

מִיכָה



MICAH

Key Word

615
343

Exploitation

Micah

Theme

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**Judgment on Israel & Judah
for Exploitation**

Micah

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" (6:8).

Micah

Kingdom Statement

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God will judge His people for exploiting their poor but after their repentance He will bless them in the messianic kingdom (2:12-13; 4:1–5:15; 7:7-20).


Micah



Summary Statement

God indicts Israel and Judah for wickedness and **exploitation of the poor and declares a judgment in exile to motivate them to repent but promises vindication and kingdom blessing under Messiah in fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant.**

Micah

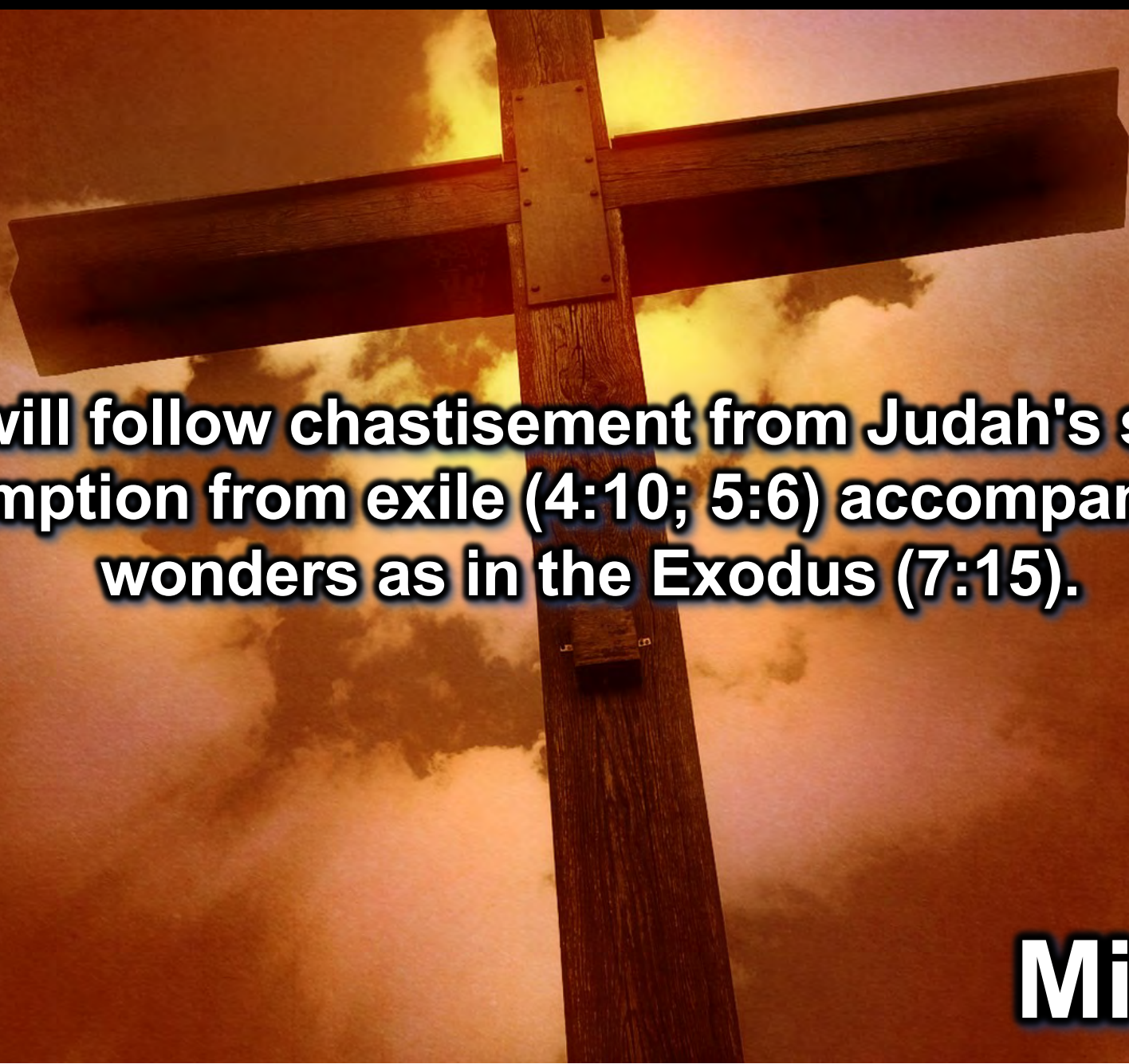


Each of Micah's three judgment-hope cycles disciplines for Mosaic covenant neglect but ends with blessings in the Abrahamic covenant (2:12-13; 4-5; 7:7-20).

Micah

Redemption

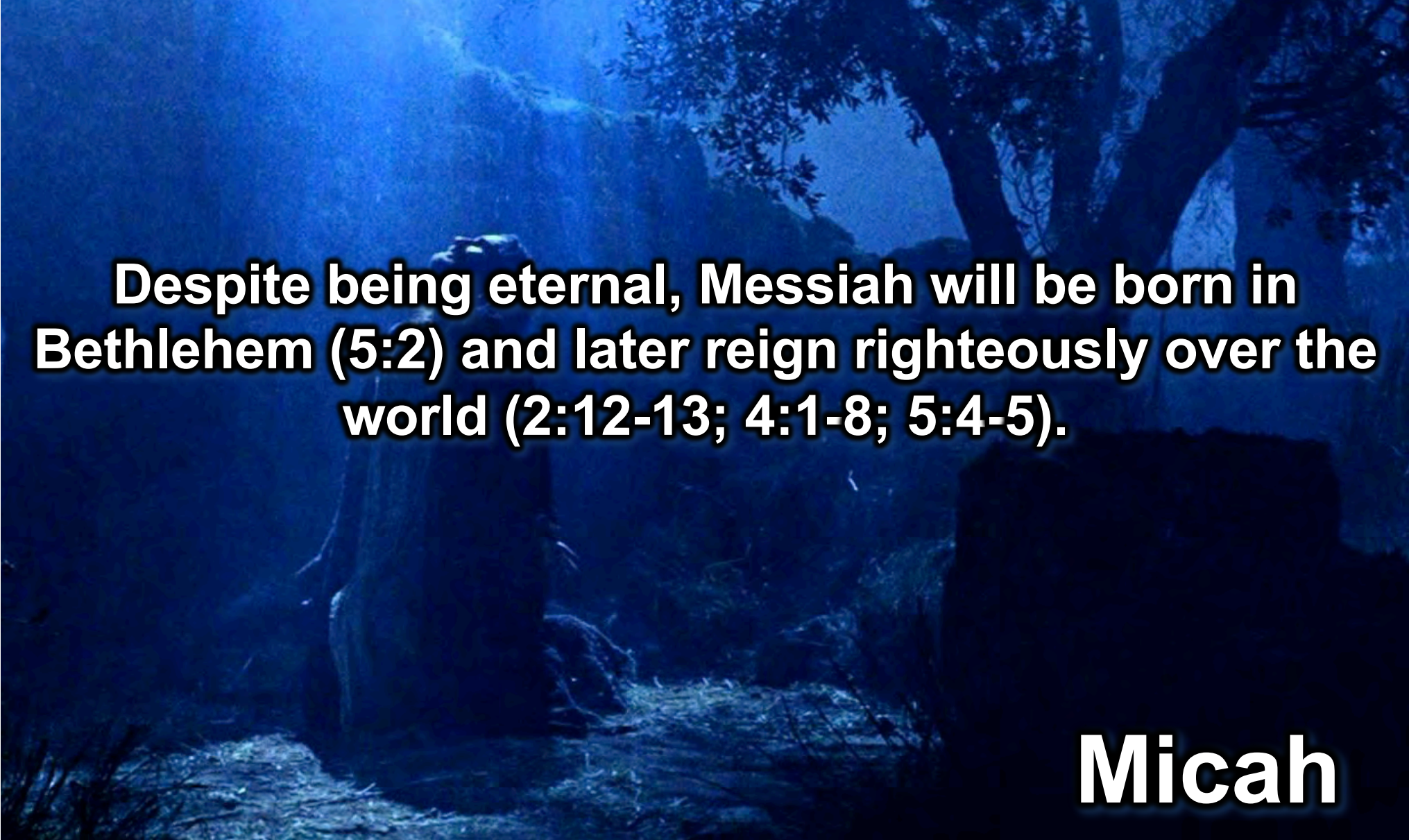
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God will follow chastisement from Judah's sin with redemption from exile (4:10; 5:6) accompanied by wonders as in the Exodus (7:15).

Micah

Messiah



Despite being eternal, Messiah will be born in Bethlehem (5:2) and later reign righteously over the world (2:12-13; 4:1-8; 5:4-5).

Micah

Israel's Exploitation			Leader's Exploitation		Wicked Ritualism		
Chapters 1–2 "Hear..." (1:2)			Chapters 3–5 "Hear..." (3:1)		Chapters 6–7 "Hear..." (6:1)		
Punishment then Blessing			Punishment then Blessing		Punishment then Blessing		
Wealth (2:1-2, 8-12)			Wealth (3:1-3, 9-11)		Wealth (6:10-12; 7:16)		
Destruction of Samaria and Judah 1:2-16	Judgment for Exploitation 2:1-11	Regathering 2:12-13	Judgment for Exploitation Chap 3	Messianic Blessing 4-5	Religious and Ritual Exploitation 6:1-8	Wickedness 6:9-7:6	Confidence 7:7-20
Israel and Judah							
735-710 BC (Before, During, and After the Fall of Israel)							

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



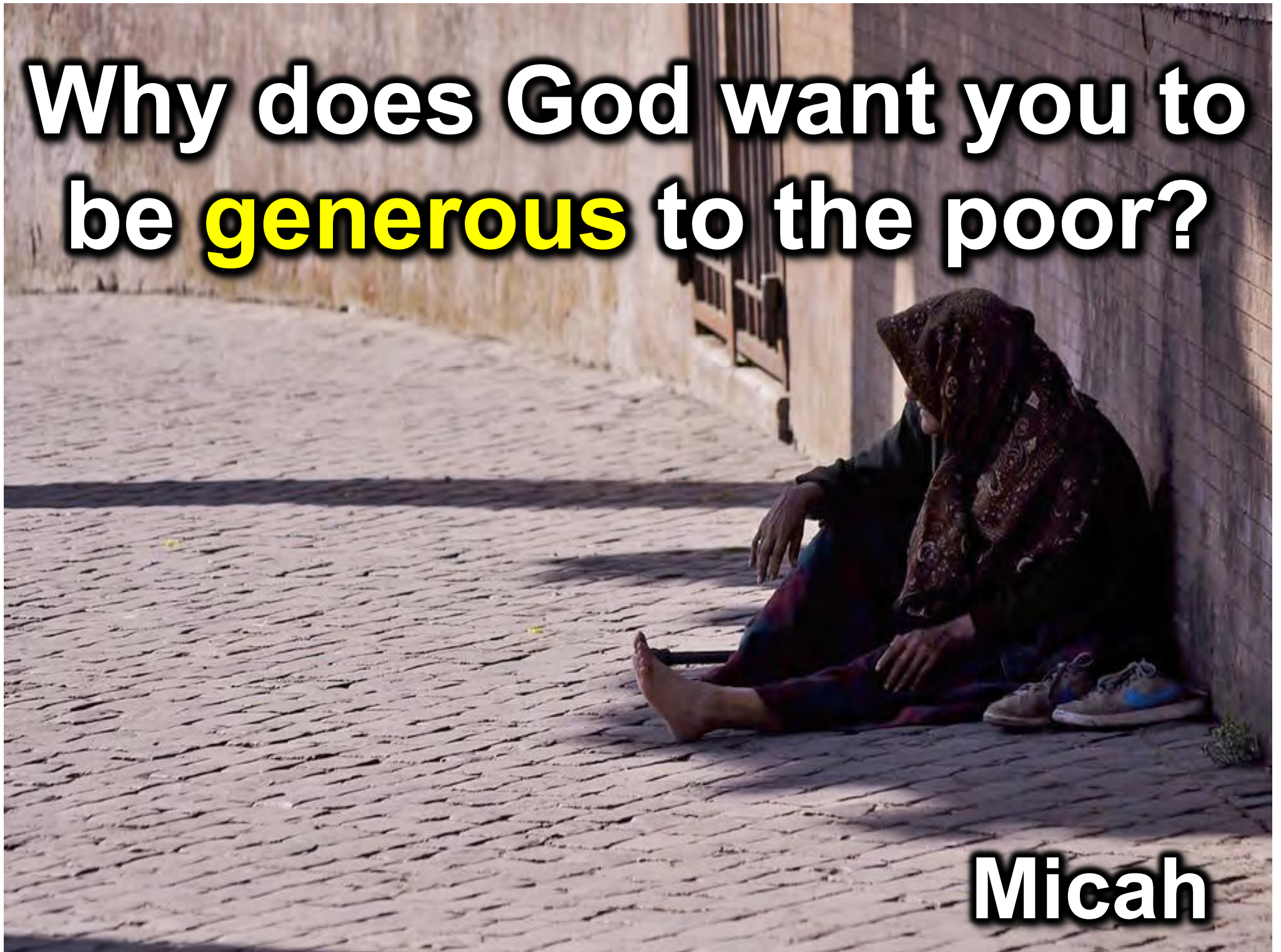


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**Why does God want you to
be **generous** to the poor?**



Micah

3 *SERMONS*

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

***I. God **rewards** the
generous
(1–2).***

***MICAH: WHY YOU
SHOULD BE GENEROUS***

3 *SERMONS*

"LISTEN!"
(1:2)

"LISTEN!"
(3:1)

II. God
comforts
the
generous
(3–5).

***MICAH: WHY YOU
SHOULD BE GENEROUS***

3 SERMONS

*III. God gives **hope**
to the generous
(1:2) (3:1)
(6-7).*

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

**MICAH: WHY YOU
SHOULD BE GENEROUS**

Main Idea of Micah

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



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

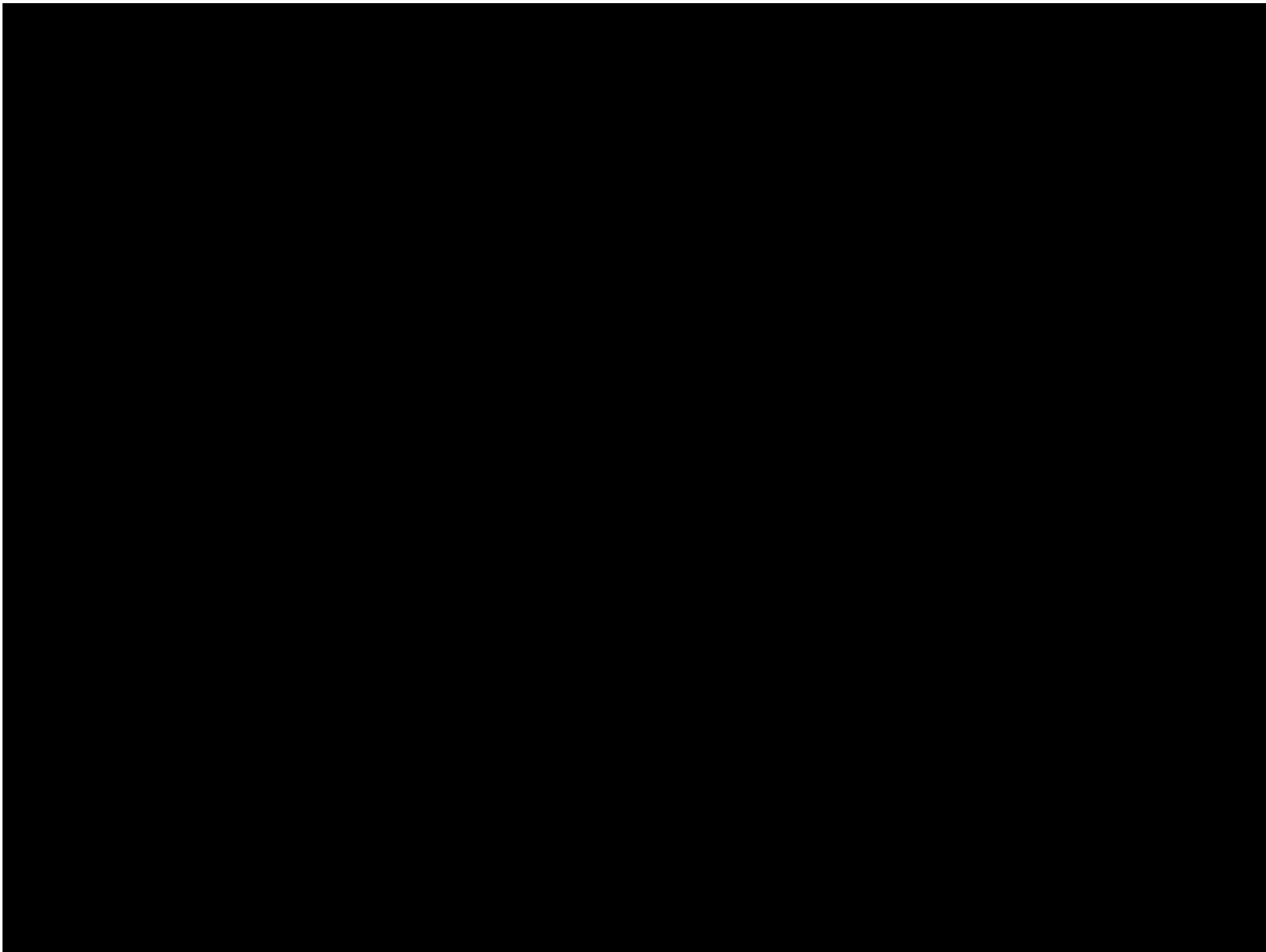


Micah

Don't harden your heart.



Micah





Interesting Facts

Prophets to Judah	Prophets to Israel	Prophets to Edom	Prophets to Assyria
<i>Before the Exile—in Judah</i> Habakkuk Isaiah Joel Jeremiah Micah Zephaniah Lamentations	Hosea Amos	Obadiah	Jonah Nahum
<i>During the Exile—in Babylon</i> Ezekiel Daniel			
<i>After the Exile—in Judah</i> Haggai Zechariah Malachi			

*Adapted from Bible
Knowledge
Commentary, 1:1027*

Who Wrote About Whom?



Interesting Facts

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Internal Evidences

Micah 1:1 provides very helpful information on the book's authorship, dating, purpose and setting.



Interesting Facts

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מִיכָה *What's in the name?*

Micah and Micaiah

- are the Greek and Latin titles of the book
- shortened version of מִכַּיְהוּ (Michayahu) meaning ("Who is like Yahweh?") in 7:18

Who Is There Like You?

Who is there like You O God?

You who created us in Your likeness

Who is there like You O God?

It's an honor to stand and worship You

We lift our hands to the great I am

Who was and Who is and is to come

We lift our hands to the great I am

Who can compare with You?



Interesting Facts

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Date

- prophesied under Jotham (739-731), Ahaz (735-715), and Hezekiah (715-686).
- The date of his prophecies therefore range from 735-710 BC.



**Divided
Kingdom
931 BC**

**Assyrian
Captivity
722 BC**

**Jesus
4 BC**

**David
1000 BC**

**Jotham II
750 BC**

**Hezekiah's
Reign Ends
687 BC**



**Micah's
Prophetic
Career**

Chart of OT Kings & Prophets

232 & 342

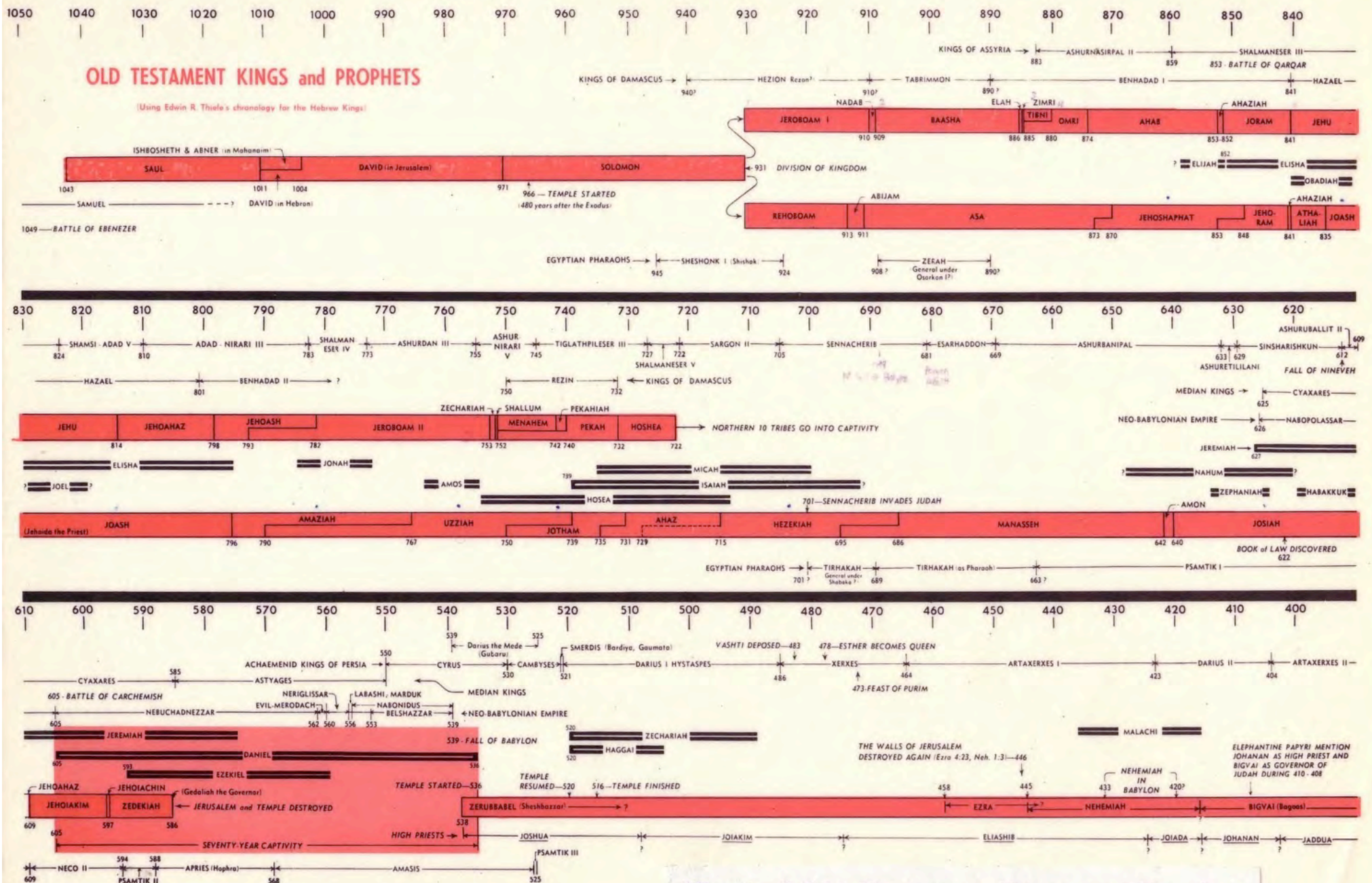


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Interesting Facts

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Place in the Canon?

In chronology:

- 6th book among **THE TWELVE** or **Minor Prophets** in the **Hebrew Canon**
- 3rd in the **LXX**



Interesting Facts

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Exploitation—Judgment—Restoration

A third of the book of Micah exposes the **sins** of his countrymen, another third illustrates the **punishment** God is about to send and the last third speaks about the hope of **restoration** once the discipline has ended.



Interesting Facts

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Setting

(2 Kings 15:32-19:37; 2 Chron. 27:1-32:23)

- **Economic prosperity**
- **Internal decay - social wrongs**
- **Canaanite idol worship**
- **Assyrian threat**

Black Lives Matter
Of course they do.

BLM on the Streets



Why all the protests and riots in 2020?

At Trump Tower, New York City



Politicians Joined the Protests



NYC Mayor
DeBlasio

The Former BLM Website

BLACK
LIVES
MATTER

We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and “villages” that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable.



DONATE

WHAT WE BELIEVE

TAKE ACTION

Four years ago, what is now known as the Black Lives Matter Global Network began as a chant, a mission, a vision, and a way of life.

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violence
and violence

In the struggle to end racism and create a world free of anti-Blackness, where every Black person has the social, economic, and political power to thrive.

Black Lives Matter began as a call to action in response to state-sanctioned violence and

We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual (unless s/he or they disclose otherwise).

for Freedom, Liberation and Justice
supporting our work, checking out
on social media, or wearing our

MOVEMENT

updates on special launches,
network actions, programs, partnerships, and more!

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LAST NAME

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<https://blacklivesmatter.com/about/> on 25 July 2020 (but boxes above deleted in Aug 2020)

Black Lives Matter Website Updated

ABOUT

#BlackLivesMatter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer. Black Lives Matter Foundation, Inc is a global organization with chapters in the US, UK, and Canada, whose mission is to end anti-Black supremacy and build local power to liberate Black communities. We are combating and countering acts of violence, creating space for Black imagination and innovation, and centering Black joy, we are winning immediate improvements in our lives.

We are expansive. We are a collective of liberators who believe in a movement. We also believe that in order to win and bring as many Black lives as possible, we must move beyond the narrow nationalism that is all too common in Black communities. We must ensure we are building a movement that brings all of Black lives into the fold.

We affirm the lives of Black queer and trans folks...and all Black lives along the gender spectrum.

We are working for a world where Black lives are no longer systematically targeted for demise.

We affirm our humanity, our contributions to this society, and our right to live free from deadly oppression.

The call for Black lives to matter is a rallying cry for ALL Black lives for liberation.

TAKE ACTION

Join the Movement to fight for Freedom, Liberation and Justice by signing up for updates, supporting our resources, and more.

BLM is "combating and countering acts of violence" as BLM protests burn down the cities of America!

"We are expansive...beyond the narrow nationalism...in Black communities" says they should not be patriotic Americans.

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DONATE TODAY

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<https://blacklivesmatter.com/about/> on 3 Oct 2020

BLM Founders

**BLACK
LIVES
MATTER**

NEWS ABOUT PROGRAMS GLOBAL ACTIONS WATCH+LISTEN SHOP    

WHAT MATTERS RESOURCES CHAPTERS **DONATE**

HERSTORY

In 2013, three radical Black organizers — Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi — created a Black-centered political will and movement building project called #BlackLivesMatter. It was in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer, George Zimmerman.



Alicia Garza

Lesbian

Patrisse Cullors

Lesbian

Opal Tometi

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Join the Movement to fight for Freedom, Liberation and Justice by signing up for updates, supporting our work, checking out our resources, following us on social media, or wearing our dope, official gear.

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Sign up here for updates on special launches, network actions, programs, partnerships, and more!

ADD YOUR NAME

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Is God Concerned for Social Justice?

“The LORD is a God of social justice.” That’s the message in maybe most churches and synagogues in America and the West today. But here’s the problem. The Bible doesn’t actually say that. It says in Isaiah, “The LORD [is a God of] justice” [Isa 5:16]. You’ll find a lot of references to justice in the Bible. But you’ll never find it preceded by the word “social.” But you’re probably thinking, “What’s the difference? Isn’t God the God of justice and social justice?” Well, not if he is consistent.

You see, God cannot be the God of “justice” and “social justice” because social justice is not just.

Justice is getting what you deserve without favor.

Social justice is getting what you don’t deserve because you are favored.

Justice is blind.

Social justice is not.

**Jan Markel, “The Church: Hijacked and Infiltrated,” podcast 25 July 2020
<https://www.oneplace.com/ministries/understanding-the-times/> accessed 25 July 2020**

Black Lives Matter

Every day, we recommit to healing ourselves and each other and to co-creating alongside comrades, allies, and family a culture where each person feels seen, heard, and supported.

We acknowledge, respect, and celebrate difference and commonalities.

We work vigorously for freedom and justice for Black people and, by extension, all people.

We intentionally build and nurture a beloved community that is bonded together through a beautiful struggle that is restorative, not depleting.

We are unapologetically Black.

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We make space for transgender brothers and sisters to participate and lead.

We are self-reflexive and do the work required to dismantle cisgender privilege and uplift Black trans folk, especially Black trans women who continue to be disproportionately impacted by trans-antagonistic violence.

We build a space that affirms Black women and is free from sexism, misogyny, and environments in which men are centered.

We practice empathy. We engage comrades with the intent to learn about and connect with their contexts.

HELP US FIGHT DISINFORMATION

We need to see what you see. Black Lives Matter is a central target of disinformation and you are a key line of defense. Report suspicious sites, stories, ads, social accounts, and posts about BLM.

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Justice

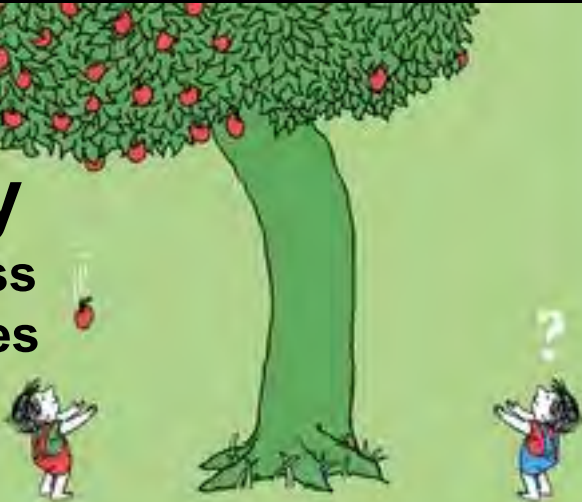


Social Justice

Distinguishing Terms

Inequality

Unequal access
to opportunities



Equality?

Evenly
distributed
tools and
assistance



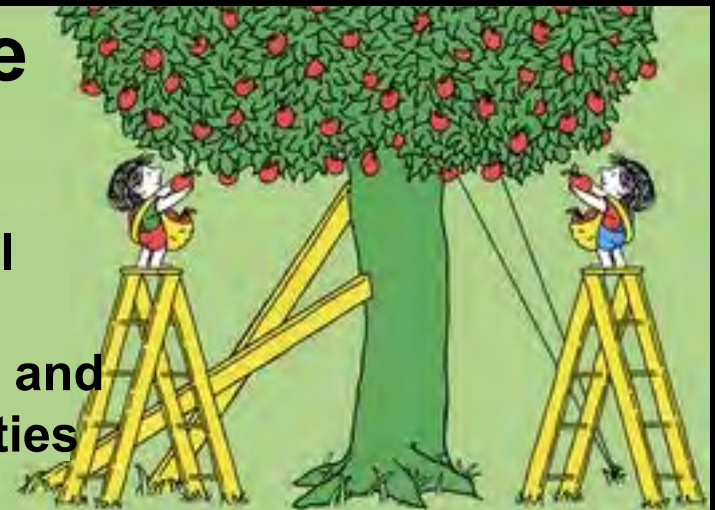
Equity

Custom tools
that identify
and address
inequality



Justice

Fixing the
system to
offer equal
access to
both tools and
opportunities

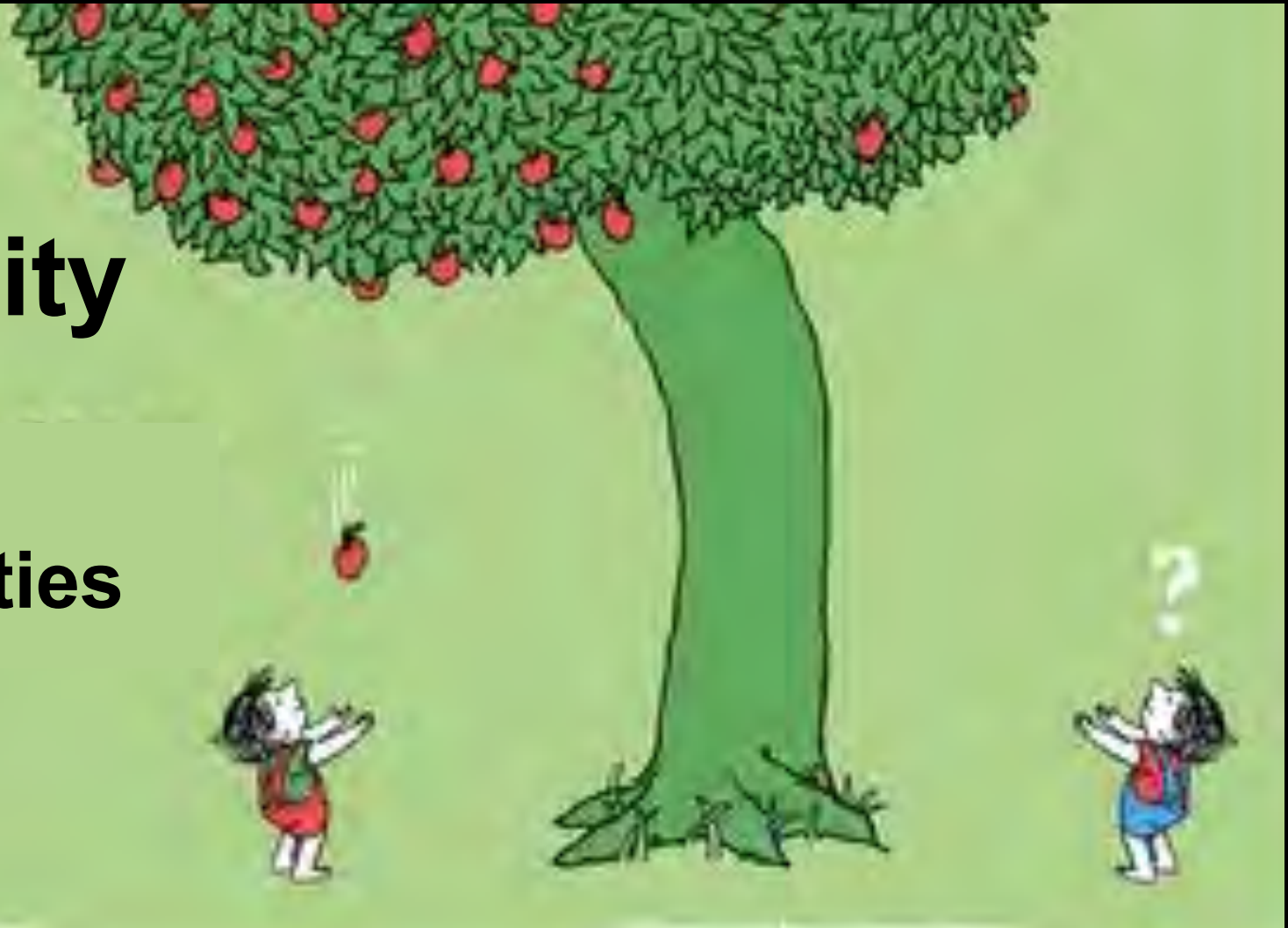


Tony Ruth cited by John Maeda, "2019 Design in Tech Report"

(<https://designintech.report/2019/03/11/%F0%9F%93%B1design-in-tech-report-2019-section-6-addressing-imbalance/>)

Critiquing the Inequality Tree

Inequality
Unequal
access to
opportunities

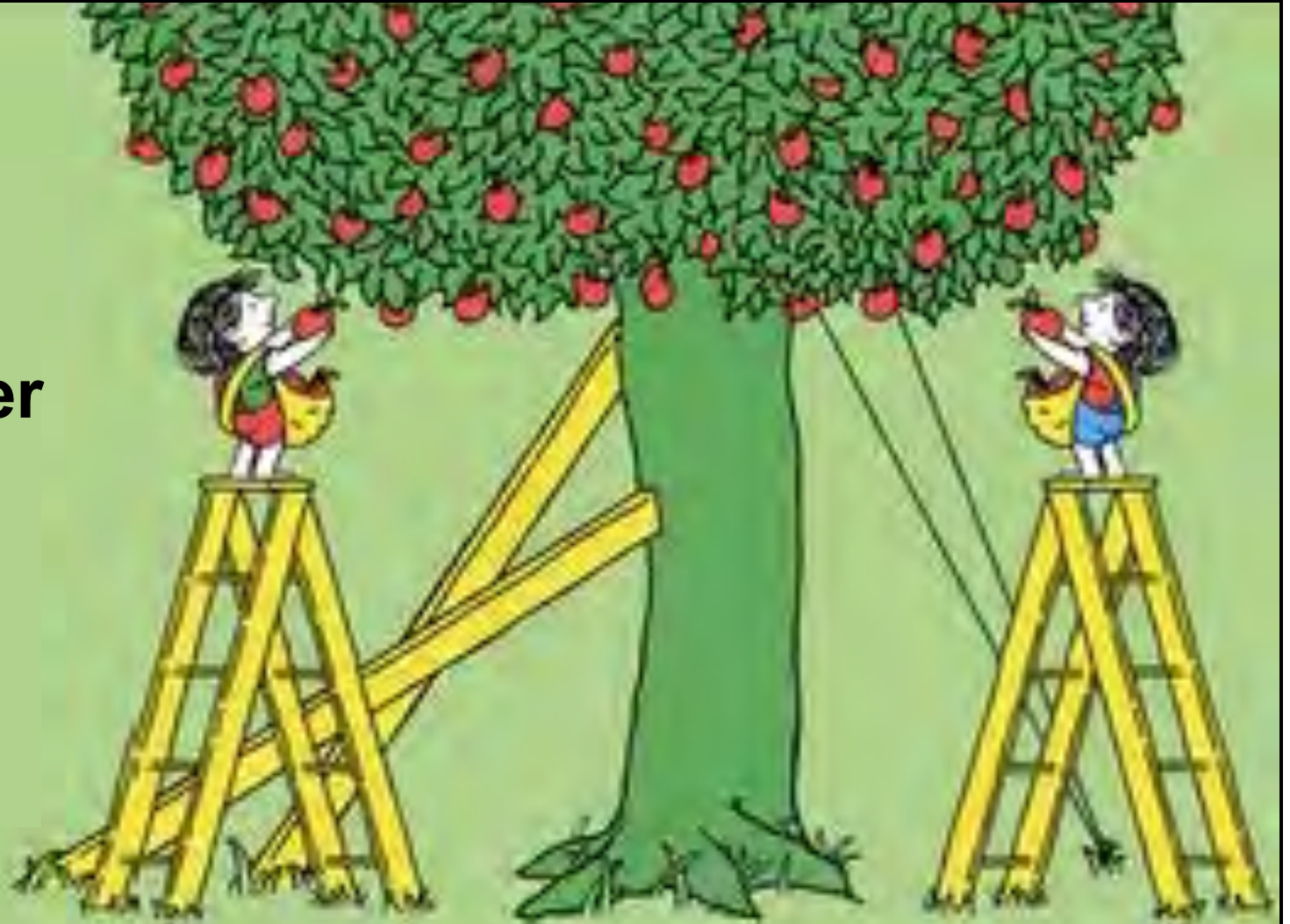


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Critiquing the Justice Tree

Justice

Fixing the system to offer equal access to both tools and opportunities



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Communist Ideology



**“WE ARE
TRAINED
MARXISTS.”**


**—PATRISSE CULLORS, COFOUNDER
OF BLACK LIVES MATTER**

Marxists Need Capitalists

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Evaluating BLM Biblically

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- A young Black child is shown from the chest up, holding a large, old, and worn Bible open. The child's face is partially visible, looking down at the text. The Bible has a dark cover with some gold lettering, and the pages are yellowed and aged. The background is a wooden wall.
- BLM rejects God like all Marxist philosophies
 - BLM rejects the family
 - BLM rejects country
 - BLM disrespects property
 - God says to live in peace—not riot against others (1 Tim 2:24)



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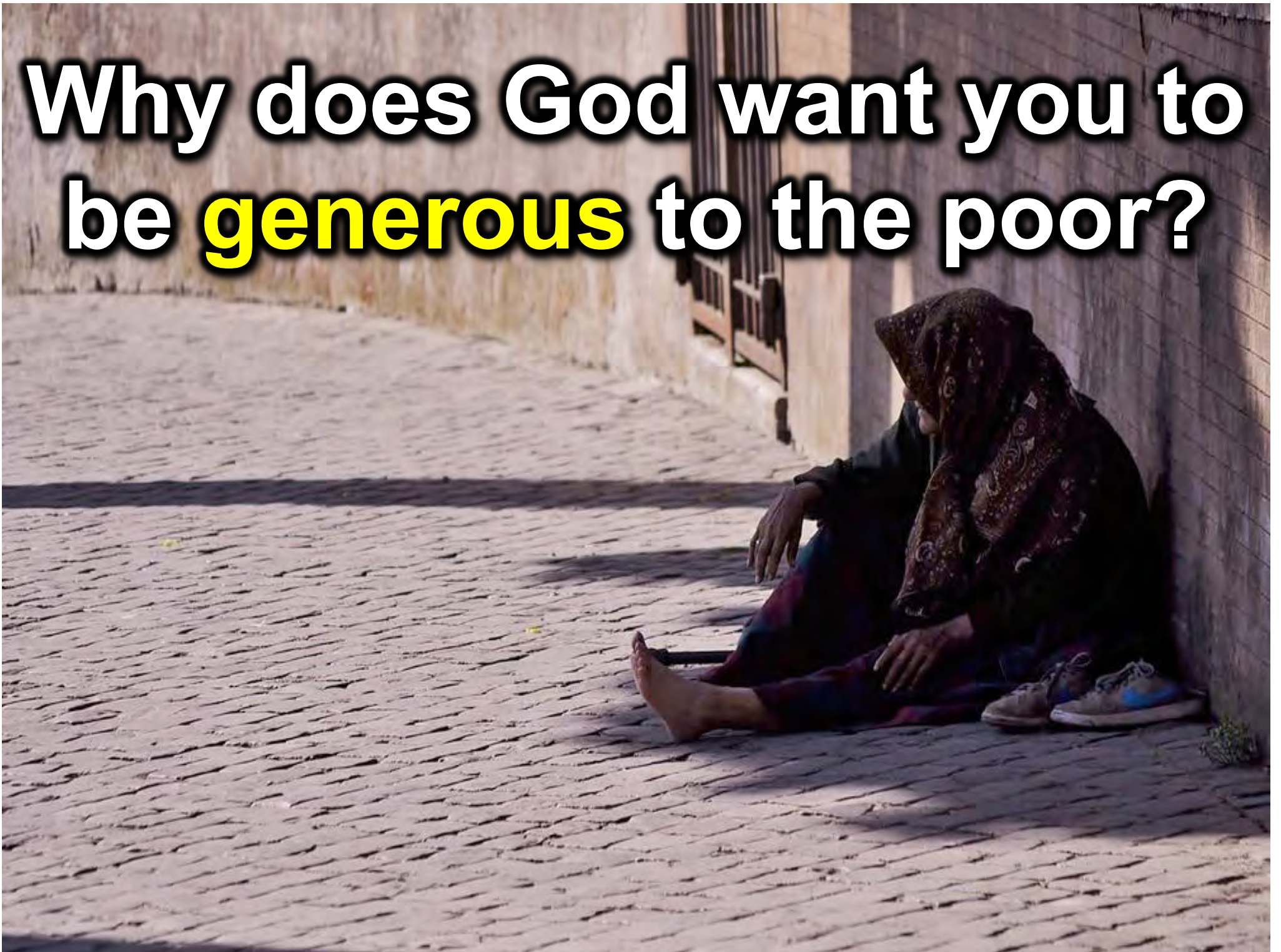
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To what extent has your money insulated you?




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**



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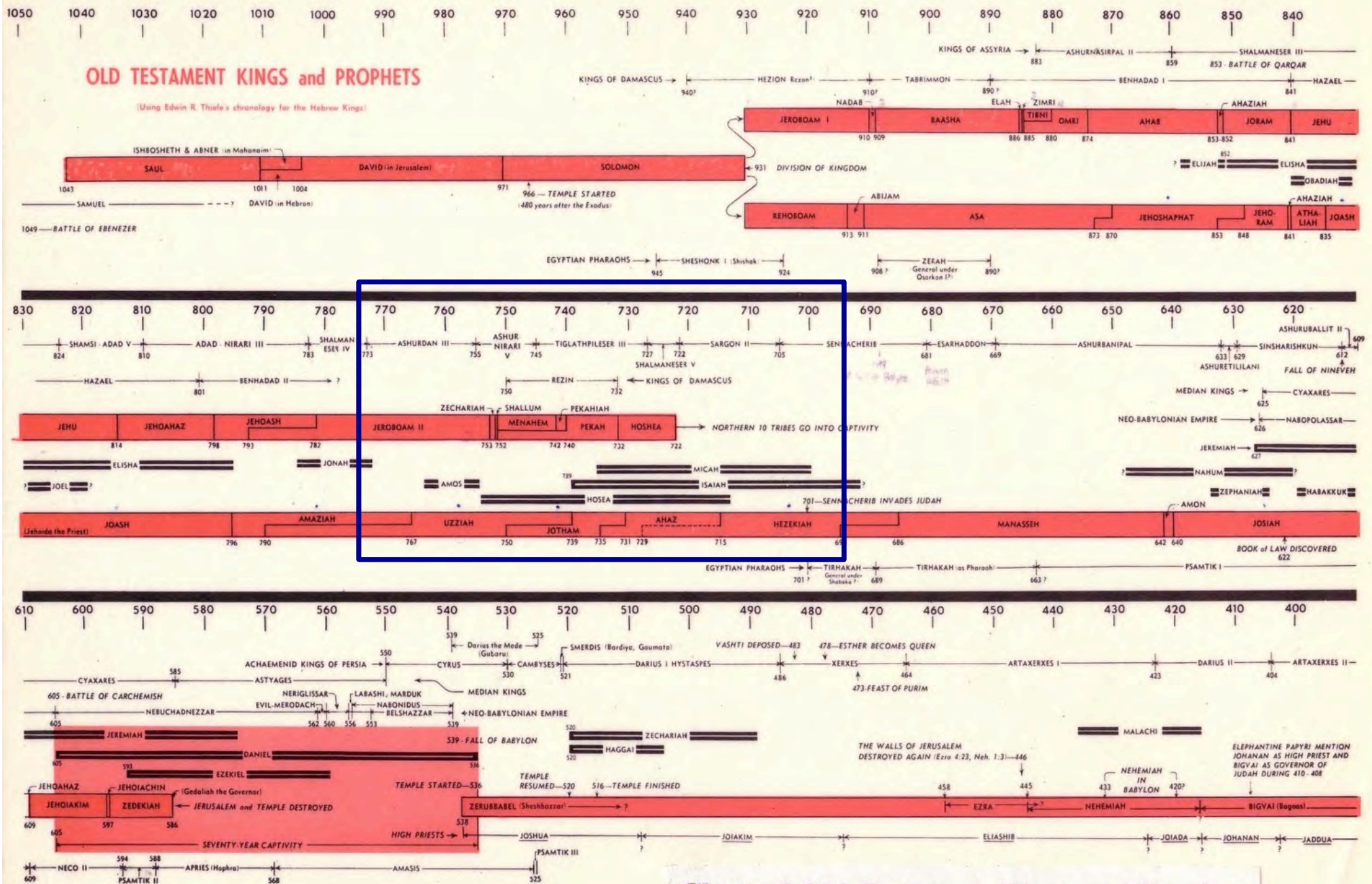


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The Assyrian Threat



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

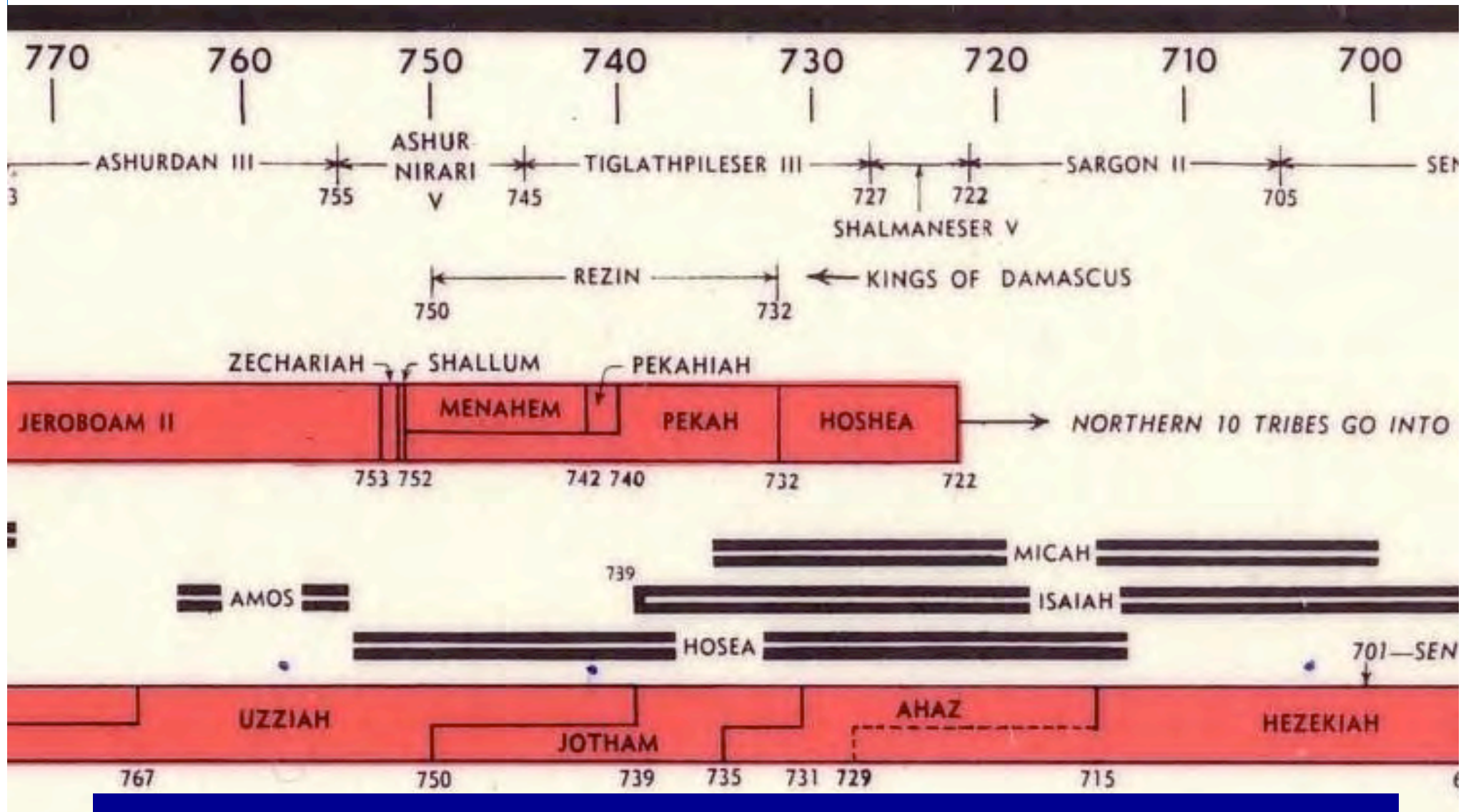
Hezekiah

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

3 *SERMONS*

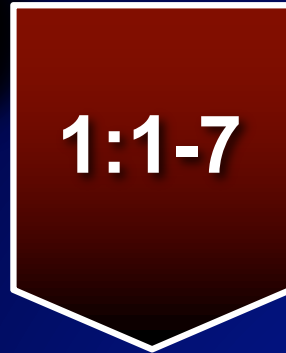
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***MICAH: WHY YOU
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Judgment

- ***God***



- ***Micah***

Hope

- ***God***

- ***Micah***

Structure of Micah

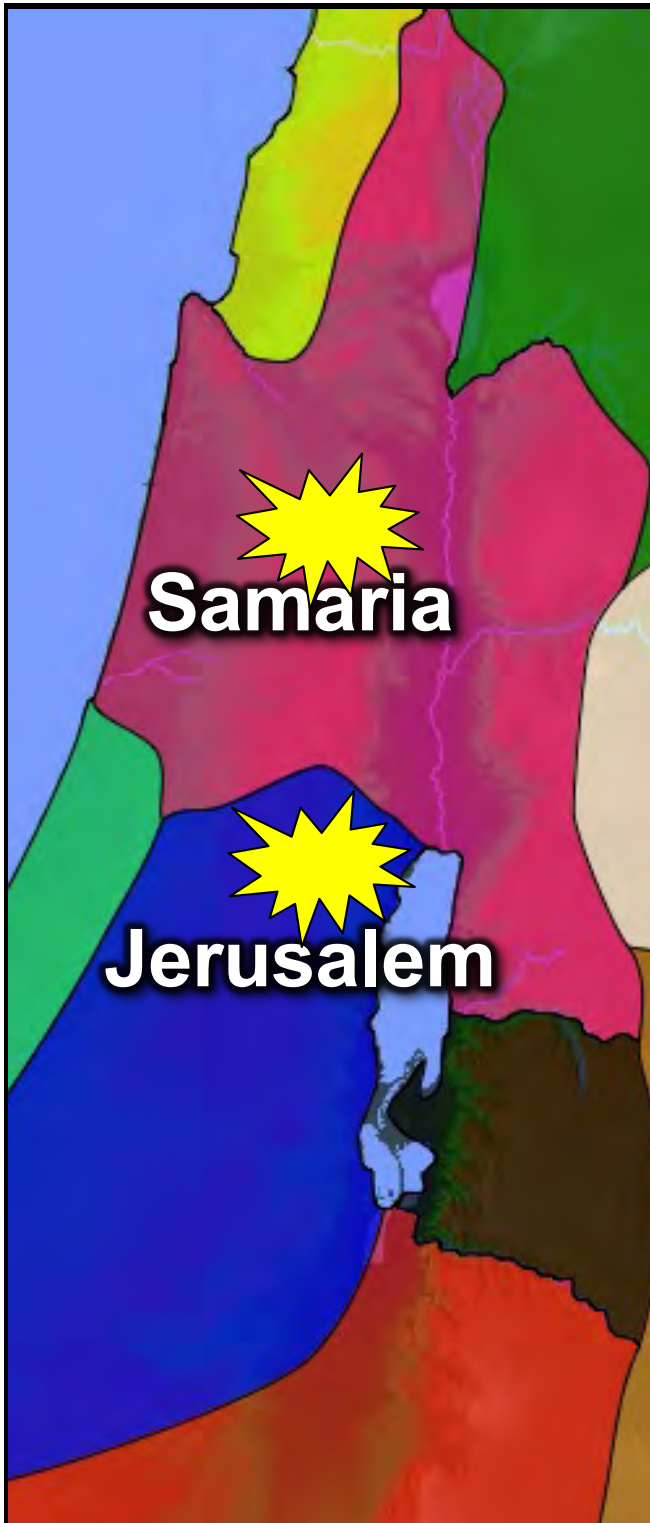
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"Attention! Let all the people of the world listen! Let the earth and everything in it hear. The Sovereign LORD is making accusations against you; the LORD speaks from his holy Temple" (1:2 NLT).

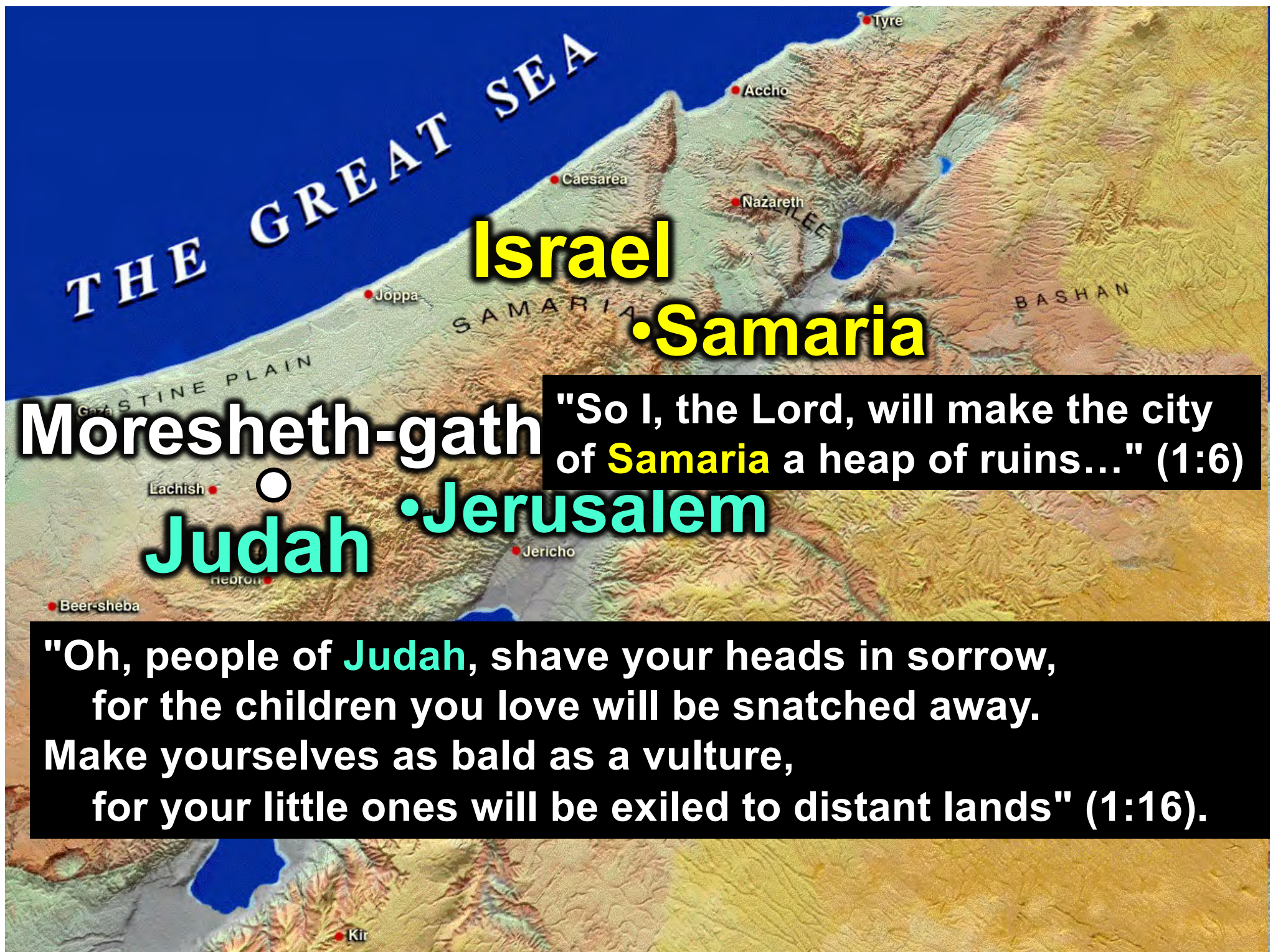


**"Look! The LORD is coming!
He leaves his throne in heaven
and tramples the heights of the earth.**

**⁴The mountains melt beneath his feet
and flow into the valleys
like wax in a fire,
like water pouring down a hill."
(Micah 1:3-4 NLT).**



**"And why is this happening?
Because of the rebellion of Israel—yes, the sins of the whole nation.
Who is to blame for Israel's rebellion?
Samaria, its capital city!
Where is the center of idolatry in Judah?
In Jerusalem, its capital!"
(Micah 1:5 NLT).**



Israel

• **Samaria**

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

Judah

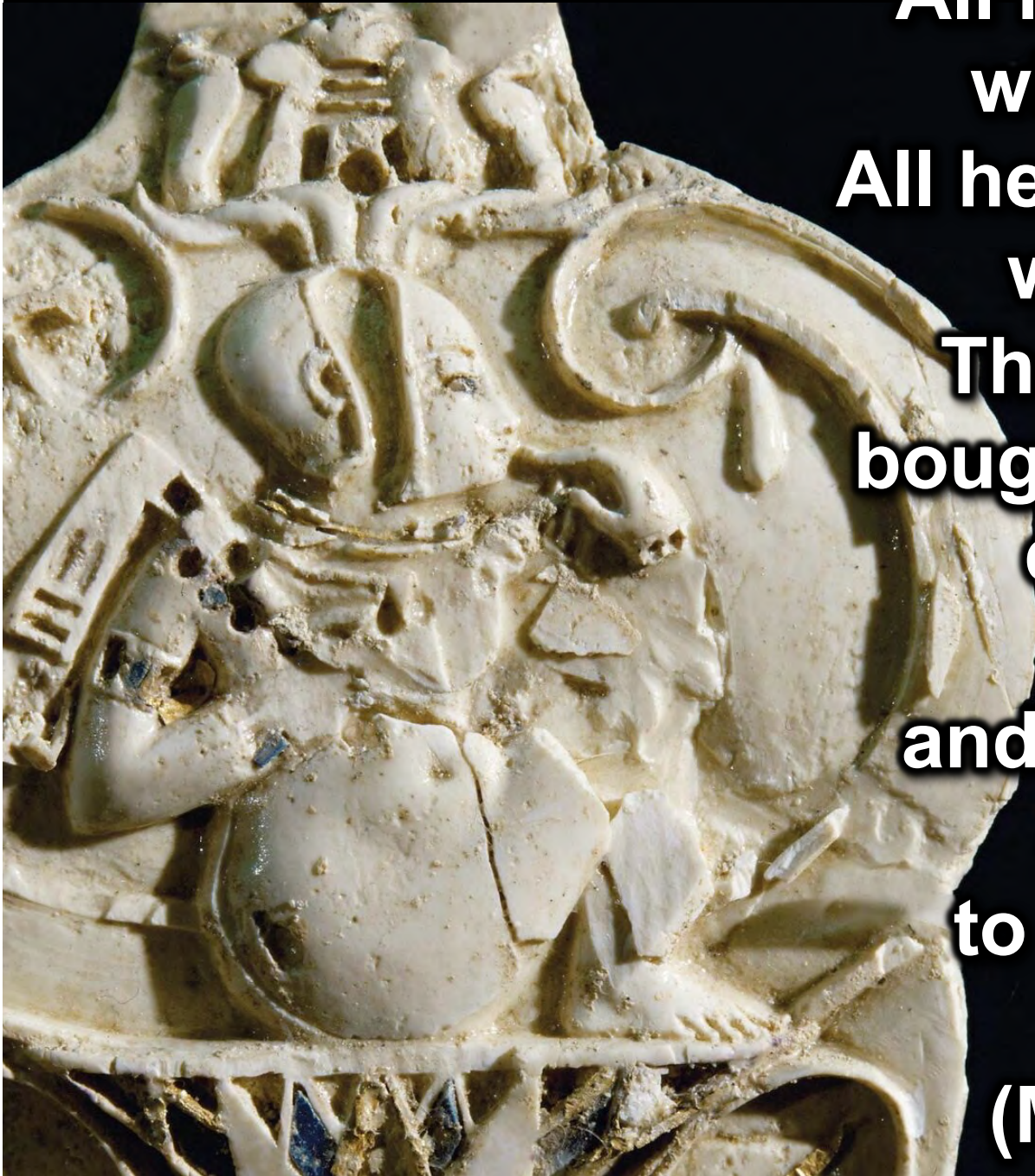
• **Jerusalem**

"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).

**"So I, the LORD, will make the city of
Samaria a heap of ruins.
Her streets will be plowed up
for planting vineyards.
I will roll the stones of her walls into the
valley below, exposing her foundations"
(Micah 1:6 NLT).**



**"All her carved images
will be smashed.
All her sacred treasures
will be burned.
These things were
bought with the money
earned by her
prostitution,
and they will now be
carried away
to pay prostitutes
elsewhere"
(Micah 1:7 NLT).**





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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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Judgment

- ***God***

1:1-7

2:1-5

- ***Micah***

1:8-16

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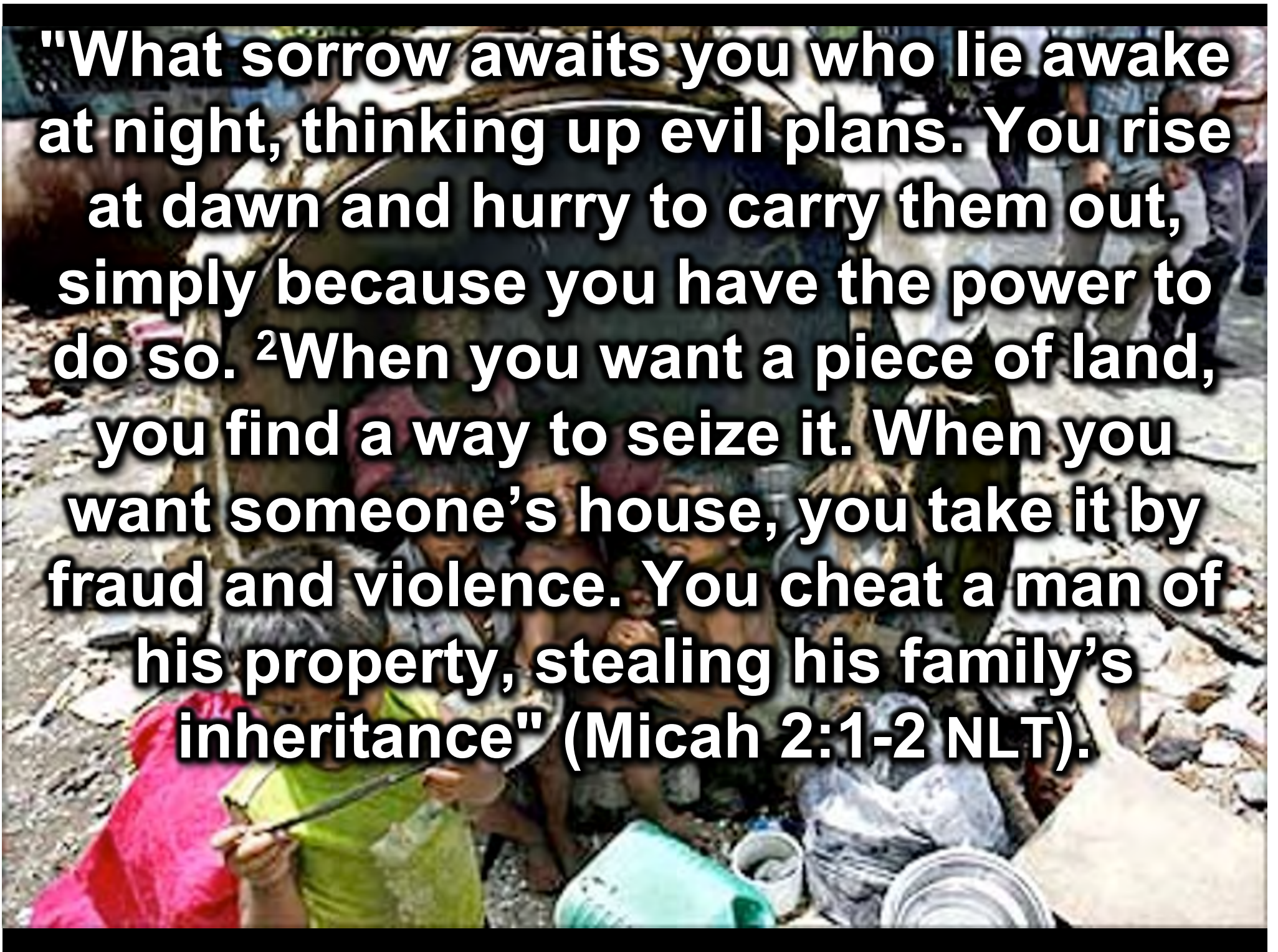
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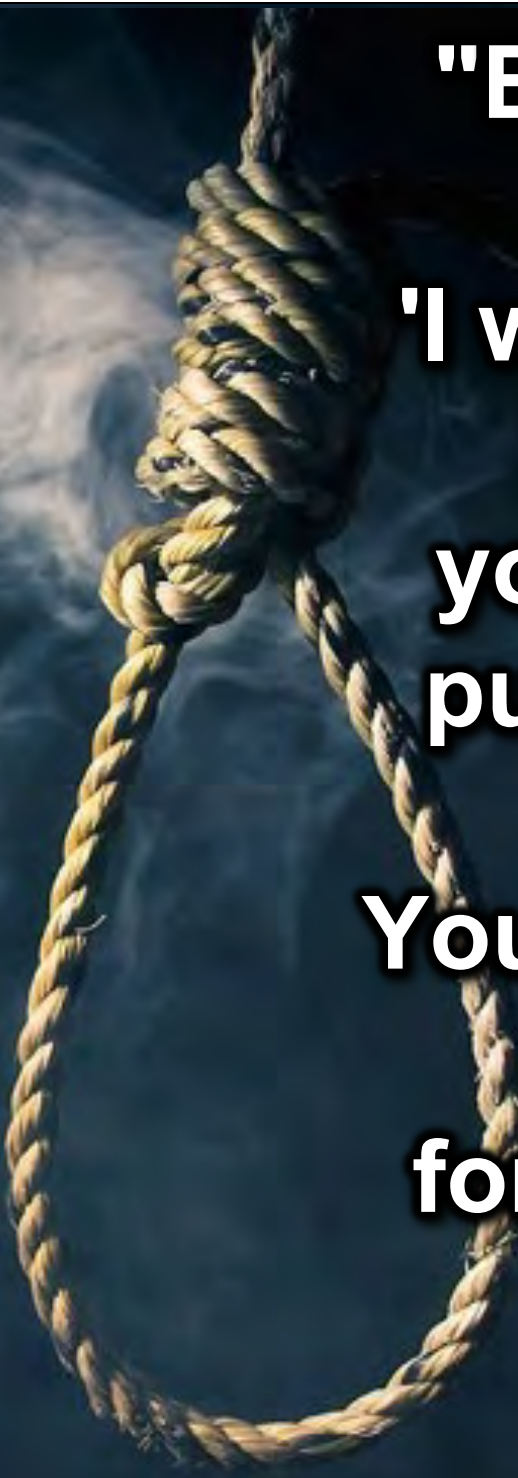
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"What sorrow awaits you who lie awake at night, thinking up evil plans. You rise at dawn and hurry to carry them out, simply because you have the power to do so. ²When you want a piece of land, you find a way to seize it. When you want someone's house,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





**"But this is what the
LORD says:
'I will reward your evil
with evil;
you won't be able to
pull your neck out of
the noose.**

**You will no longer walk
around proudly,
for it will be a terrible
time"**

(Micah 2:3 NLT).

**"In that day your enemies will make fun
of you by singing this song of despair
about you:**

**'We are finished, completely ruined!
God has confiscated our land,
taking it from us.**

**He has given our fields
to those who betrayed us.'**

**⁵Others will set your boundaries then,
and the LORD's people will have no say
in how the land is divided"**

(Micah 2:4-5 NLT).

Judgment

- ***God***

1:1-7

2:1-5

- ***Micah***

1:8-16

2:6-11


Hope

- ***God***

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**""Don't say such things,'
the people respond.
'Don't prophesy like that.
Such disasters will never
come our way!""
(Micah 2:6 NLT).**

**"Should you talk that way, O family
of Israel? Will the LORD's Spirit
have patience with such behavior?
If you would do what is right,
you would find my words
comforting"
(Micah 2:7 NLT).**

**"Yet to this very hour
my people rise against me like an
enemy! You steal the shirts right off the
backs of those who trusted you,
making them as ragged as men
returning from battle"
(Micah 2:8 NLT).**

**"You have evicted women from their
pleasant homes
and forever stripped their children of all
that God would give them"
(Micah 2:9 NLT).**



"Up! Begone!

**This is no longer your land and home,
for you have filled it with sin
and ruined it completely.**

**¹¹Suppose a prophet full of lies would
say to you, 'I'll preach to you the joys of
wine and alcohol!' That's just the kind of
prophet you would like!"**

(Micah 2:10-11 NLT).

Judgment

- ***God***

1:1-7

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- ***Micah***

1:8-16

2:6-11

Hope

- ***God***

**2:12-
13**

- ***Micah***

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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).**



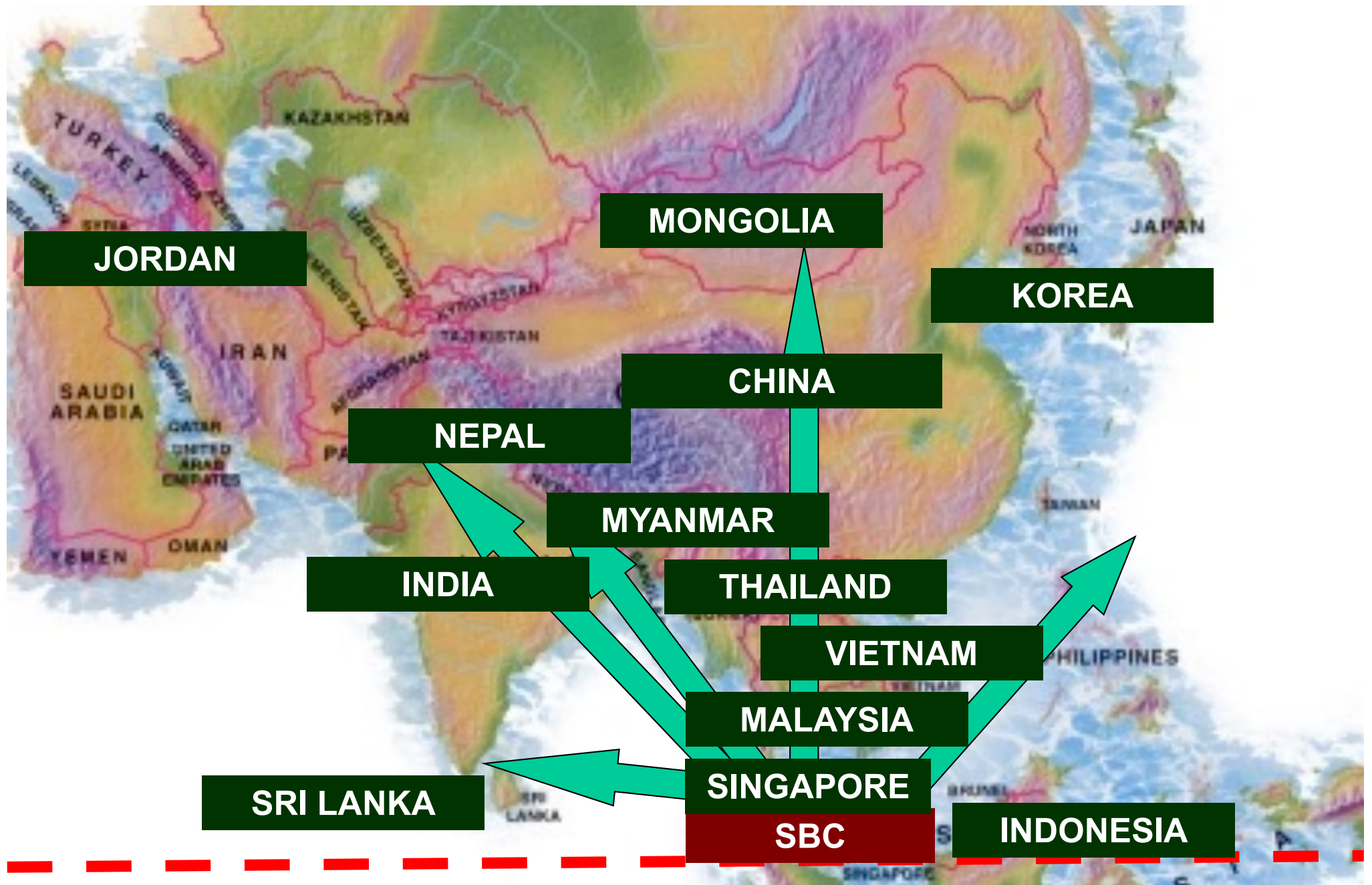
"Your leader will break out and lead you out of exile, out through the gates of the enemy cities, back to your own land. Your king will lead you; the LORD himself will guide you" (Micah 2:13 NLT).



What about us?

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





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



Integration into Cambodian Society



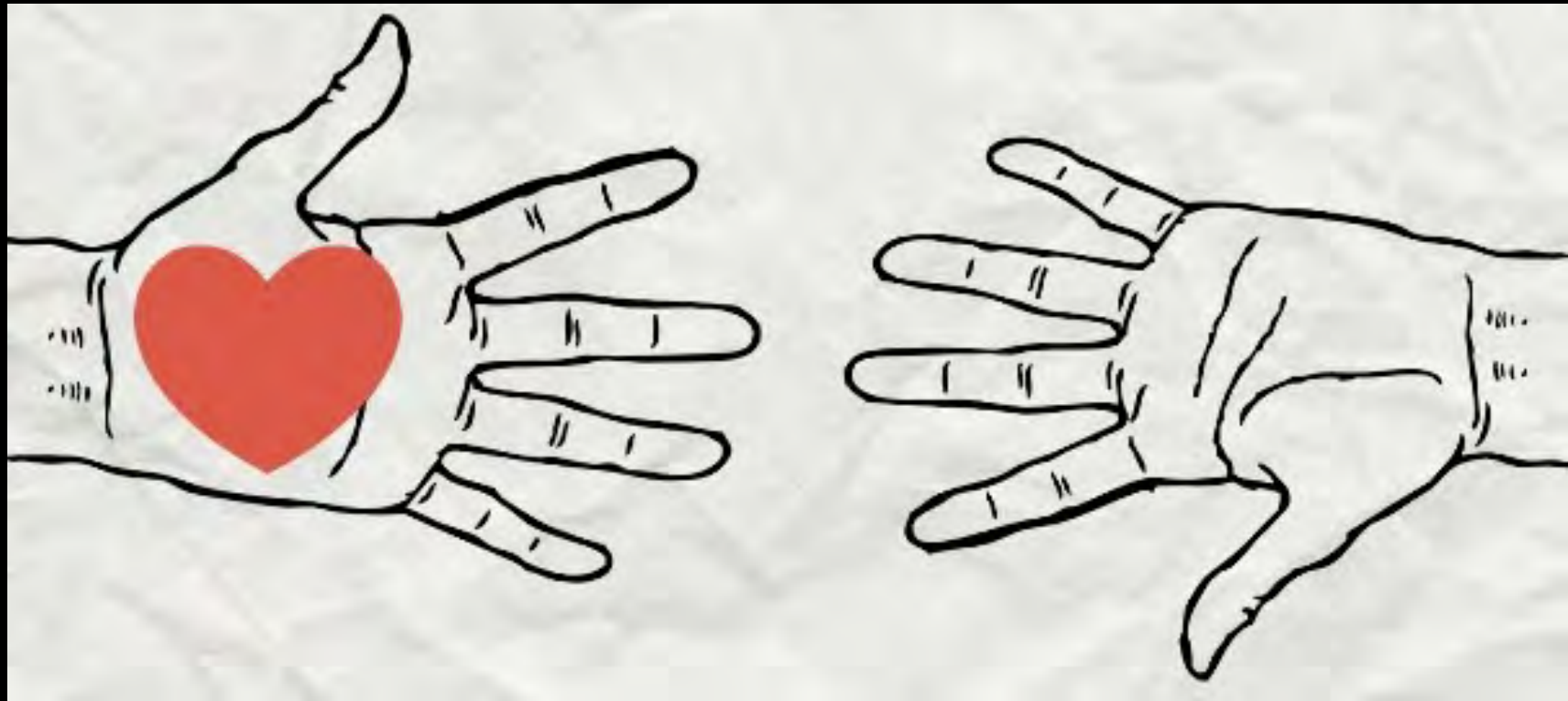




Back To Rick and the Sermon on Micah



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:

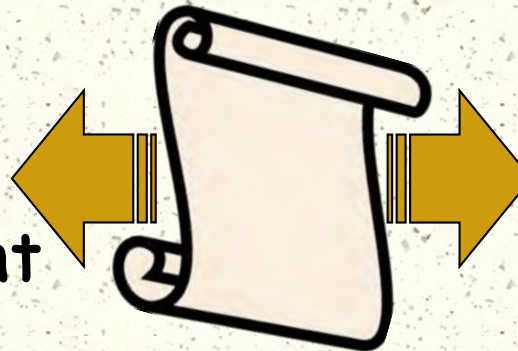
- **the falls of Samaria and Jerusalem**
- **the future restoration via a remnant leading into the messianic age**



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

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

The Prophetic Message

- # 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.

3 *SERMONS*

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

***I. God **rewards** the
generous
(1–2).***

***MICAH: WHY YOU
SHOULD BE GENEROUS***

MICAH'S 3 SERMONS

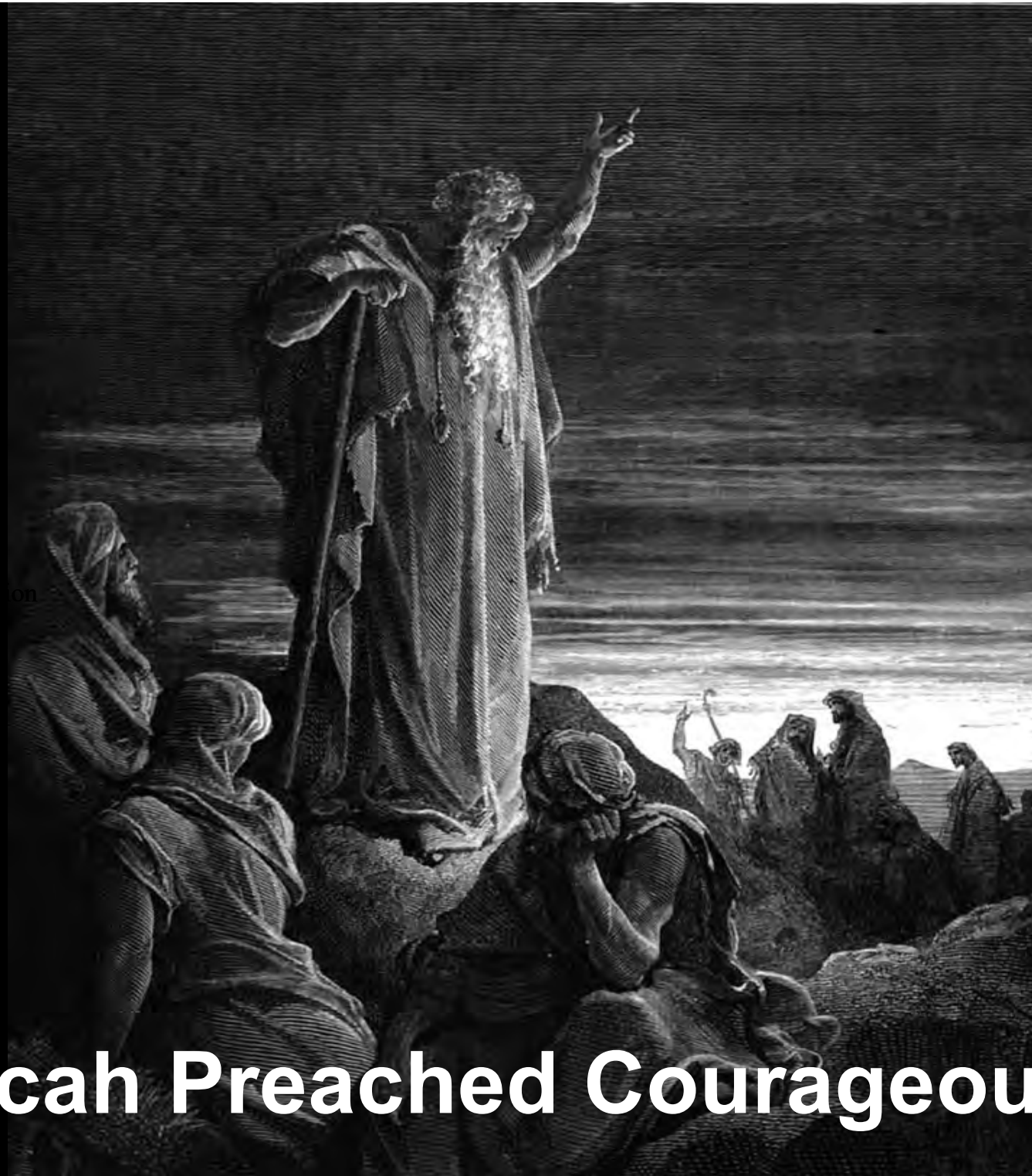
"LISTEN!"
(1:2)

"LISTEN!"
(3:1)

***II. God
comforts
the
generous
(3–5).***

***WHY YOU SHOULD BE
GENEROUS***

Micah 3



Micah Preached Courageously

Judgment

- ***God***

1:1-7

2:1-5

3:1-4

- ***Micah***

1:8-16

2:6-11

Hope

- ***God***

**2:12-
13**

- ***Micah***

Structure of Micah

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Micah Taught Compassion



Interesting Facts

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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 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

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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
740-700 BC

**United
Kingdom**

1050-930

**Divided
Kingdom**

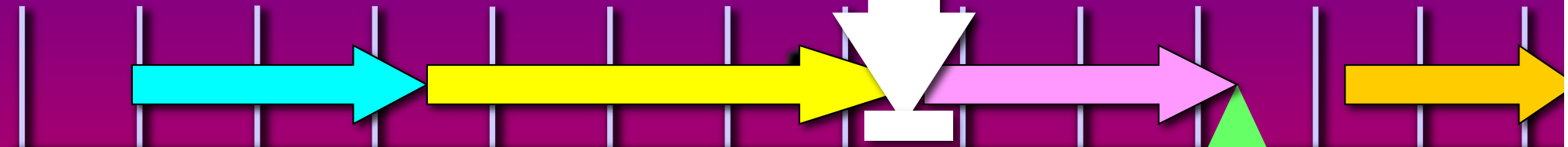
930-722

**Solitary
Kingdom**

722-586

**Post-
Exile**

536-425



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Exile 586-536

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?

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
ways and that we may
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and the word of the
LORD from Jerusalem.

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ESV Micah 4:3 He shall judge between many **peoples**, and shall decide **for strong nations afar off**; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore

Who copied whom?

ESV Isaiah 2:5

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the
LORD.

ESV Micah 4:4

but they shall sit every
man under his vine
and under his fig tree,
and no one shall make
them afraid, for the
mouth of the LORD of
hosts has spoken.

United Nations Building, New York



United Nations Building (New York)



THEY SHALL BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO
PLOWSHARES. AND THEIR SPEARS INTO
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**Wolves
now love
...to kill**




Isaiah 11:6-9

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⁶ And the wolf
will dwell
with the
lamb, and the
leopard will
lie down with
the young
goat, and the
calf and the
young lion
and the
fatling
together.

Isaiah 11:6-9



⁶ And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; **and a little boy will lead them.**

Isaiah 11:6-9

⁷ Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.



Isaiah 11:6-9

⁸ The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.



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



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



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





Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary

















Micah 4:6-7 NLT



"In that coming day," says the LORD, "I will gather together those who are lame, those who have been exiles, and those whom I have filled with grief. ⁷Those who are weak will survive as a remnant; those who were exiles will become a strong nation. Then I, the LORD, will rule from Jerusalem [Hebrew Mount Zion] as their king forever."

**"As for you, Jerusalem, the citadel of God's people,
your royal might and power will come back to you
again. The kingship will be restored to my precious
Jerusalem."**



Micah 4:8 NLT



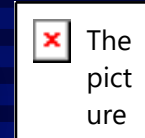
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Mini-Isaiah

Micah (moral and 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

Kingdom & Covenants Timeline



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Kingdom Teaching...

Adam rules with God (Gen. 1:26, 28; 2:19)

Satan rules as god of this world (Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 4:4)

God covenants with Abraham to reestablish man's rule via Israel as a "kingdom of priests" (Gen. 12:1-3; Exod. 19:6)

Israel's failure to witness to nations as a kingdom of priests is judged via exile under foreign rule

Israel rejects Messiah's offer of kingdom (Matt. 12:41-42; 23:37-39)

Jesus extends His kingdom in mystery form to the Church (Matt. 13)

Christ subdues Israel's enemies and nation believes (Rom. 11:26-27)

Christ rules over everything with saints (Eph. 1:9-10; Rev. 20:1-6; 22:5b)

Fall of Man (Gen. 3)

Noahic Covenant

Genesis 6:18; 9:8-17

Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:1-3

land

Land Covenant

Genesis 15:18 (cf. Deut. 30:1-10) promises:
•Land from Wadi of Egypt to Euphrates River (Isa. 27:12)
•Eternal possession of land (Gen. 17:8) after exile/restoration
•Whole world blessed via the land (Isa. 14:1-2)

ISRAEL
(National Focus)

CHURCH

The "New Man" (Eph. 2:15)

Israel judged for rejecting Messiah by dispersion away from land for 19 centuries (AD 70–AD 1948) but now partially restored (Ezek. 37:1-7)

MESSIANIC Millennial

Full restoration (Ezek. 37:8-28)
Jerusalem world capital (Isa. 2:1-5)

KINGDOM Eternal

New Jerusalem (Rev. 21–22)

seed

Davidic Covenant

2 Samuel 7:12-16 promises perpetual:
•Sons ("house" never wiped out)
•Kingdom (political dynasty)
•Throne (right to rule by descendants)
•Temple (son to build it)

Christ is Head over His Church, which is a spiritual temple (Eph. 2:19-22; 2 Cor. 6:16)

Christ reigns over the world (Isa. 11) with saints (Rev. 5:10; 20:4-6)

Christ hands kingdom over to Father (1 Cor. 15:24)

blessing

New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34 promises:
•Forgiveness
•Indwelling Spirit
•New heart, nature, mind
•Reunification of Israel and Judah
•No need for evangelism

Mosaic Law replaced with first three elements of the New Covenant (Luke 22:20; 2 Cor. 3:6)

All 5 elements fulfilled in national restoration (Zech. 8)

All things made new! (Rev. 21:5)

Mosaic Covenant

Temporary (Gal. 3:19) and conditional (Deut. 28) to reveal sin (Rom. 7:7) and regulate Israel (Gal. 3:23-25)

Law abolished, fulfilled, and replaced at the cross (Rom. 7:1-6; 1 Cor. 9:19-21; Heb. 8:13)

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Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant emphasis. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will again enjoy world prominence after trusting in Christ at His second coming.

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

Jesus was easily identifiable



Wise men came from the East





Gifts

The Jewish leaders **ignored** Him (Matt 2:4-6)



**Bethlehem is only
8 kilometers
(6 miles) south of
Jerusalem**



Jewish Loss of Land

1000 BCE to Present



**Kingdom of
Solomon**

1000 BCE



**Jewish
Homeland**

1920



**State of
Israel**

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.**

**⁹The 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 taken from the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, looking across the Kidron Valley towards the Old City. The foreground shows the dense, terracotta-roofed 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 visible, with the Dome of the Rock's golden dome being a prominent feature. 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
GENEROUS***

Judgment

• ***God***

1:1-7

2:1-5

3:1-4

6:1-5

• ***Micah***

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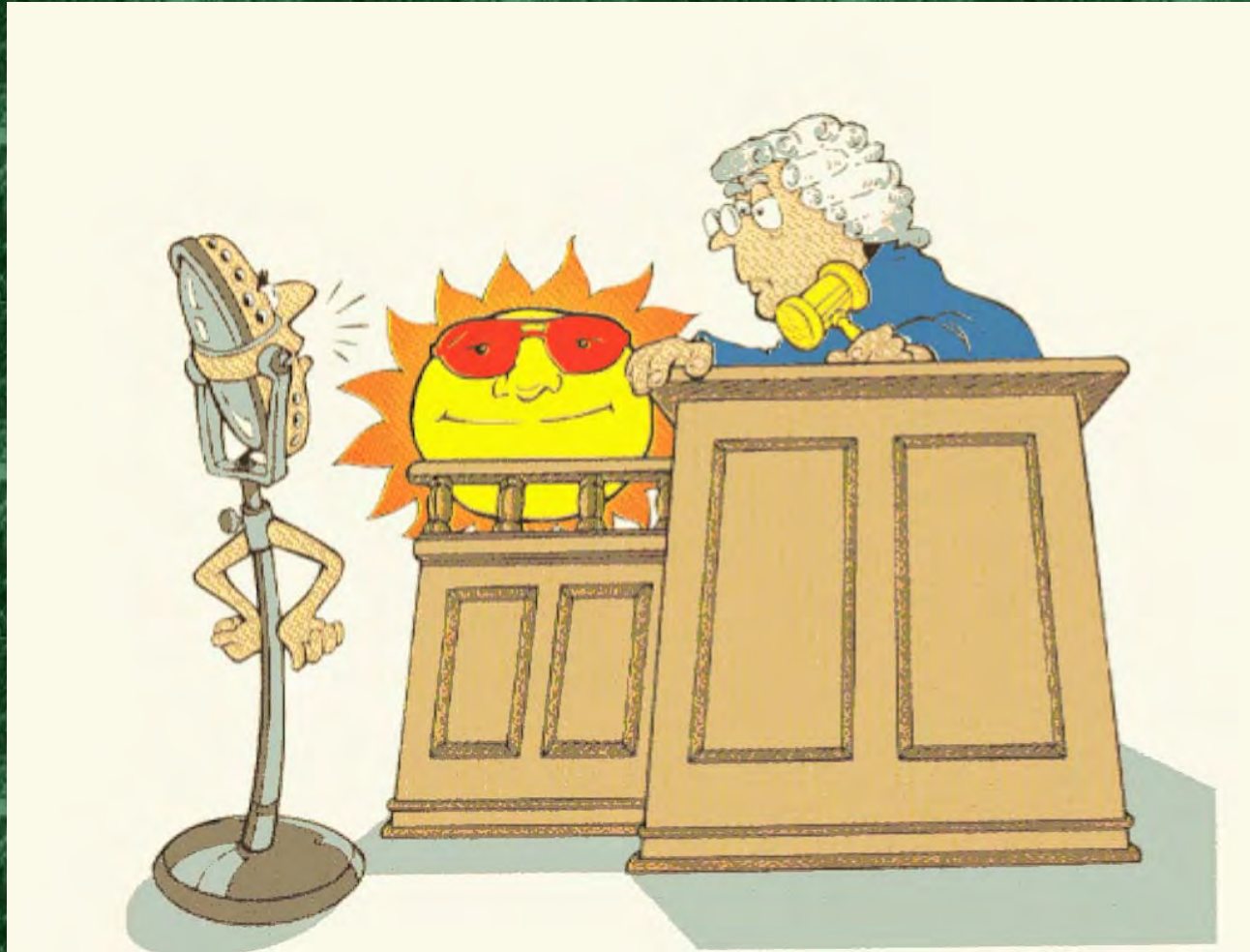


Courtroom Drama

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



Judgment

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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



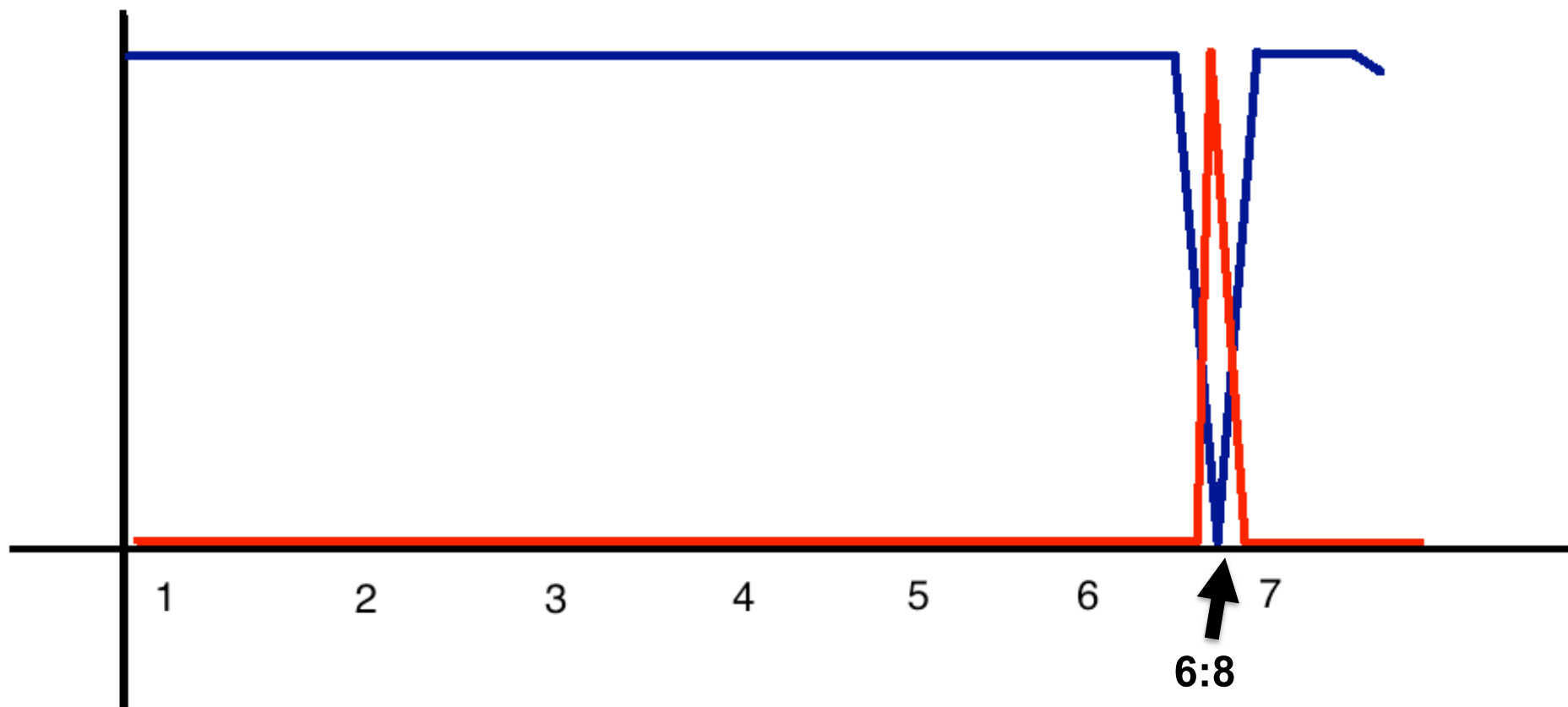
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Our emphasis on Micah 6:8

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.

Micah 6:8 הַגִּיד לְךָ אֲדָם



מִמָּה טוֹב וּמִמָּה יֵיה "וְהָ דוֹרֵשׁ

מִמָּךְ כִּי אִם-עֲשׂוֹת מִנְשָׁפֹט וְאַהֲבַת

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Judgment

• ***God***

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• ***Micah***

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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?

¹¹How can I tolerate your merchants who use dishonest scales and weights? ¹²The 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

2:1-5

3:1-4

6:1-5

6:9-16

• ***Micah***

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5:15

• ***Micah***

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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!**

⁶For 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).**



Judgment

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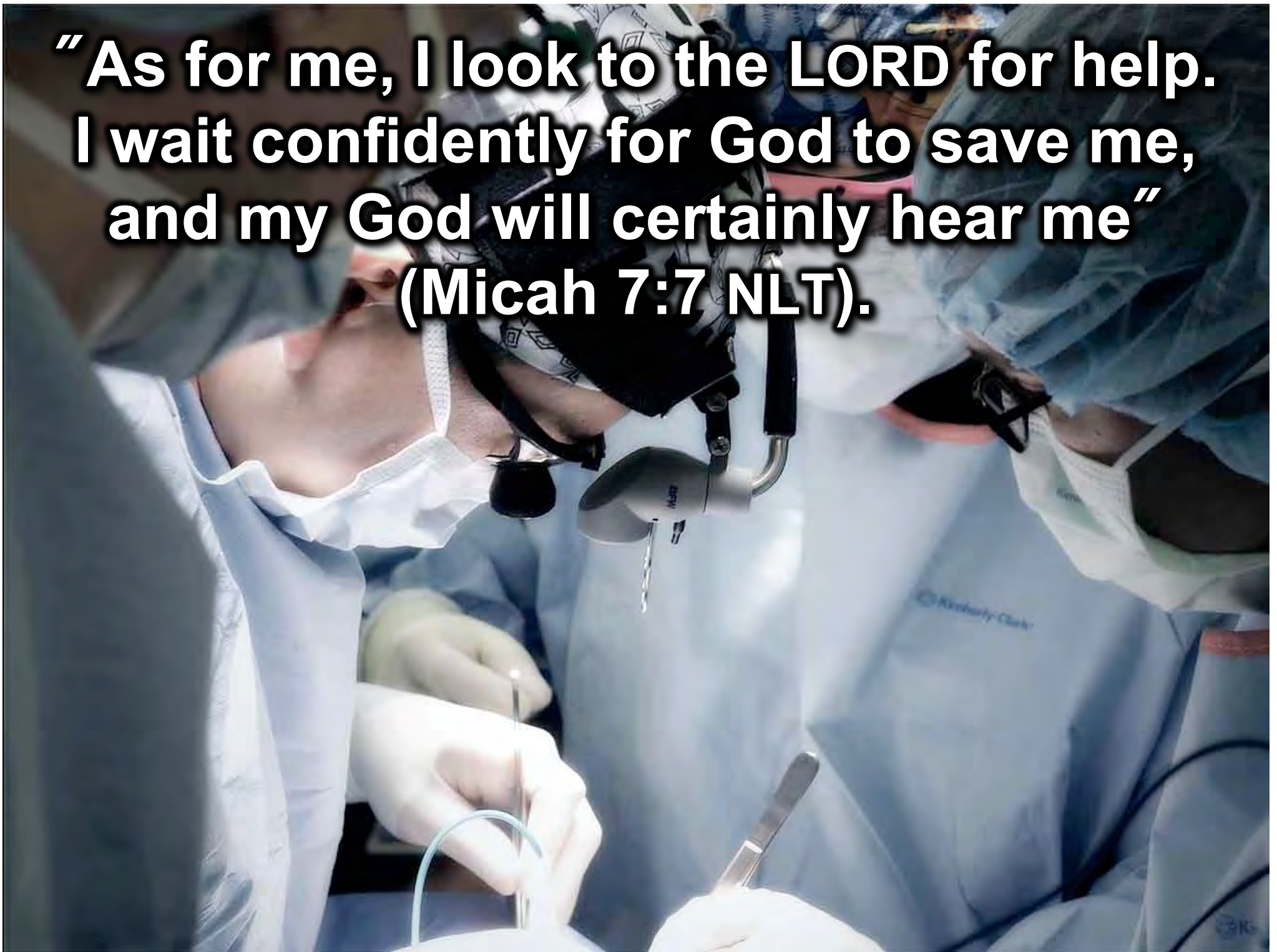
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7:7-20

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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 Sea in the west to the Euphrates river in the east. The names of the countries within and around the box are written in large, bold, white letters with black outlines. The names are: Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, and Egypt. The text is arranged vertically, with Syria at the top, Lebanon below it, Israel in the center, Jordan to the right, and Egypt at the bottom left.

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
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem”
—Micah 4:2



**“Where is another God like you,
who pardons the guilt of the
remnant, overlooking the sins of
his special people?**

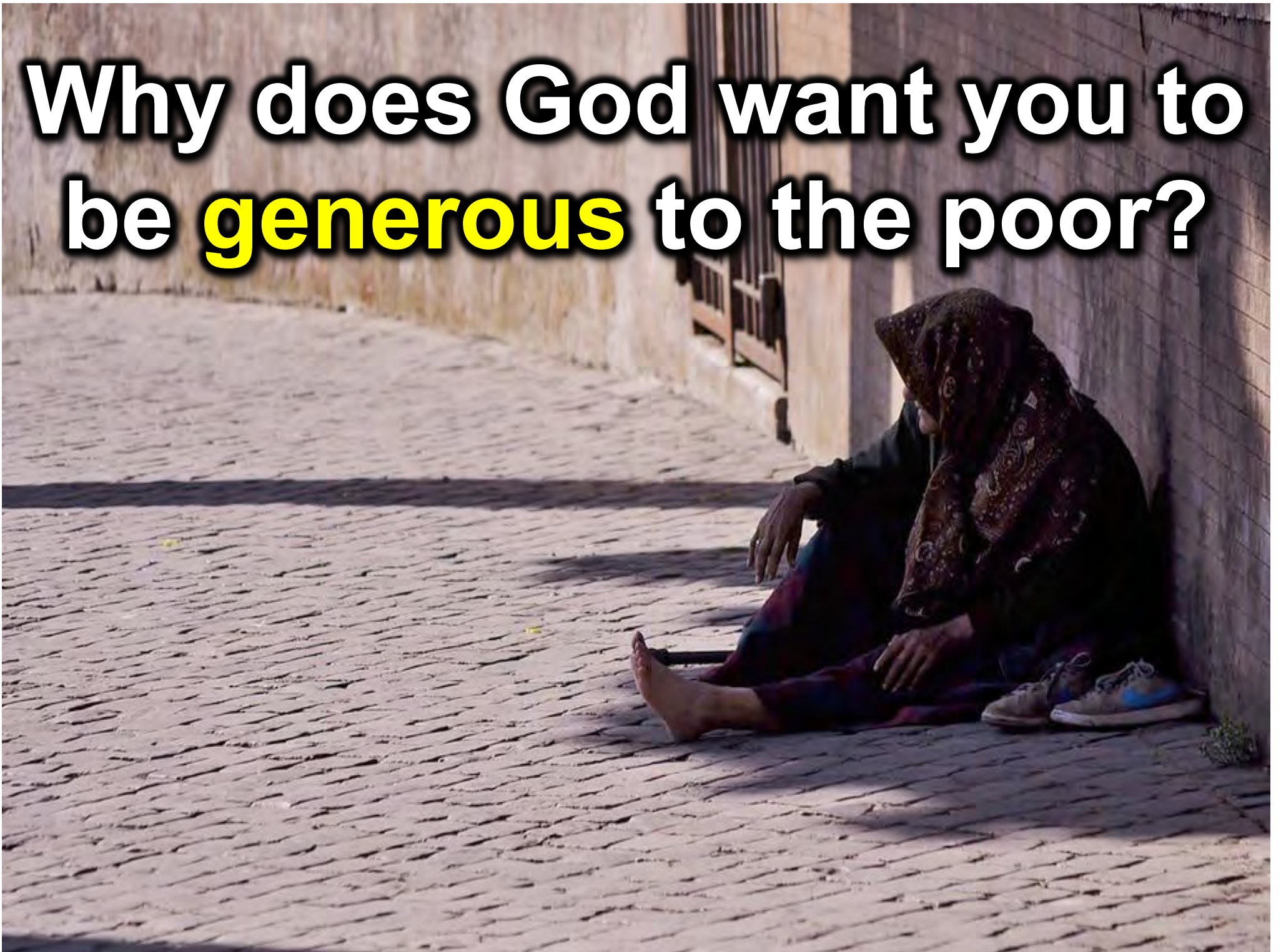
**You will not stay angry with your
people forever, because you delight
in showing unfailing love”**

(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.



MICAH'S 3 SERMONS

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

***I. God **rewards** the
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***WHY YOU SHOULD BE
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***WHY YOU SHOULD BE
GENEROUS***

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



Sundays in March & April 2:10-3:30



Take a mission trip.



Pay for a meal.



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

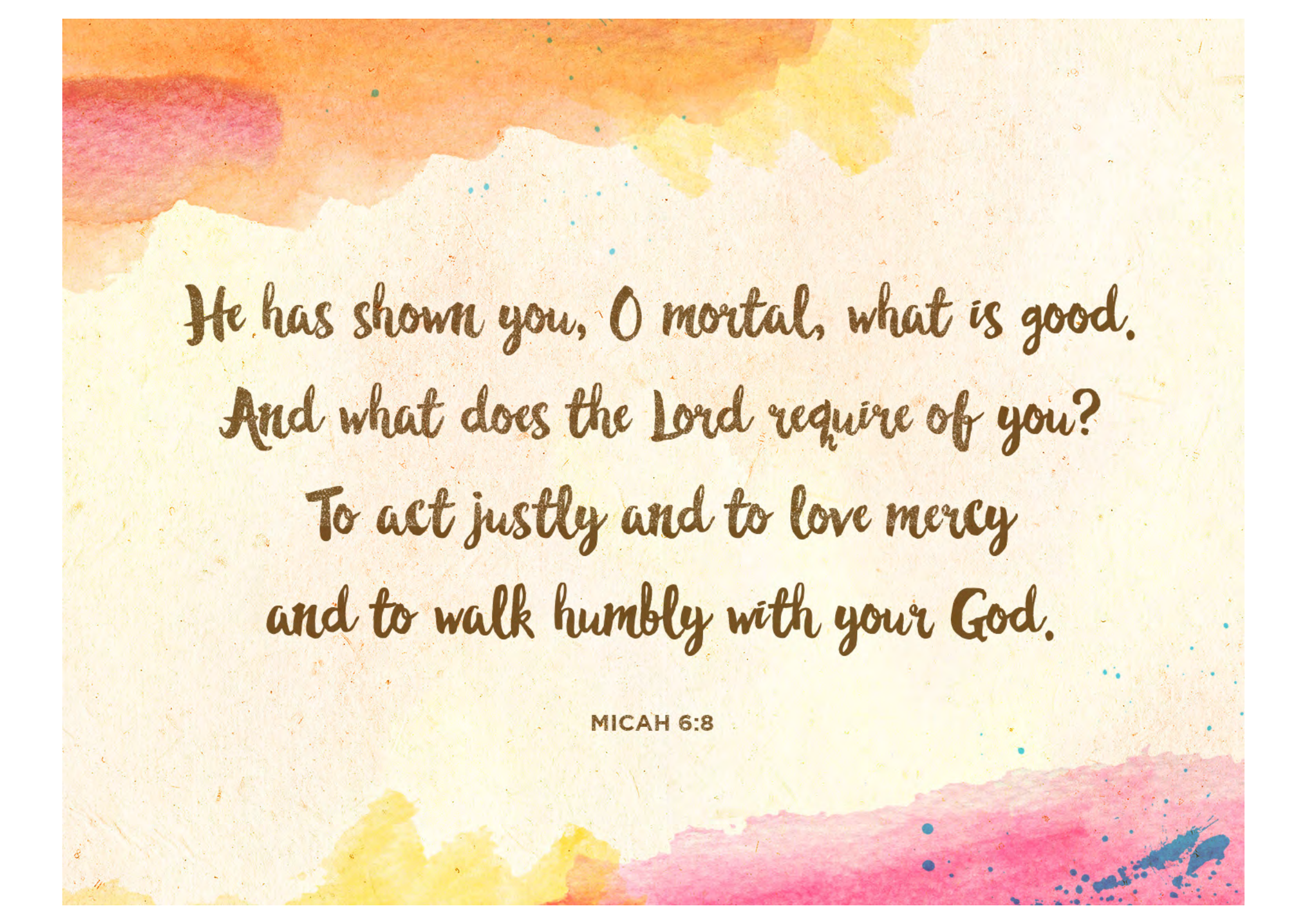


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He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

MICAH 6:8

ACT JUSTLY 
 **LOVE MERCY**
WALK HUMBLY 

with your God

MICAH 6:8

Don't harden your heart.



Be generous.



Feed the hungry.



Give.

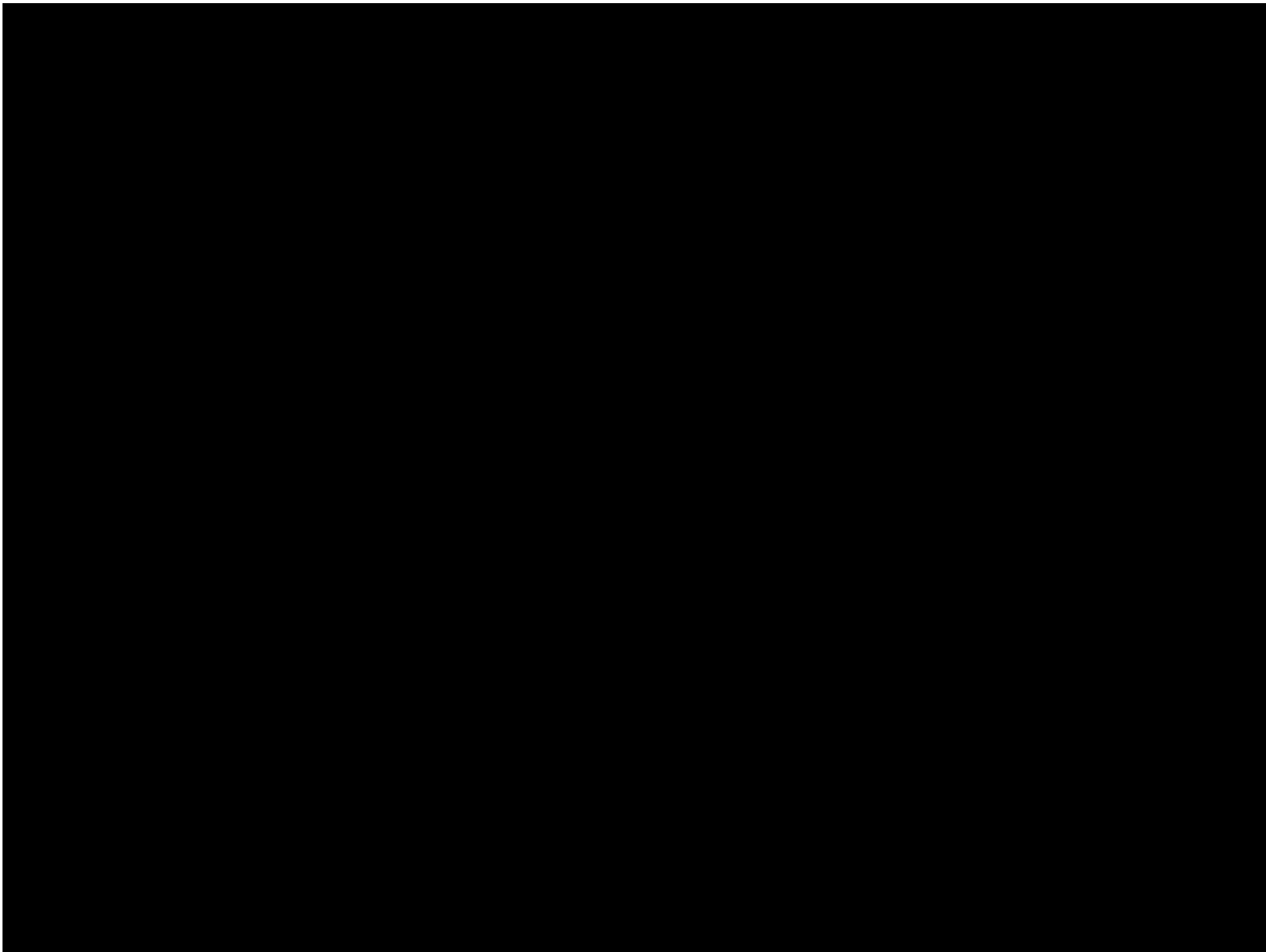


Care.



Listen.





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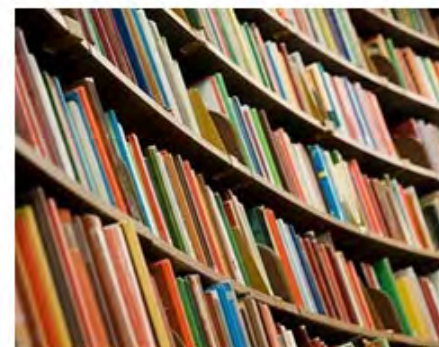


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Punishment then Blessing			Punishment then Blessing		Punishment then Blessing		
Wealth (2:1-2, 8-12)			Wealth (3:1-3, 9-11)		Wealth (6:10-12; 7:16)		
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Interpretative Issues

Modern Critical Study

- Literary criticism by Ewald in 1867
- Redaction criticism - Micah's final form claimed to be a process of growth over time - Mays, Willi Plein (1971), van der Woude, Renaud (1977) and Wolff.
- Willis (1969) found three sections beginning with the imperative "hear" at 1:2; 3:1 and 6:1 and each having a threat of judgment followed by a promise of salvation.



Identity & MSS

- Is Micah a prophet or an elder of the people?
- Badly preserved manuscript



Interesting Facts

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Theological Value

- Character of God
- Doctrine of remnant
- Messianic prophecy



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Application

- How is the situation in Micah's time like our society today? In Church?
- How does knowing God's character reflected in Micah affect our daily life and philosophy?
- What does it mean to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?

REVIEW QUIZ on Micah

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- 2. Micah's name means "Who is like _____?"**
- 3. Micah was a contemporary of _____.**
- 4. This book teaches God's concern for social _____.**

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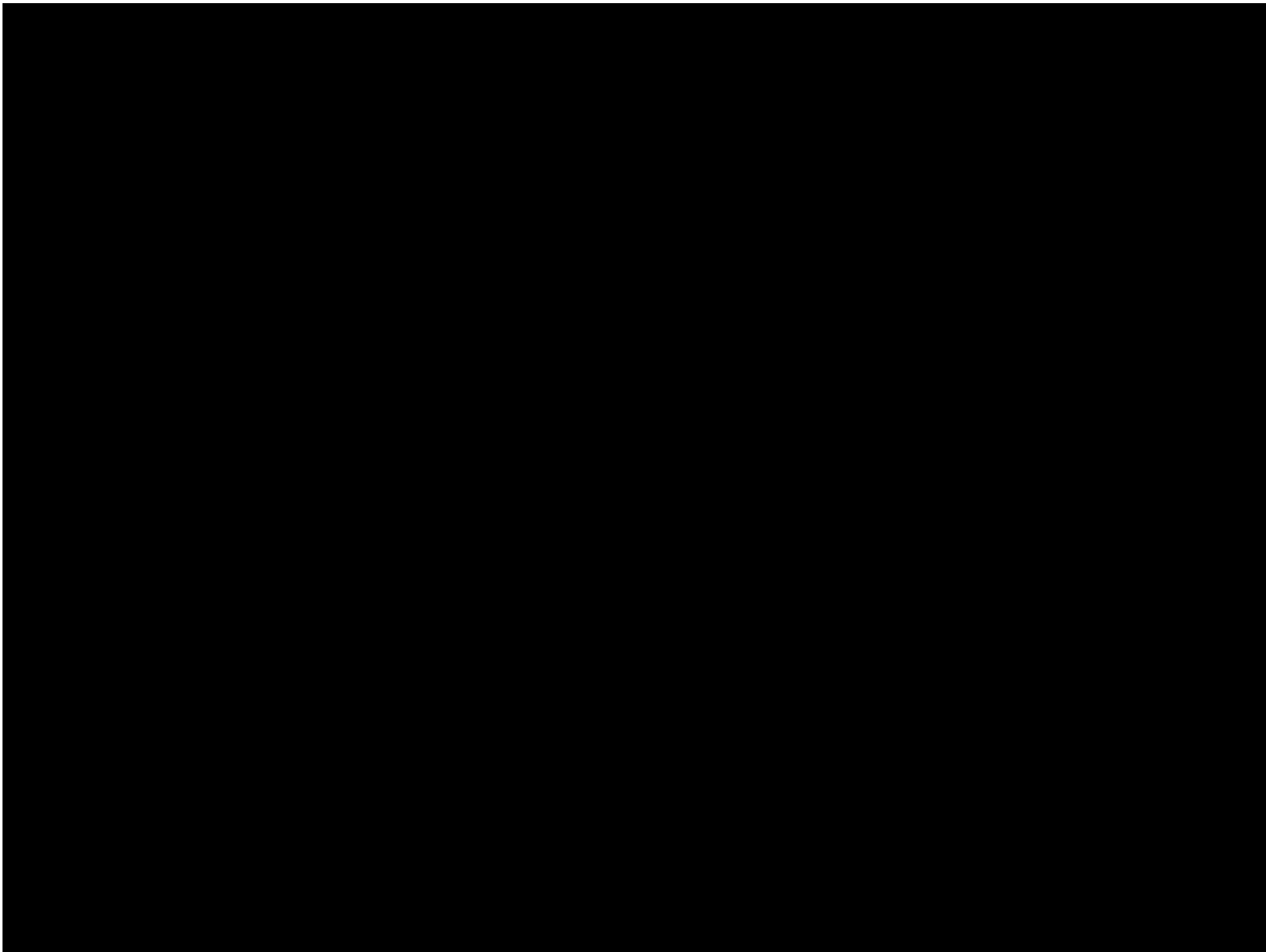
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