

February 19, 2023 PM - Pastor Kevin Olivier
Micah 2:7-13 – A Remnant Out of Destruction

- A. Dr. Edward McComiskey wrote some reasons why we ought to study the minor prophets.
- B. The prophet Micah foretold a coming judgment concerning Samaria & Jerusalem (**1:1**).
 - 1. This was largely due to idol worship which God described as spiritual harlotry.
 - 2. Chapter 2 also points to covetousness & theft of fields & homes. Our text continues with more examples of such theft.

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I. DESTRUCTION DUE FOR WICKEDNESS

- A. Part of God's coming judgment involved the destruction of the idols some of God's people held so dear. In **1:7**, God foretold through Micah: **"All of her idols will be smashed,... & all of her images I will make desolate."**
- B. Besides from their pagan worship, God was going to bring great calamity because of how so many have treated their own Jewish brethren.
 - 1. **Micah 2:2**: **"They covet fields & then seize *them*, & houses, & take *them* away. They rob a man & his house, a man & his inheritance."** Some of the wicked stole properties from the women as well. → **v9**
 - 2. It isn't enough to take the properties of others; some of the wicked even stole the clothing from those who passed by them. → **v8**
 - a. To steal garments from others is rather vile; a person cannot keep warm during the winter if he or she doesn't have enough to wear.
 - b. What makes matters worse is that some even stole from the veterans of war.
 - 1) Veterans should receive thanks & honor for their service.
 - 2) Instead, the wicked among God's covenant people took away their garments as they passed by unsuspecting such vile behavior.
 - 3) Such persons are less like citizens of one country; they rise up & act more like enemies than anything according to **v8**.
- C. All such selfish, vile wickedness will result in a painful destruction. → **v10**
God used foreign powers as His instruments of discipline.
- D. Micah gave a further accusation against the people because of their willingness to listen to false prophets. → **v11** These sort of worshippers are common in our day as well as Paul warned. → Look at **2 Tim 4:1-5**

II. GOD'S SALVATION OF THE REMNANT

A. Such prophecies are not all destruction & chastisement; there is a hope of salvation here. → **v12**

1. God as a great Shepherd & His people like a flock is a theme often repeated in Scripture.
 - a. According to **Ps. 23**, those of us who have received salvation through Jesus Christ can say, **"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters" (vv1-2).**
 - b. When Jesus began His earthly ministry, He proclaimed in **Jn 10:11**, **"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."** This truth is rooted in **Ps 23** but especially in **Ezek 34:7-16**. **Turn there.**
2. In **Micah 2:12**, the remnant will not be just a few. The flock is described as being **"noisy with men."**

B. The next imagery of God gathering His flock together is one of a crowded pasture.

1. When there are too many people at some events, it can become a dangerous situation.
2. God not only gathered His remnant to spare them of the destruction; He breaks them out so they can escape. → **v13** **"The breaker goes up before them; they break out, pass through the gate & go out by it. So their king goes on before them, & the Lord at their head."**
 - a. Not only does the Lord break them out; He leads them.
 - b. As you go your way, you do not have to fear because the Lord Jesus Christ, your Good Shepherd, leads you. **Ps 23:4** **"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; your rod & Your staff, they comfort me."**

C. In the final salvation of the elect, there will be a multitude which no man can number (**Rev 7:9**); however, in our day & age it seems we see a remnant of people who are truly devout & seeking the Lord.

1. When so many want to do what is right in their own sight, Jesus said in **Mat 7:13-14**, **"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide & the way is broad that leads to destruction, & there are many who enter through it. ¹⁴ For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it."**
2. Follow the narrow way of Christ. He is the only way.

Review, further application, & conclusion: