

Micah 2

King James Version (KJV)

2 Woe 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. (iniquity = avin <Hebrew> means a void, nothingness, emptiness; the false prophets, the usurers, the corrupt judges who take bribes)

(They dream of it at night and do it by day. They have been given the authority by the people. But they use it to take advantage of people and they do it without remorse)

² And 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. (They steal what honest people have – like their homes and their heritage. They take people's possessions through the crooked courts and corrupt laws)

(On a spiritual level, they rob people of their heritage through false teaching and propaganda)

³ Therefore 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. (They are stubborn people, being deceived and ripped off by a corrupt system. They refuse to wake up and turn to God for help)

NOTE: (In 1989 - 1990, we saw a good example of when people finally turn to God for help. Christians started praying to God at the Berlin Wall. They prayed to bring down the Soviet Union and return freedom to the people. God heard them and destroyed the Soviet Union within the following year. HE did it without firing a shot. There was no war)

⁴ In 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. (spoiled = destroyed – better translation) (changed – for the worse)

(These are the greedy government leaders and the greedy bankers; taking everything from the people – through usury, bad laws, corrupt judgments and over taxation)

⁵Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD. (Cords were used to divide lots for people to own. Our word lot today <a lot or a parcel of land> comes from this)

(Things will get so bad that there won't have any honest people left; to set your boundaries and to protect you from the thieves)

⁶Prophesy ye not, say they to them that prophesy: they shall not prophesy to them, that they shall not take shame. (Prophesy = sputter; speak lies that people want to hear)

(These are false prophets, sputtering. They just say whatever the people want to hear; instead of teaching God's Word)

NOTE: (How are people supposed to know the difference? By comparing what they say to what God says in the Bible. It's not difficult; but people just don't take the time to find out)

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? (Listen to God's Word; not the words of false prophets)

(God's Word is easy to understand. It will do you good. It will show you how to get your life in order – physically and spiritually. It will expose the false prophets and help you find salvation. Once you know the truth, you can't be deceived any more. That brings happiness and peace of mind)

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. (The false prophets and government officials rip the people off. They strip them bare with usury and taxation. They have become an enemy to God)

⁹The women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever. (The false preachers pick on the vulnerable ones. They put guilt trips upon them to get tithes from them. God's glory is their birthright & their inheritance. They rob them of it with their false teachings)

Ezekiel-44:24-25 (God is the inheritance of the Zadok – the Elect)

¹⁰ Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction. (They had destroyed the Promised Land with idolatry and false teachings. They had even brought the Kenites in to be their scribes. They would soon be taken captive by the Assyrians after this writing. 200 years later, Judah would be taken captive by the Babylonians)

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. (This word for prophet is not the real Hebrew word for prophet. It translates to a liar, a talker, a word dropper)

(God is saying - If they choose to believe lies of the false teachers, instead of learning the truth from God's Word; then I will send them all the false prophets that they asked for) see 2Thessalonians-2:7-12

¹² I 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. (Bozrah= fortress) (This gathering will come to pass in the Millennium)

NOTE: (The remnant of Israel are the people who stayed true to God through the false teaching that others followed. The remnant will be persecuted by the antichrist in the end days of this Age. Even the deceived people will side with antichrist against them)

¹³ The 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 = the Assyrian; God used the Assyrian to correct the people of Israel who committed idolatry)

(Later, God used the Babylonians <King Nebuchadnezzar> to correct the people of Judah who committed idolatry) Jeremiah-27:6-8

NOTE: (The Assyrian is also a type for antichrist in the end times. God will use him to test the people at that time. Those who fall for his lies will not make the first resurrection. They will have to wait until the end of the Millennium, in order to be tested one last time. Those who fail at that time will be gone forever. Those who pass will live with God forever)