



Title: The Sins of a Corrupt Society (vv.1-11) & The Only Solution (vv.12-13)

Text: Micah 2:1-13

A. They Plotted Evil and Execute their Plot:

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

B. They Coveted and Violently Take Away Private Properties: (cf. Prov. 22:22; Amos 4:1; James 2:6).

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

(v.5) *“none that shall cast a cord by lot” – no one will be there to inherit their land.*

C. They Persecuted God’s Prophets and Angered the Spirit of the LORD:

6 Prophecy ye not, say they to them that prophesy: they shall not prophesy to them, that they shall not take shame. 7 O 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?

D. They were As An Enemy (Violent and Adverse):

8 Even 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.

E. They Abuse Women and Children:

9 The women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever. 10 Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction.

F. They Lie and Follow False Prophets of Prosperity: (cf. Isa. 28:9-13; Amos 2:12; 7:13, 16).

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.

G. The Only Solution to Societal Problems: The LORD (The Shepherd, The Breaker, & The King).

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. 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.

Conclusion:

1. The wicked society practiced land-grabbing on the poor. They persecuted God’s prophets. They love violence and lies. They abused women and children and listened to false prophets.
2. The Messiah will remove all obstacles to the re-gathering of His people. This has yet to take place. Chapter 1:6-7, The Fall of Samaria (722 B.C.) and the Invasion of Judah by Sennacherib, 1:9-16 (ca. 702-701 B.C.) have already been fulfilled.