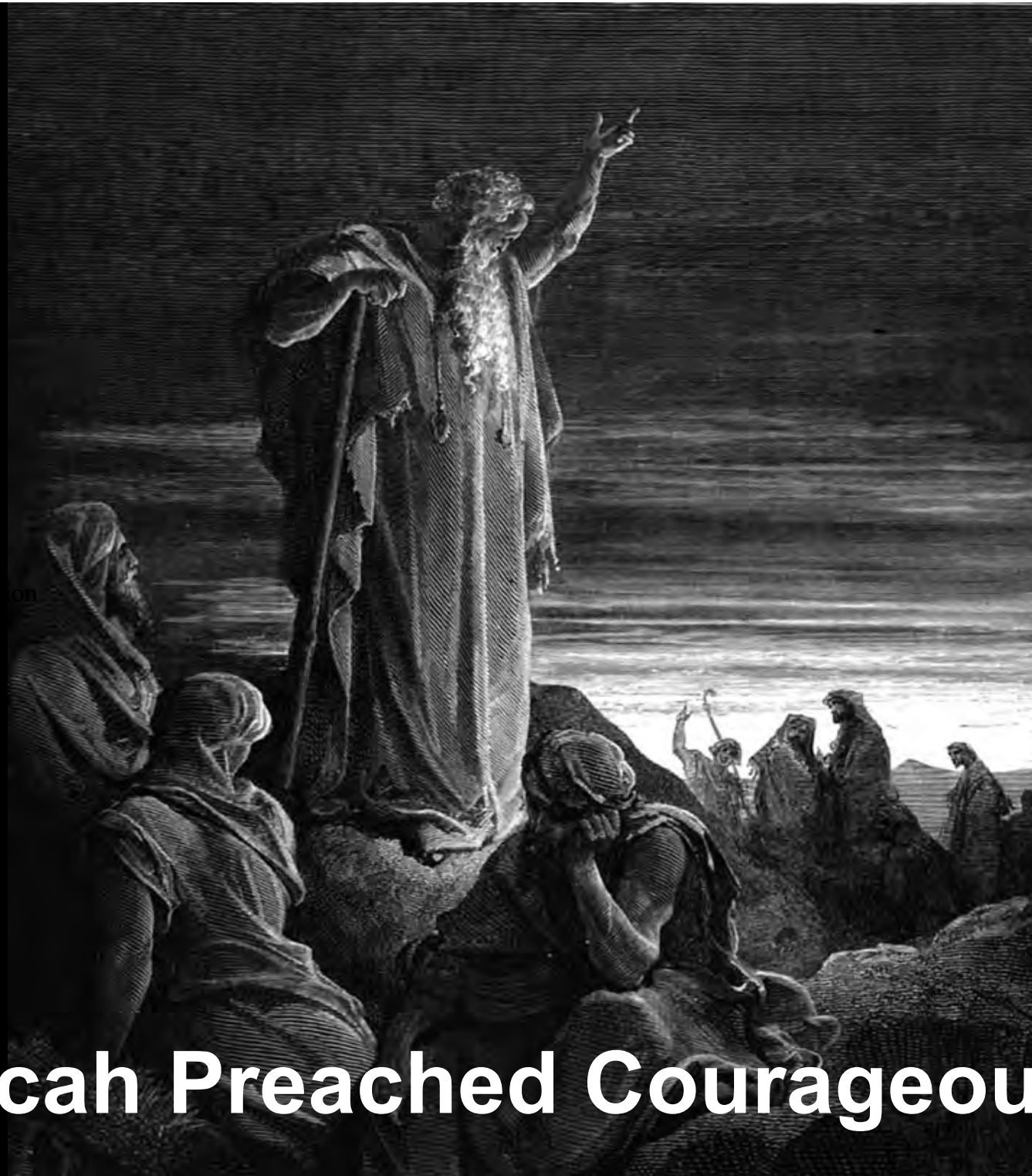
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**(3:1)**

***II. God  
**comforts**  
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# Micah 3





**Micah Preached Courageously**

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- ***God***

**1:1-7**

**2:1-5**

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- ***Micah***

**1:8-16**

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**Micah Taught Compassion**





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***Micah championed the poor  
and oppressed***

**Social injustice sins in this book include:**

- **Oppression (2:1-2)**
- **Bribery in judges, prophets & priests (3:11)**
- **Exploitation of the powerless (3:2-3)**
- **Covetousness (2:8-9)**
- **Cheating (3:9)**
- **Violence (3:10)**
- **Pride (1:16; 2:6)**

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- ***Micah***

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## ***Micah 3:12 on Jerusalem's Fall***

***"Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah. He told all the people of Judah, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says:***

***"Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets."'"***

**Jeremiah 26:18 (NIV)**



# Micah 4

## ***Judgment***

- ***God***

**1:1-7**

**2:1-5**

**3:1-4**

- ***Micah***

**1:8-16**

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- ***God***

**2:12-  
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**4:1-  
5:15**

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# Micah

- 1 **M**essages against Samaria, Jerusalem
- 2 **E**vils of Israel's people
- 3 **S**ins of Israel's leaders
- 4 **S**overeign king in Zion
- 5 **I**ntroduction of Bethlehem's Messiah
- 6 **A**ctions of injustice rebuked
- 7 **H**ope in God's future



## ***Micah & Isaiah Alike***

- ★ ***Exact parallels***
- ★ ***Messiah prominent***
- ★ ***Wrote from Jerusalem***
- ★ ***Wrote about both Israel and Judah***
- ★ ***Influenced Hezekiah***
- ★ ***Stressed the kingdom***
- ★ ***Contemporaneous***

# *Millennial Jerusalem (Isaiah)*



“The law will go out from Zion,  
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem”  
—Isaiah 2:3



# Millennial Jerusalem (Micah)



“For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and  
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem”  
—Micah 4:2

# Who copied whom?

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ESV Isaiah 2:2 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and **all the nations** shall flow to it,

ESV Micah 4:1 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and **it** shall be lifted up above the hills; and **peoples** shall flow to it,

# Who copied whom?

ESV Isaiah 2:3 and  
many **peoples** shall  
come, and say:

"Come, let us go up to  
the mountain of the  
LORD, to the house of  
the God of Jacob, that  
he may teach us his  
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# United Nations Building, New York





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ISAIAH





**"Lions, Tigers & Bears! Oh, My!"**





**Baloo the **B**ear, Leo the **L**ion, and  
Shere Khan the **T**iger (all three  
known as **BLT**)**







Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary

































# Interesting Facts

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## *Mini-Isaiah*

Micah (moral & social)	Subject	Isaiah (world affairs and political concerns)
1:2	"Hear, O peoples, all of you; listen, O earth... the LORD God be a witness against You..."	1:2
1:9-16	Judgment on Jerusalem and neighbors	10:28-32
2:8-9	Oppressing widows and orphans	10:2
2:12	Remnant of Israel	10:10-23
2:13	The Lord goes forth before them	52:12
3:5-7	Nobody understands	29:9-12
4:1	In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established...	2:2
5:2	Messianic prophecy	7:14
5:4	Imagery of a shepherd	40:11
6:6-8	To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly...	58:6-7
7:7	Waiting on the LORD	8:17
7:12	Assyria is coming	1:11



# Micah 5



## *Christ in Micah*

- Micah 5:2 is the only OT prophecy that predicts the birthplace of the Messiah as Bethlehem.
- Micah also gives the best descriptions of the righteous reign of Christ over the whole world (2:12-13; 4:1-8; 5:4-5).



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# *Bethlehem*

**“And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah,  
are not least among the ruling cities of Judah,  
for a ruler will come from you who will be the  
shepherd for my people Israel”  
(Micah 5:2 quoted in Matthew 2:6 NLT)**



# Journey to Bethlehem



# Jewish Loss of Land

1000 BCE to Present



1000 BCE



1920



Today



Jewish Land



Disputed Land

# The Unseen Hand





# **Jesus the Victor (Revelation 19:11)**



**“The remnant left in Israel  
will take their place among the nations.**

**They will be like a lion among the animals of the forest, like a  
strong young lion among flocks of sheep and goats,  
pouncing and tearing as they go with no rescuer in sight.**

**<sup>9</sup>The people of Israel will stand up to their foes, and all their  
enemies will be wiped out” (Micah 5:8-9 NLT).**



An aerial photograph of Jerusalem, Israel, taken from the Mount of Olives. The foreground shows the dense, terraced stone buildings of the Mount of Olives. In the middle ground, the Kidron Valley is visible, characterized by dry, hilly terrain with scattered trees and a road. In the background, the city of Jerusalem is spread across the hills, with the Dome of the Rock's golden dome prominently visible in the center-left. The sky is clear and blue.

**Eastern Gate**

**Kidron Valley**

**Mount of Olives**



# Micah 6

# ***MICAH'S 3 SERMONS***

***III. God gives **hope**  
to the generous  
(Micah 6–7).***

**"LISTEN!"  
(6:1)**

***WHY YOU SHOULD BE  
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## ***Judgment***

• ***God***

1:1-7

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6:1-5

• ***Micah***

1:8-16

2:6-11

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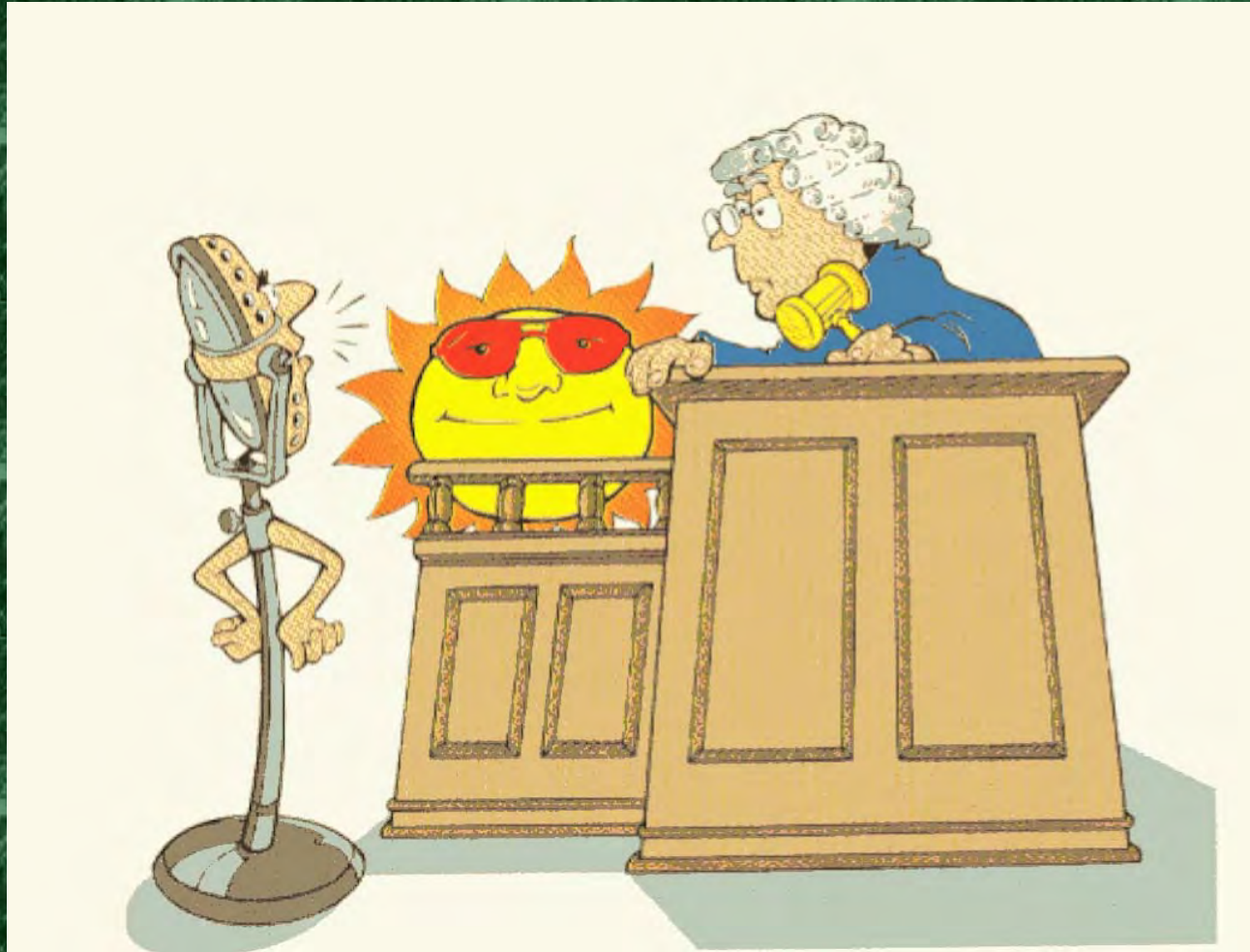
## *Courtroom Drama*

Micah 6:1-8 represents God indicting his people for a breach of covenant. This is presented before the primary witnesses, the mountains, and reminds them of the “saving acts of Yahweh.”



# "Day in Court"

*Micah*



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# Key Verse

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**“He has shown you, O man, 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” (Micah 6:8).**

**Micah**



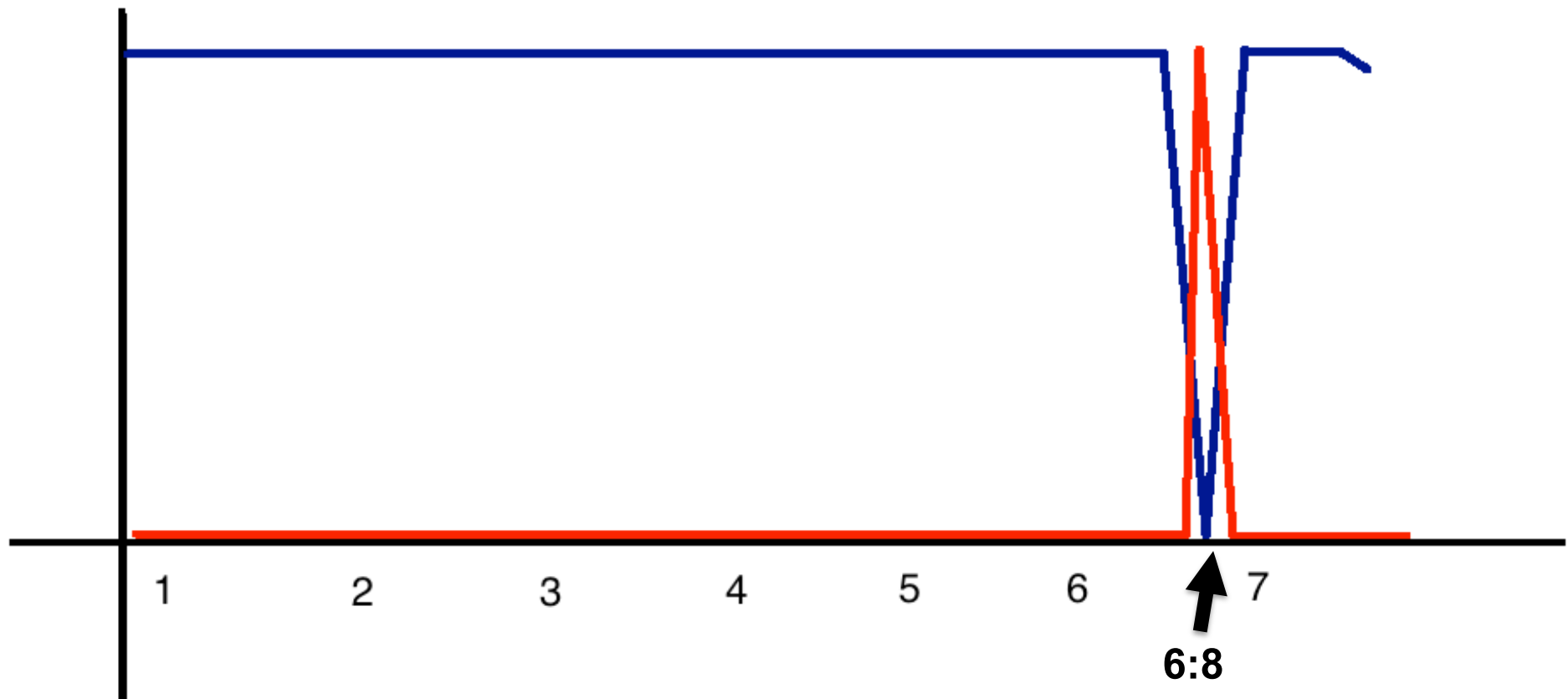
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## *Our emphasis on Micah 6:8*

### Introduction to Micah

— Destruction  
— Bits that people like to quote





# Micah 6:8 Song



He has shown you, O man,  
what is good and what the LORD  
requires you (2x)

To act justly,  
And to love mercy,  
And to walk humbly with your God.

## ***Judgment***

• ***God***

1:1-7

2:1-5

3:1-4

6:1-5

6:9-16

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# Exploitation

**"What shall I say about the homes of the wicked filled with treasures gained by cheating? What about the disgusting practice of measuring out grain with dishonest measures?**

**<sup>11</sup>How can I tolerate your merchants who use dishonest scales and weights? <sup>12</sup>The rich among you have become wealthy through extortion and violence. Your citizens are so used to lying that their tongues can no longer tell the truth" (6:10-12 NLT).**

# Micah 7



## ***Judgment***

• ***God***

1:1-7

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6:1-5

6:9-16

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7:1-6

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# Exploitation

**“How miserable I am!  
I feel like the fruit picker after the harvest  
who can find nothing to eat.  
Not a cluster of grapes or a single early  
fig can be found to satisfy my hunger”  
(Micah 7:1 NLT).**





# Exploitation

**“The godly people have all disappeared;  
not one honest person is left on the  
earth. They are all murderers, setting  
traps even for their own brothers”  
(Micah 7:2 NLT).**



# Exploitation

**“Both their hands are equally skilled at doing evil! Officials and judges alike demand bribes. The people with influence get what they want, and together they scheme to twist justice”  
(Micah 7:3 NLT).**





# Exploitation

**"Even the best of them is like a brier; the most honest is as dangerous as a hedge of thorns. But your judgment day is coming swiftly now. Your time of punishment is here, a time of confusion" (Micah 7:4 NLT).**



# Exploitation

**"Don't trust anyone—  
not your best friend or even your wife!**

**<sup>6</sup>For the son despises his father.**

**The daughter defies her mother.**

**The daughter-in-law defies her mother-in-law. Your enemies are right in your own household!" (Micah 7:5-6 NLT).**





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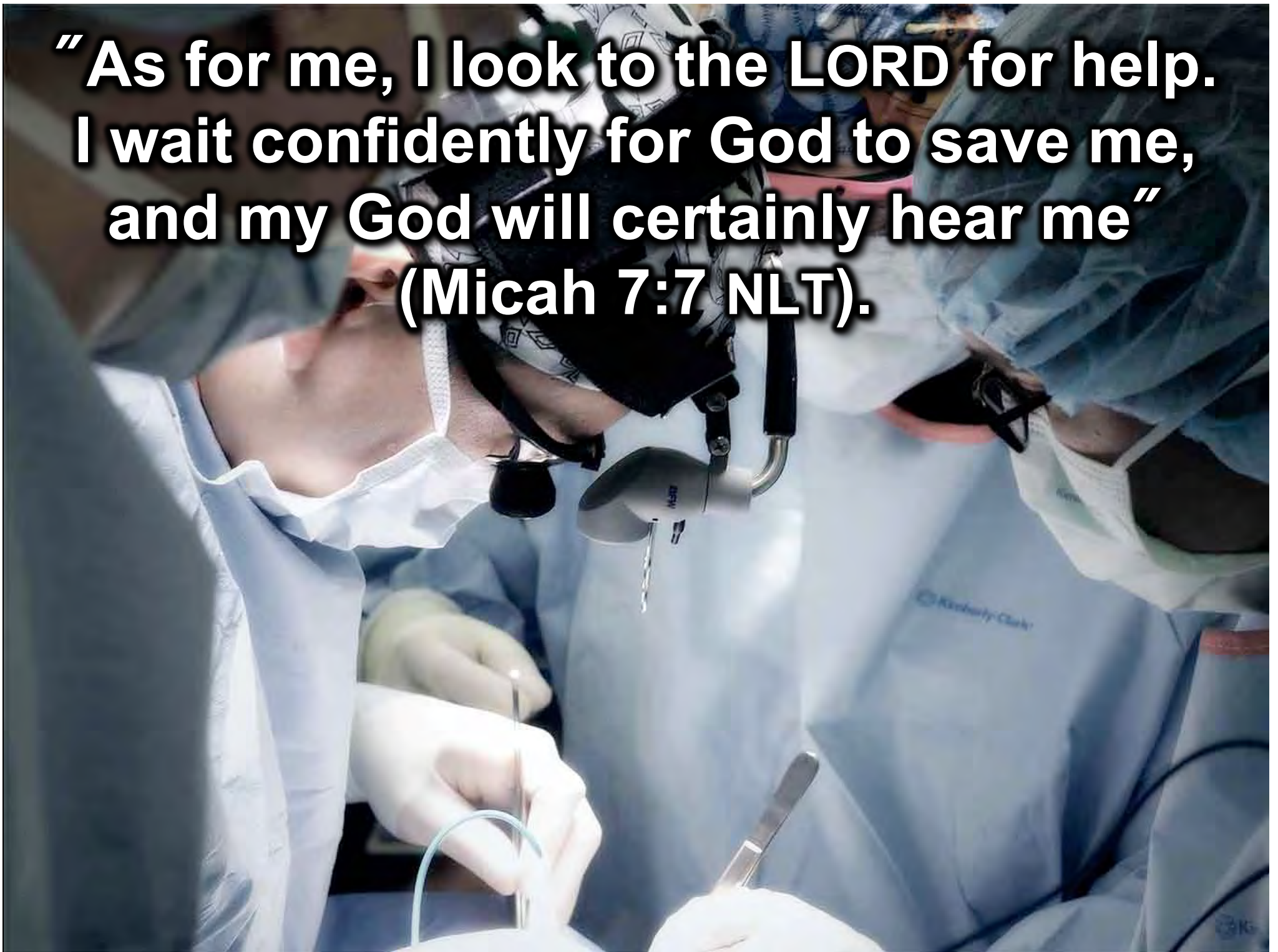
• ***Micah***

7:7-20

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**"As for me, I look to the LORD for help.  
I wait confidently for God to save me,  
and my God will certainly hear me"  
(Micah 7:7 NLT).**





# Borders of the Land Promised to Abraham

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A topographical map of the Middle East region, showing the Mediterranean Sea to the west and the Red Sea to the south. The land is colored in shades of green and brown, representing different elevations. A white rectangular box with a black border is drawn over the land, indicating the borders of the Land Promised to Abraham. The box extends from the river of Egypt in the south to the Taurus mountains in the north, and from the Mediterranean coast in the west to the Euphrates river in the east. The names of the countries within and around this region are written in large, bold, white letters with black outlines. Syria is at the top, Lebanon is below it, Israel is in the center, and Jordan is to the east. Egypt is to the southwest, and the Red Sea is to the south.

**Syria**  
**Lebanon**  
**Israel**  
**Jordan**

**Egypt**

Genesis 15:18

"On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates'" (ESV)

# *Millennial Jerusalem (Isaiah)*





# Millennial Jerusalem (Micah)



“For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and  
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**“Where is another God like you,  
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his special people?**

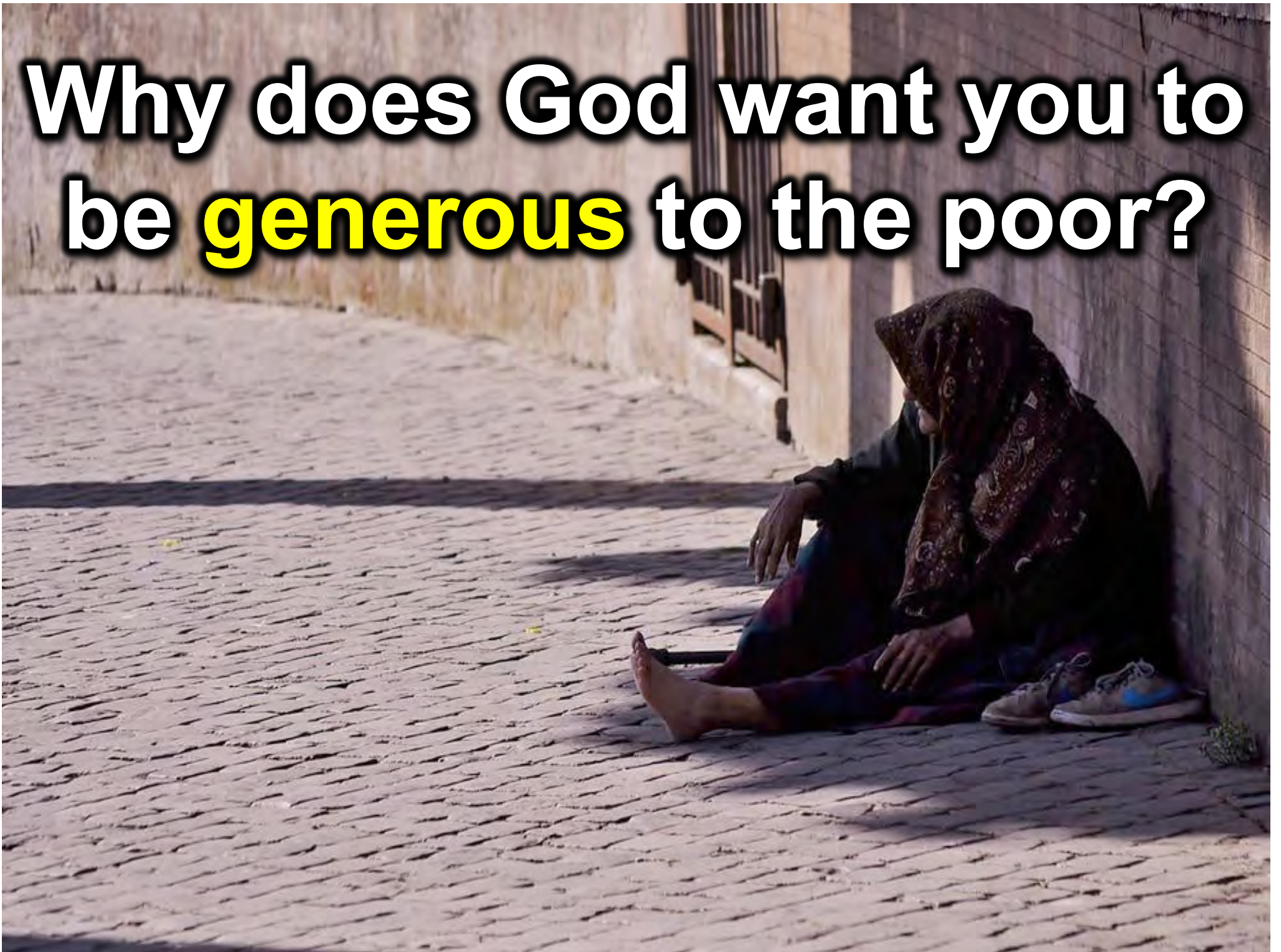
**You will not stay angry with your  
people forever, because you delight  
in showing unfailing love”**

**(Micah 7:18 NLT).**



**“Once again you will have  
compassion on us. You will trample  
our sins under your feet and throw  
them into the depths of the ocean!  
20You will show us your faithfulness  
and unfailing love as you promised  
to our ancestors Abraham and  
Jacob long ago”  
(Micah 7:19-20 NLT).**

Why does God want you to  
be **generous** to the poor?



# Main Idea

Be **generous** to others and  
God will be **generous** to you.





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**How can you better help  
those with less money than you?**



# **This 99-Year-Old Man Begs Every Day And Gives It All Away To Churches And Orphanages**



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**Be generous.**



**Feed the hungry.**



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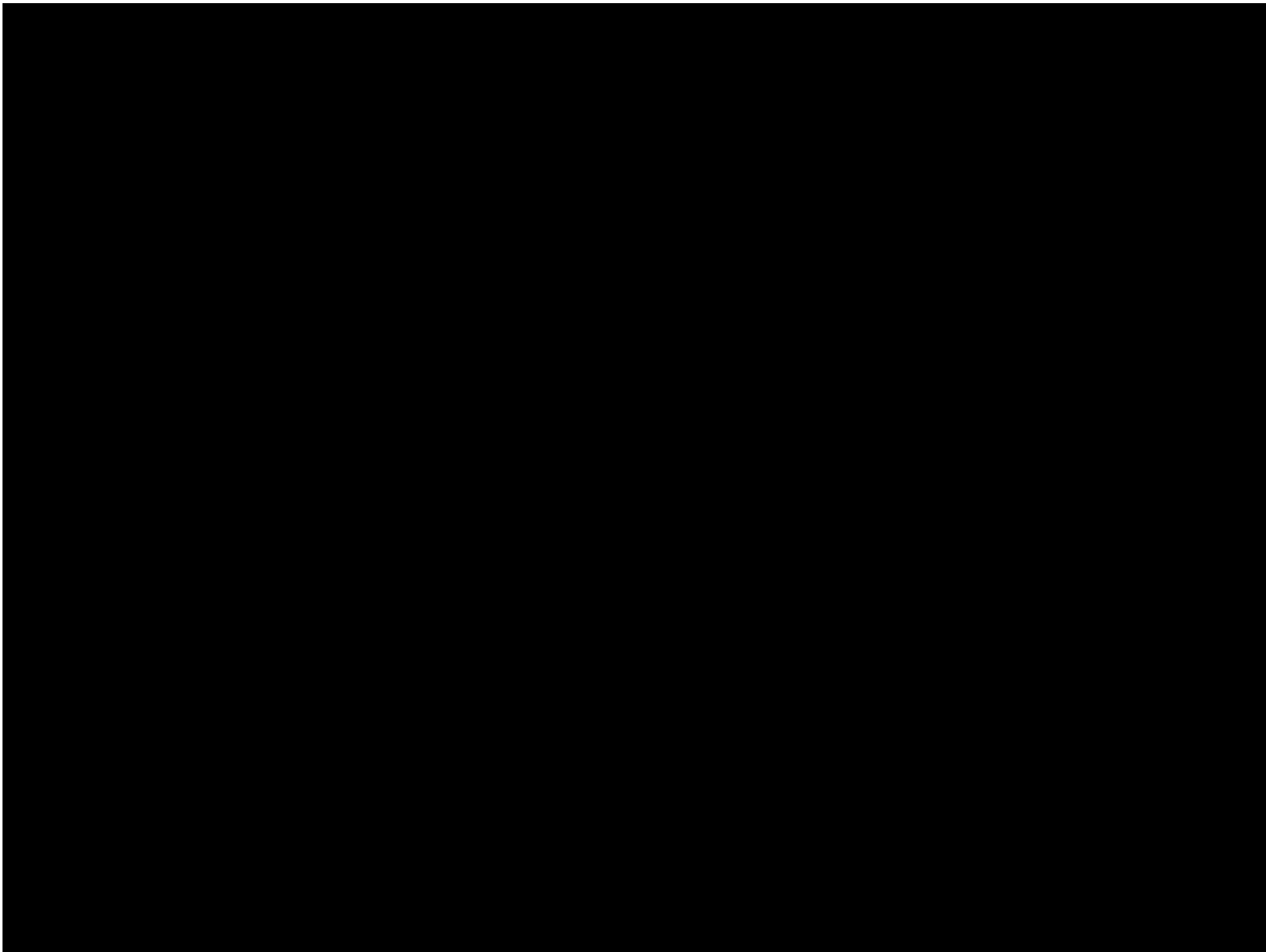


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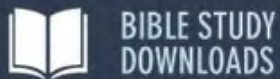
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