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Micah 2

Woe to the Oppressors

1Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.

Psalms 36:4He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way *that is* not good; he abhorreth not evil.

This allegation is actually against Israel and Judah in how they brought evil into their nations. If we reflect on our own nation, we can see how people conjure up evil things to do while resting on their beds. They plot and plan how to commit crimes against their neighbors and then at first daylight they are swift to carry out their evil plans. This is what God has seen and is declaring to them as a firsthand witness against them and us.

2And they covet fields, and take *them* by violence; and houses, and take *them* away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

The idea that power is gained through wealth and wealth is gained through subterfuge and theft. It was going on in Israel and Judah and God could see it. It is going on even now around the world, all with good intentions or so they say on the part of the

thief. But to the one who is being stolen from there is only evil they are receiving.

Their heritage can be both property or wealth that is handed down to relatives at the loss of a patriarch or matriarch. But those who devise evil steal that inheritance as in American the death tax.

Another inheritance that can be stolen is being done in cancel culture. People's lively hoods are being stolen due to cancel culture and in that theft the loss of what they were going to leave their children. There are many ways to carry out this abomination and Israel and Judah saw fit to do that, and no one stopped it. God sent His Prophets like Micah to warn them of the pending doom for not walking in obedience to God. How many listened? Not many. How many listen today? Not many. It is why God declared in Matthew:

Matthew 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

[Isaiah 35:8](#)

And there will be a highway called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not travel it--only those who walk in the Way--and fools will not stray onto it.

[Matthew 7:14](#)

But small is the gate and narrow the way that leads to life, and only a few find it.

[Luke 13:24](#)

"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.

Matthew 23:13

But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

3Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily: for this time *is* evil.

God is declaring that those who devise evil will not go unpunished and the punishment He speaks of is, death. All sin leads to death, and the only way to avoid the outcome is to repent and turn to Christ. This prophecy can be for today as well: "for this time is evil".

4In that day shall *one* take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, *and* say, We be utterly spoiled: he hath changed the portion of my people: how hath he removed *it* from me! turning away he hath divided our fields.

This "one" is the enemy that has defeated Israel. The enemy in their own humor will "take up a parable against you." That would be like defeating someone in a game and then saying: "oh poor baby, cry like a little baby". It is a mean thing to do but that is what the Assyrians would do to the vanquished.

The vanquisher would continue by saying “poor baby, you are the loser, and we now have your property your inheritance, not you. Nanar nanar nanar!”

In the end those of Israel and Judah knew that it was God that removed His hedge of protection and brought His chosen enemy in to bring death and chaos to those who rejected Him.

5Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD.

Amos 7:17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

The Prophet Amos a contemporary of Micah chimes in with a Word from the Lord to Israel. It aligns with vs 5 of Micah 2.

This line that both Prophets refer to is how the land was divided, they used a line to measure out the land God gave to each Tribe upon entering the Promised Land. Any division within a family was also done by the use of a line that was an honest measurement.

In the case of both Prophets here the line was used to divide Israel’s land to the Assyrians, no Israelite from the North possessed any land after being vanquished. Unlike the Tribe of Judah and Benjamin that were reunited with their land at the

direction of King Cyrus called out by God 150 years before Cyrus's own birth to aid Judah at God's calling.

Isaiah 45: 1 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

5 I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

In the end because of Israel's continued rebellion, Cyrus was charged with returning Judah and Benjamin to their homeland. Cyrus did not recognize God as the Creator of the Universe, but did as God put on his heart to bring Judah home after 70 years of captivity.

The False Prophets

6 Prophecy ye not, say they to them that prophesy: they shall not prophesy to them, that they shall not take shame.

***Amos 7:16 Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD:
Thou sayest, Prophecy not against Israel, and drop not thy
word against the house of Isaac.***

I know this is going to be hard to believe but this was directed at the leadership of Israel and the politicians of that day. They were telling Micah, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah to stop prophesying against Israel. Israel only wanted to hear words that tickled their ears, told them they were secure and God was with them. Those were words you could feel good about, not the words of destruction and death and capture. Those were hurtful word that was “hate speech”.

Israel and Judah didn't like being cast as anti-God, they wanted to be seen as the prodigy of Jacob, the sons of the Everlasting God as long as they were not chastised for their evil actions.

What was the big deal if they had a few idols hanging around and the folks killed their infants in honor of some idol. (Read abortion of babies up to and including birth) God and you people who are opposed to that are being narrow minded and phobic toward women and their right to their own bodies.

7O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the LORD straitened? are these his doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly?

Proverbs 14:29 He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

“O thou that are named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the LORD straitened?” Meaning just because you are descendants of Jacob does not automatically make you right with the Lord God. Your actions, your walk either verifies your descendance or it denies it. Obedience to the Law was what God was looking for. What God got was His called people acting like heathens but calling themselves God’s children due to their legacy. God said, not so fast bucko!. It reminds me of Job when he challenges God and God’s response was:

Job 38: 1Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

2Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

3Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

4Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

5Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

God told Job to put on his big boy pants and hang on because you’re about to open a can of “Whoop your behind” of truth from the Creator God, so watch what you’re saying this is God you are talking to.

8Even of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe with the garment from them that pass by securely as men averse from war.

There are a number of nuances here. The idea of “late” in this verse means recent as in yesterday. God says I saw you do this. Do what? “You”, meaning the princes and government of Israel is acting like an enemy toward their own people. Hmm. Sound familiar?

“Ye pull off the robe with the garment from them that pass by”.

There is a contention by some commentators, and we spoke of this last Sunday that there were some in Israel that did not stomach the way in which Jeroboam was leading their nation. These who objected were peaceful people and were not inclined to go to war with Jeroboam or the Assyrians.

They instead desired to return to Judah where a more God friendly and obedience to the Law of God atmosphere existed at this early stage of separation.

What these leaders (government) were doing was stripping them of their valuables as they tried to depart Israel.

Again, these were peaceful people not wishing to stick around for the Assyrians to show up as was being prophesied. God saw this on a daily occurrence and told Micah to call Israel’s leaders (government) out on this atrocity.

9The women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever.

Isaiah 10: To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless!

There are those in the land of Israel that needed protection much like here in the US. It was the governments job to protect them, and not only did they fail to do this they actually made them victims of their own government. It actually should be the Church that is protecting these folks not the government.

I am curious if any of you see the same thing happening right here in the USA?

[Isaiah 5:23](#)

who acquit the guilty for a bribe and deprive the innocent of justice.

[Isaiah 29:21](#)

That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought.

Can you say, “cancel culture”.

[Isaiah 1:23](#)

Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

So, we see a sin as old as this from Israel, yet it still exists today, not just in the US but around the world. The elites of this time even today continue to do the same thing to their own people. God judged Israel; do you think He will ignore all of us?

10 Arise ye, and depart; for this *is not your* rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy *you*, even with a sore destruction.

God's advice is to do what? It is the same advice I give to those who live on the coasts. Yet they persist because of job, because they like the weather, because they were born there. There comes a point when we simply say: You get what you deserve for staying in this evil land. The fact is that even in States like Montana it is not a haven for the Godly. This State allows abortion and just turned down a restriction of stopping the killing of born babies in failed abortions. How can that be. Is there no place that believes in the sanctity of life in the US? This is not a political discussion this is a Biblical discussion similar to the one that Micah was having with the leaders of Israel and Judah and the people that stayed put. How did that work out for them?

11 If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, *saying*, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

1 Kings 22:22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

The gist of this verse is that the people want words to tickle their ears. When they find a prophet or pastor or bible teacher that says things that are good but not true, they are happy. Even better if they tell them to “Eat, drink and be merry”.

2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

A true prophet of God most usually was hated by the government and often the people as well. The exception in Israel was when they had a Godly King like David.

Only those who have ears that desire to hear the truth, even if it is painful and contrary to popular belief will hear the Truth from God. Who doesn't like to hear good news. But only those who seek the Truth of God's Word; they are only satisfied with the Truth from God.

The Remnant of Israel

12I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of *the multitude of men.*

God by His decrees will pull a remnant of the 12 Tribes together. We know this has not happened as yet, so it has to be a future time. When God calls the 12 combined tribes of Israel as Jacob, it

appears He is harking back to when and before calling Jacob Israel. The 12 tribes were in unison, walked as one even though often falling it was far better than after the split. It is from that basis point that God will call the tribes back together and it appears to be either during Tribulation or at the Millennial Reign of Christ.

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Hebrew Lexicon

*“Transliteration: botsrah
Phonetic Spelling: (bots-raw')
Definition: an enclosure, a fold (for sheep)*

*KJV Lexicon
of Bozrah
botsrah (bots-raw')
an enclosure, i.e. sheep fold -- Bozrah.
Botsrah (bots-raw')
Botsrah, a place in Edom -- Bozrah.”*

The issue in this phrase is the word Bozrah, it can refer either to a place in Edom or the word for “fold” is “botsrah”. A fold would be like a “pen” or “corral”. In either case God's point, I believe is that He and He alone is going to pull all of the original tribes of Israel back together even though it will be only a remnant of each. The sheep will not have a worry in the world, safe, secure, feed and

loved by their Shepherd Jesus Christ. But until Jesus rules they will have a target on their backs and be hunted as will any Christian.

13The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head of them.

The “breaker” Christ the Lord has broken down a barrier that humans could not pass. When Christ defeated death, the hedge was destroyed by Him that allowed those that believed to enter God’s Kingdom with Jesus going on before.

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