



BIBLICAL JUSTICE

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF MICAH

¹ Woe is me! For I have become as when the summer fruit has been gathered, as when the grapes have been gleaned: there is no cluster to eat, no first-ripe fig that my soul desires.

² The godly has perished from the earth, and there is no one upright among mankind; they all lie in wait for blood, and each hunts the other with a net...

Micah 7:1-6

³ Their hands are on what is evil, to do it well; the prince and the judge ask for a bribe, and the great man utters the evil desire of his soul; thus they weave it together.

⁴ The best of them is like a brier, the most upright of them a thorn hedge. The day of your watchmen, of your punishment, has come; now their confusion is at hand..

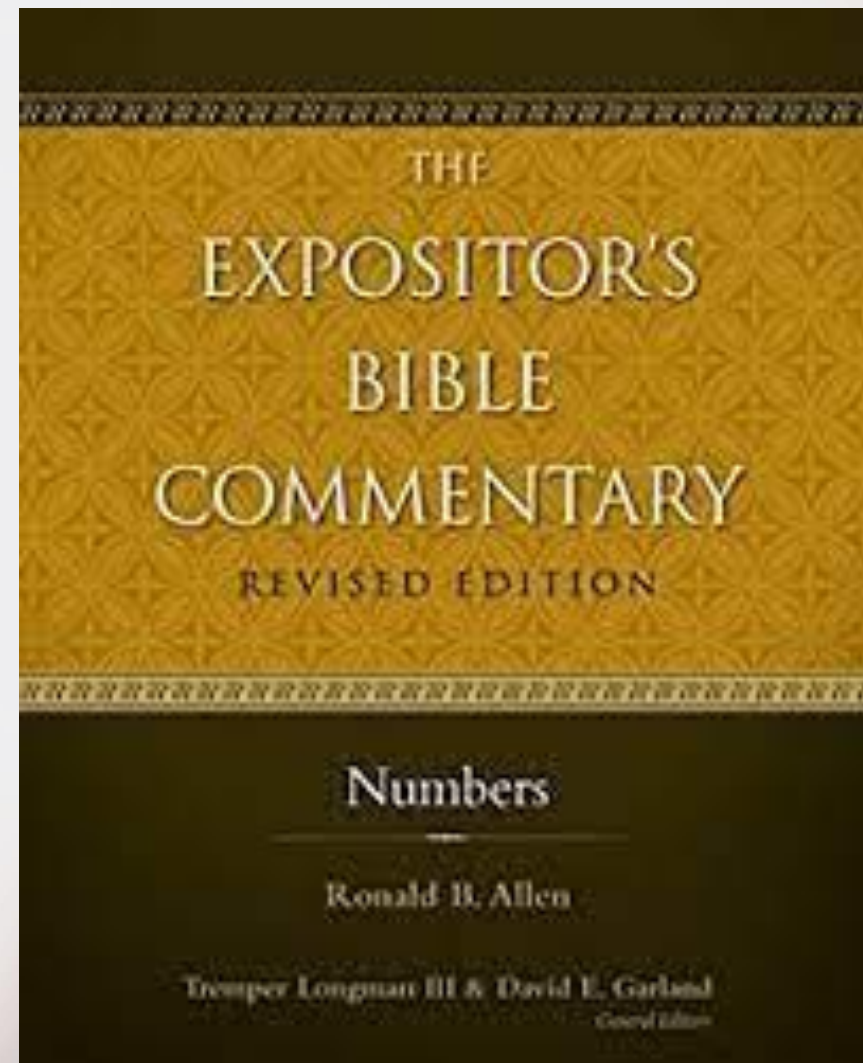
Micah 7:1-6

*⁵ Put no trust in a neighbor;
have no confidence in a friend;
guard the doors of your mouth from her who
lies in your arms;*

*⁶ for the son treats the father with contempt,
the daughter rises up against her mother, the
daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a
man's enemies are the men of his own house.*

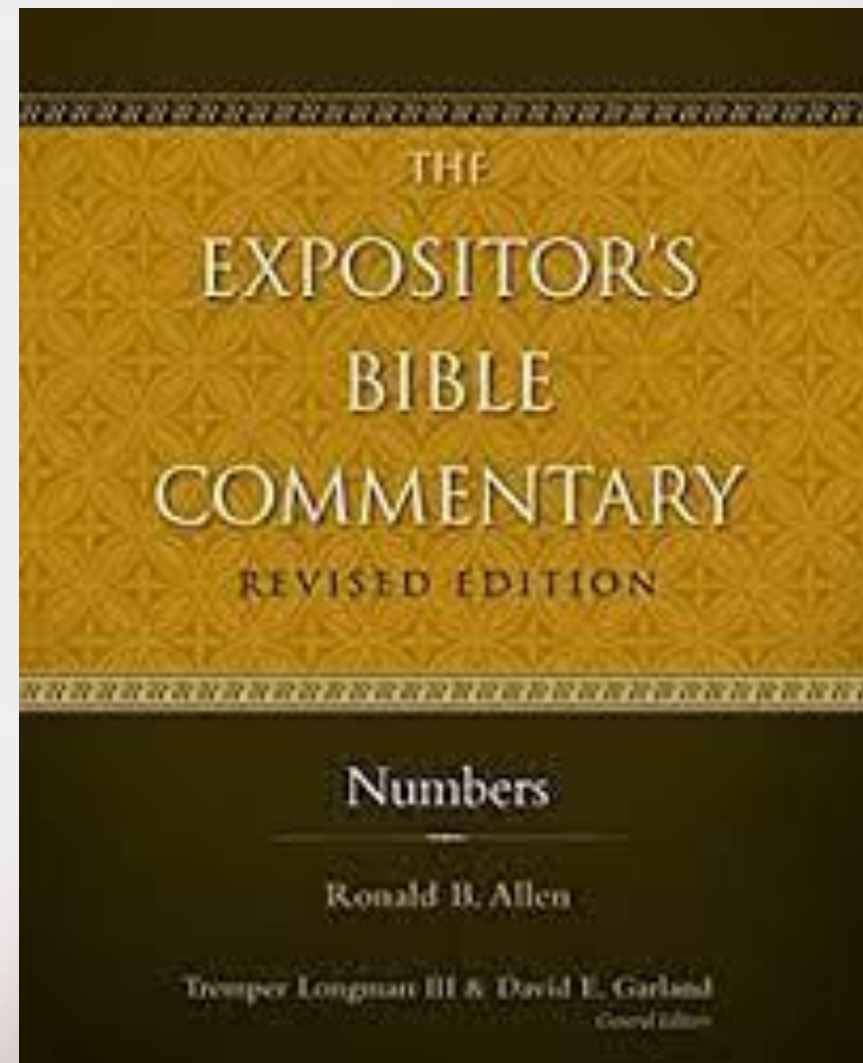
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“While Israel and Judah appeared to be strong externally, an internal decay was sapping their strength and threatening to destroy the social fabric of these two kingdoms. A burgeoning wealthy class was becoming richer at the expense of the...



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“...poorer classes. The prophets saw this situation as a violation of the covenantal requirements and thus a hindrance to God’s blessing and a guarantee of the dissolution of the nation.”



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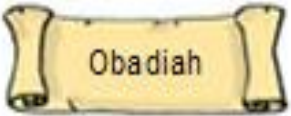

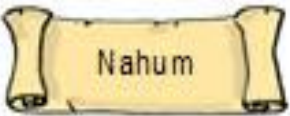

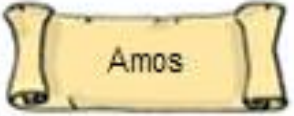


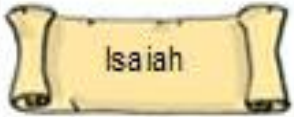
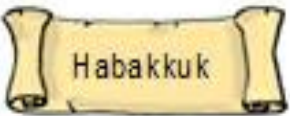

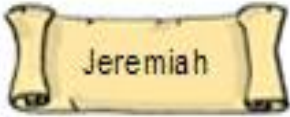



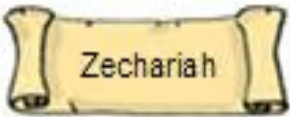

1. Name means *“Who is like the Lord?”*
2. Don't know much about this prophet's family
3. From Moresheth (Micah 1:1, 14) in the foothills of Judah, about 25 miles southwest of Jerusalem near Gath on the way to the Mediterranean Sea

Who Was Micah?

4. “a man of the people,” “the prophet of the poor,” or a “prophet of the middle class”
5. Preached during the reign of 3 kings: Jotham (750–731 B.C.), Ahaz (731–715 B.C.) and Hezekiah (715–686 B.C.)

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Placing the Prophets

	Pre-exilic prophets			Exilic prophets	Post-exilic prophets	
	9 th century BC	8 th century BC	7 th century BC	6 th century BC		5 th century BC
Written to Gentile nations						
Written to Israel		 				
Written to Judah		 	  	 	 	

***18** “Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and said to all the people of Judah: ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.’*

***19** Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not fear...*

Jeremiah 26:18–19

*the LORD and entreat the favor of the LORD,
and did not the LORD relent of the disaster
that he had pronounced against them?
But we are about to bring great disaster
upon ourselves.”*

Jeremiah 26:18–19

*For all the peoples walk each in the name of
its god, but we will walk in the name of the
LORD our God forever and ever.*

Micah 4:5

*He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you but to
do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk
humbly with your God?*

Micah 6:8

1. Roots traced back to Karl Marx, the German philosopher from the 1800s who said the ruling class (the bourgeoisie) oppressed the working class (the proletariat) and the whole economic system must benefit the oppressed
2. The goal? To work toward redistribution until you see equity

What is Social Justice?

3. "...a concept that some use to describe the movement towards a socially just world. In this context, social justice is based on the concepts of human rights and equality and involves a greater degree of economic egalitarianism [all people should have the same political, social, economic, and civil rights] through progressive taxation, income redistribution, or even property redistribution."
(from gotquestions.org)

What is Social Justice?

1. Birthed critical race theory (CRT)
2. Developed the philosophy of intersectionality
3. Fueled groups like Black Lives Matter (BLM)
4. Promotes wokeism
5. Anti-God and anti-Bible
6. Sees Christians as the worst of oppressors

**What Has Come Out of
Social Justice?**

¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.

Deuteronomy 10:17-18

*I know that the LORD will maintain the cause
of the afflicted, and will execute justice for
the needy.*

Psalm 140:12

*learn to do good; seek justice,
correct oppression; bring justice to the
fatherless, plead the widow's cause.*

Isaiah 1:17

1. Because there is injustice in the world.

We Must Talk About Justice

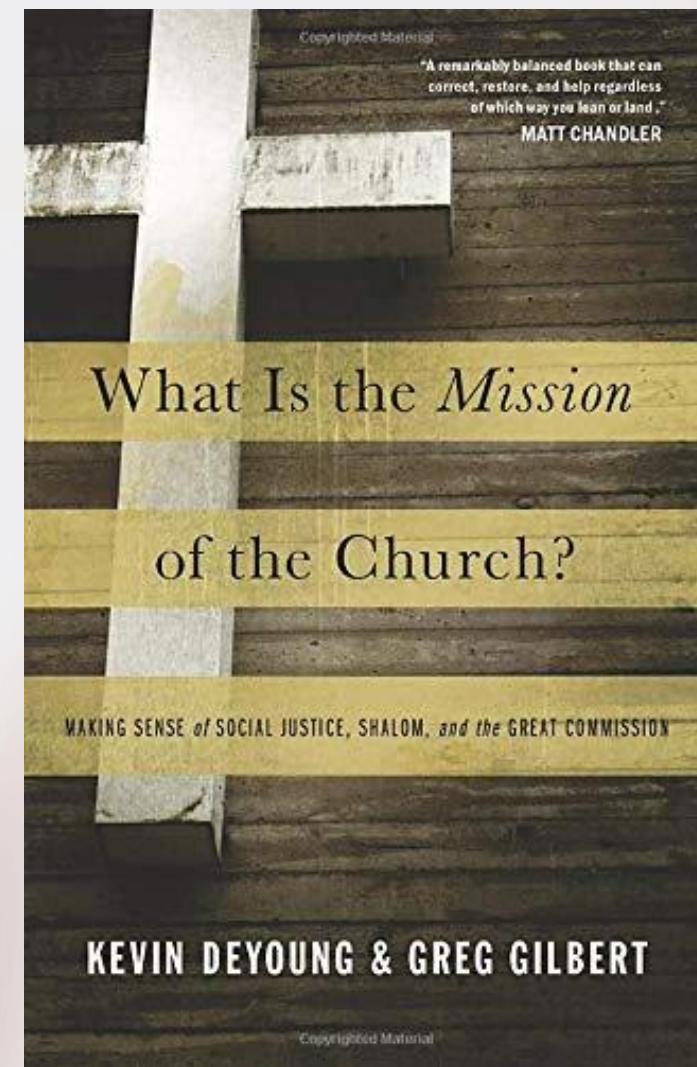
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2. Justice is near the heart of God.

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Voddie Baucham,
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“The mission of the church is to go into the world and make disciples by declaring the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit and gathering these disciples into churches, that they might worship the Lord and obey his commands now and in eternity to the glory of God the Father.”



**Kevin DeYoung and Greg
Gilbert, *What Is the
Mission of the Church?***

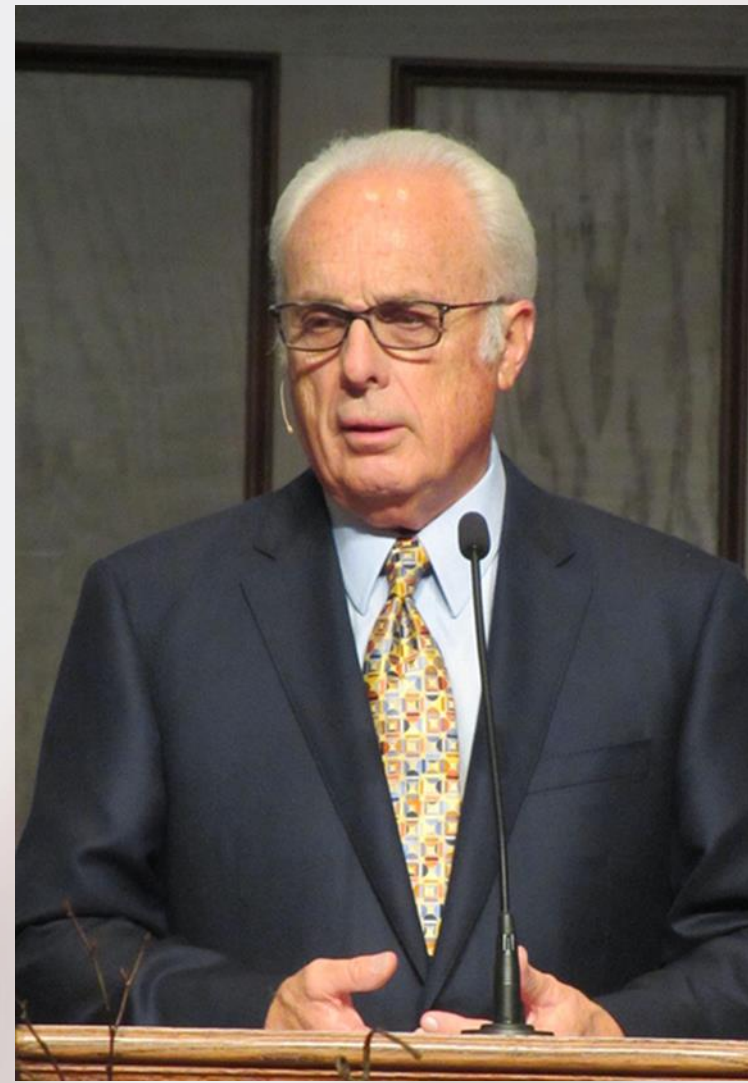
***19** You shall not pervert justice.*

*You shall not show partiality,
and you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe
blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the
cause of the righteous.*

***20** Justice, and only justice,
you shall follow, that you may live and inherit
the land that the LORD your God is giving you.*

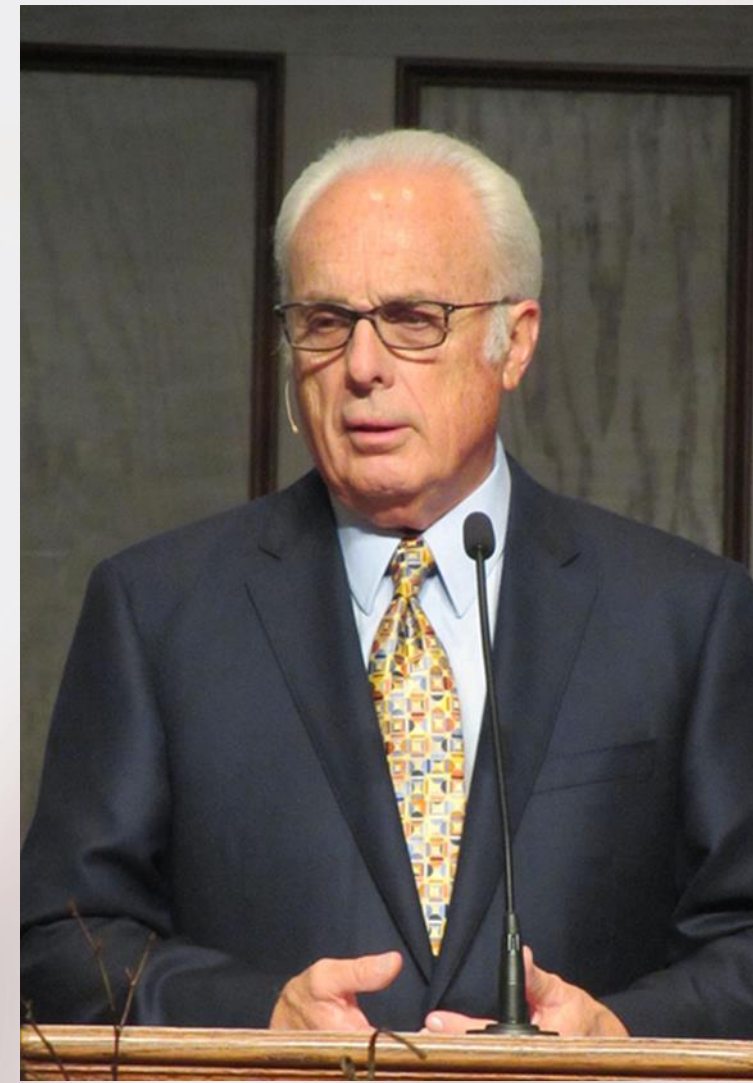
Deuteronomy 16:19–20

“Here’s the problem with letting sinners think that way. You’re aiding and abetting their disavowal of their sinfulness. This is why it assaults the gospel, because that’s the entry point of the gospel. You don’t come to the gospel until you have come…”



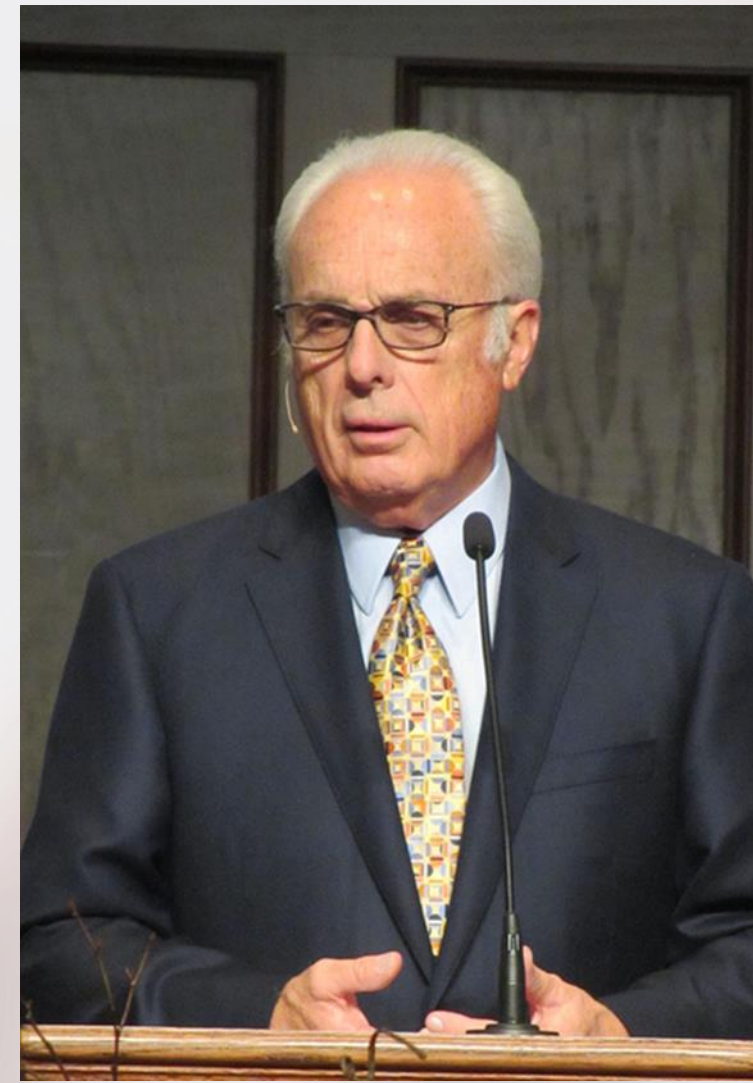
John MacArthur

“...to the full realization that you are the reason you have problems, that you are who you are, the race you are, the gender you are, and even the economic status you are, because God providentially put you there. And the reason you have problems there is...”



John MacArthur

"...because not only are there sinners all around you, but you're a sinner of equal guilt."



John MacArthur

1. Understand the arguments and love the other side.

**What Should We Do About
Social Justice?**

“Disagreements about social issues in general seem to be not only inevitable but even beneficial, when opposing sides are forced to confront contrary arguments that might not have been considered before, and examine empirical ...”



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“... evidence not confronted before. Neither side may have taken all the factors into consideration, but having to cope with each other’s different views bring out considerations that neither side gave much thought to at the outset.”



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2. Defend the truth.

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“Consequently, the most powerful weapon in our arsenal is not calling for reparations: it is forgiveness. Antiracism knows nothing of forgiveness because it knows nothing of the Gospel. Instead, antiracism offers endless penance, judgment,...



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"...and fear. What an opportunity we have to shine the light of Christ in the midst of darkness!"



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4. Look for similar situations in Scripture (e.g., studying Micah).

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3. 3rd sermon – A Repenting People Is Needed (Chapters 6-7).

How Does Micah Address Justice?

*But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I
will wait for the God of my salvation;
my God will hear me.*

Micah 7:7