



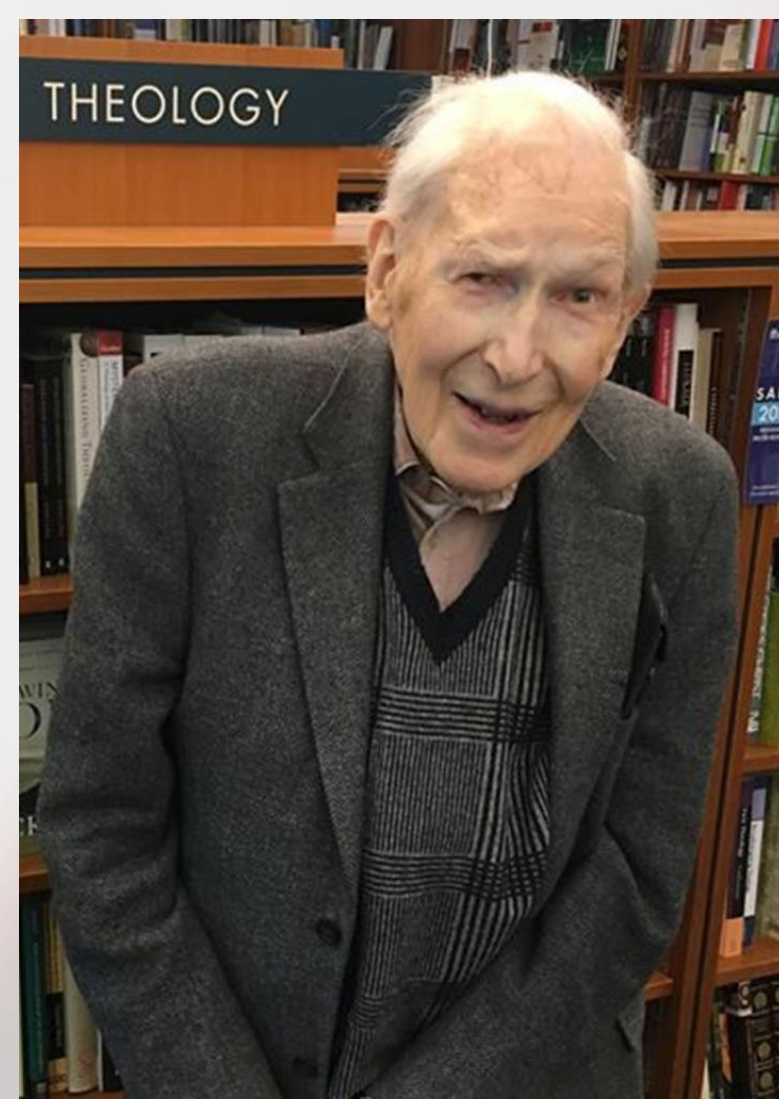
BIBLICAL JUSTICE

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF MICAH

“Destruction”

Micah 1:1-16

“...the thing that would be morally doubtful would be for him *not* to show his wrath in this way. God is not *just*—that is, he does not act in a way that is *right*, he does not do what is proper to a *judge*—unless he inflicts upon all sin and wrongdoing the penalty it deserves.”



**J. I. Packer, *In My Place
Condemned He Stood***

- The Gospel (Eph 2:14)
- Praying as Jesus did for unity among us (John 17:20–21)
- Being eager to maintain the unity that Jesus brings through the Gospel (Eph 4:3)

The Ultimate Solution to Fixing Racism

1. 1st Sermon – A Just God Will Come
(Chapters 1-2)
2. 2nd Sermon – A Restorative God Will Come
(Chapters 3-5)
3. 3rd Sermon – A Repenting People Is Needed
(Chapters 6-7)

How Does Micah Address Justice?

KEY POINT:

God's destruction of evil is a sobering reality.

I. A Warning to All the Nations (vs. 1-7)

25 "The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. You shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them. And you shall be a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth. 26 And your dead body shall be food for all birds of the air and for the beasts of the earth, and there shall be no one to frighten them away. 27 The LORD will...

Deuteronomy 28:25-29

...strike you with the boils of Egypt, and with tumors and scabs and itch, of which you cannot be healed. ²⁸ The LORD will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of mind, ²⁹ and you shall grope at noonday, as the blind grope in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways. And you shall be only oppressed and robbed continually, and there shall be no one to help you.

Deuteronomy 28:25-29

1. Often used to describe the feet that crush grapes in a winepress in order to separate the juices from the skin of a grape
2. When you crush down on those grapes, you are treading them
3. This metaphor for judgment is destructive

The Word “*Tread*”

*Obey your leaders and submit to them,
for they are keeping watch over your souls,
as those who will have to give an account.
Let them do this with joy and not with
groaning, for that would be of no
advantage to you.*

Hebrews 13:17

KEY POINT:

God's destruction of evil is a sobering reality.

“WE AFFIRM that all people are connected to Adam both naturally and federally. Therefore, because of original sin, everyone is born under the curse of God’s law and all break his commandments through sin. There is no difference in the condition of sinners due to age, ethnicity, or sex. All are depraved in all their faculties and all stand condemned before God’s law. All human relationships, systems, and institutions have been affected by sin.”

A Statement on Social Justice

“WE DENY that, other than the previously stated connection to Adam, any person is morally culpable for another person’s sin. Although families, groups, and nations can sin collectively, and cultures can be predisposed to particular sins, subsequent generations share the collective guilt of their ancestors only if they approve and embrace (or attempt to justify) those sins. Before God each person must repent and confess his or her own sins in order to receive forgiveness...

A Statement on Social Justice

“...We further deny that one’s ethnicity establishes any necessary connection to any particular sin.”

A Statement on Social Justice

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I. A Warning to All the Nations (vs. 1-7)

II. A Lament about All the Nations (vs. 8-16)

A. From Micah (vs. 8-9)

I. A Warning to All the Nations (vs. 1-7)

II. A Lament about All the Nations (vs. 8-16)

A. From Micah (vs. 8-9)

B. From Others (vs. 10-16)

THE SHEPHELAH

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Aijalon Valley

ISRAEL

Soreq Valley

● Gezer

Elah Valley

● Beth Shamesh

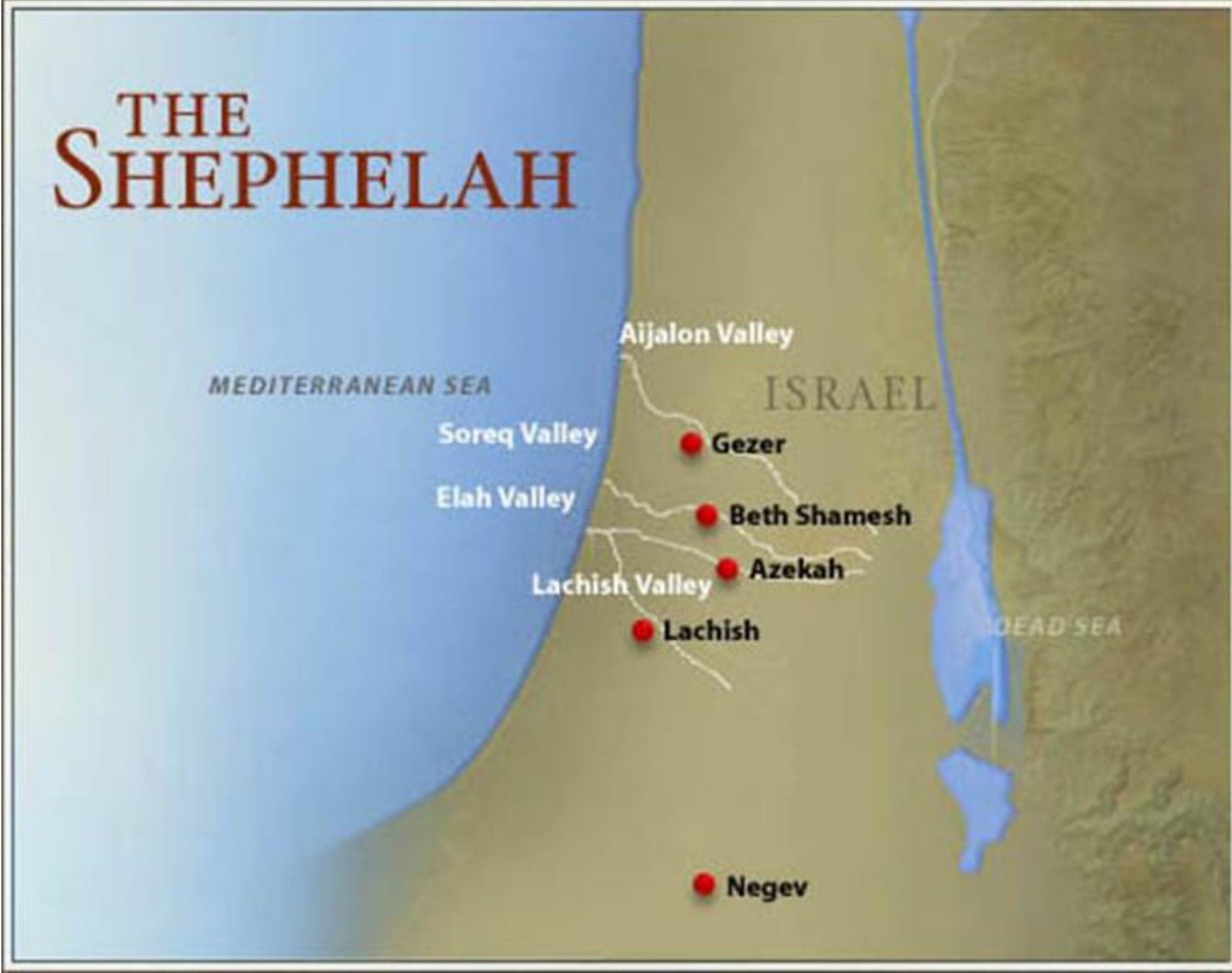
Lachish Valley

● Azekah

● Lachish

DEAD SEA

● Negev



They shall not make bald patches on their heads, nor shave off the edges of their beards, nor make any cuts on their body.

Leviticus 21:5

1. Ezra, when he learned about the sinful intermarriage of God's people with pagans (Ezra 9:3)
2. Job, when learning of the death of his children and the loss of his livestock and property (Job 1:20)
3. At the Day of the Lord (Ezekiel 7:18)

Shaving Your Head in the Bible

KEY POINT:

God's destruction of evil is a sobering reality.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you desolate.

Matthew 22:37-38