Micah Class Schedule

11/17/2024!	Micah 2:1-11	The sins of Judah part 1
11/24/2024!	Micah 2:1-11	The sins of Judah part 2
12/1/2024		No Class - Thanksgiving
12/8/2024	Micah 2:12-13	A prediction of future regathering and leadership
12/15/2024!	Micah 3:1-12	Condemnation of Israel's leaders part 1
12/22/2024!	Micah 3:1-12	Condemnation of Israel's leaders part 2
12/29/2024	Micah 4:1-8	Blessing for Israel - exaltation of Zion
1/5/2025	Micah 4:9-5:1	Blessing for Israel - might of Zion
1/12/2025	Micah 5:2-5a	King of Zion
1/19/2025!	Micah 5:5b-9	The peace and vindication of Zion
1/26/2025!	Micah 5:10-15	The purification of Zion

Micah - Chapter 2:1-11 The Sins of Judah - Part 2

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Review

1) Micah is addressing the Judah in Chapter 2 and following.

2) God's condemnation of Judah is based entirely on the Law of Moses.

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² They covet fields and then seize *them*, And houses, and take *them* away. They rob a man and his house, A man and his inheritance.

Premeditated complex theft!

David and Bathsheba

Ahab and Naboth's Vinyard

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- 3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
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- 7. You shall not commit adultery.
- 8. You shall not steal.
- 9. You shall not bear false witness.

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Exodus 20:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your <u>neighbor's house</u>; you shall not covet your <u>neighbor's wife</u> or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

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³ Therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold, I am planning against this family <u>a calamity</u> From which you cannot remove your necks; And you will not walk haughtily, For it will be an evil time.

⁴ "On that day they will take up against you a taunt And utter a bitter lamentation *and* say, 'We are completely destroyed! He exchanges the portion of my people; How He removes it from me! To the apostate He apportions our fields.'

"The Day of the Lord" = <u>Judgement</u> first followed by <u>Blessing</u>

Micah 4:6 (NASB)

"In that day," declares the LORD, "I will assemble the lame And gather the outcasts, Even those whom I have afflicted.

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This is the sarcastic mocking of enemy invaders!

Deuteronomy 28:37 (NASB)

"You shall become a horror, a proverb, and a taunt among all the people where the LORD drives you.

⁵ "Therefore you will have no one <u>stretching a measuring line For you by</u> <u>lot</u> in the assembly of the LORD.

Numbers 34:13 (NASB)

So Moses commanded the sons of Israel, saying, "This is the land that you are to <u>apportion by lot</u> among you as a possession...

<u>'Do not speak out,' so they speak out.</u> But if they do not speak out concerning these things, Reproaches will not be turned back.

"We don't want to hear that doom and gloom stuff!"

NET - 'Don't preach with such impassioned rhetoric,' they say excitedly.

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Judah was not only *committing* these sins, but they didn't want anybody to point it out to them.

The refusal to listen to God's prophets only <u>compounded</u> Judah's sin!

"Is it being said, O house of Jacob: 'Is the Spirit of the LORD impatient? Are these His doings?' Do not My words do good To the one walking uprightly?

If you had been following my Word, wouldn't you be receiving blessing right now?

The questioners are attempting to blame God.

Deliberate hardness results in blindness!

Verses 8&9

"Recently My people have arisen as an enemy— You strip the robe off the garment
From unsuspecting passers-by, *From* those returned from war.
"The women of My people you evict,
Each one from her pleasant house.
From her children you take My splendor forever.

The victims are always the most vulnerable.

Verses 8&9

"You shall not wrong <u>a stranger</u> or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.²² "You shall not afflict **any widow or orphan**.²³ "If you afflict him at all, and if he does cry out to Me, I will surely hear his cry;²⁴ and My anger will be kindled, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.²⁵ "If you lend money to My people, to the poor among you, you are not to act as a creditor to him; you shall not charge him interest.²⁶ "If you ever take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you are to return it to him before the sun sets,²⁷ for that is his only covering; it is his cloak for his body. What else shall he sleep in? And it shall come about that when he cries out to Me, I will hear him, for I am gracious. (Ex. 22:21-27)

'Cursed is he who distorts the justice due an <u>alien</u>, <u>orphan</u>, <u>and widow</u>.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' (Deut. 27:19)

"Arise and go, For this is no place of rest Because of the uncleanness that brings on destruction, A painful destruction.

God's eviction notice to Judah!

"If a man walking after wind and falsehood Had told lies *and said*, 'I will speak out to you concerning wine and liquor,' He would be spokesman to this people.

NET- If a lying windbag should come and say, 'I'll promise you blessings of wine and beer,' he would be just the right preacher for these people!

Hardness to the Word of God results in spiritual blindness!

By God's grace, we will continue to teach the *whole* word of God at Holly Hills Bible Church!