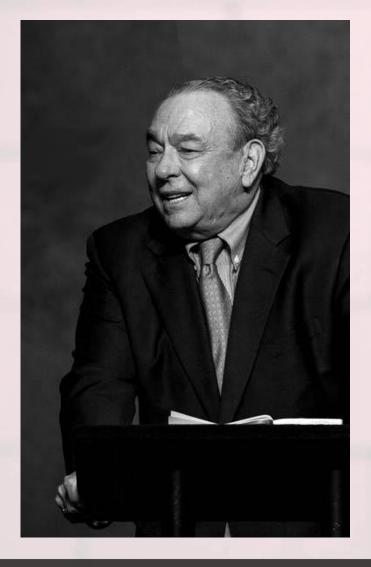
# BIBLICAL JUSTICE A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF MICAH

#### "Culmination"

#### **MICAH 2:1-13**

"Hope is called the anchor of the soul (Hebrews 6:19), because it gives stability to the Christian life. But hope is not simply a 'wish' (I wish that such-and-such would take place); rather, it is that which latches on to the certainty of the promises of the future that God has made."



#### **R.C. Sproul**

#### Though he slay me, I will hope in him...

#### **Job 13:15**

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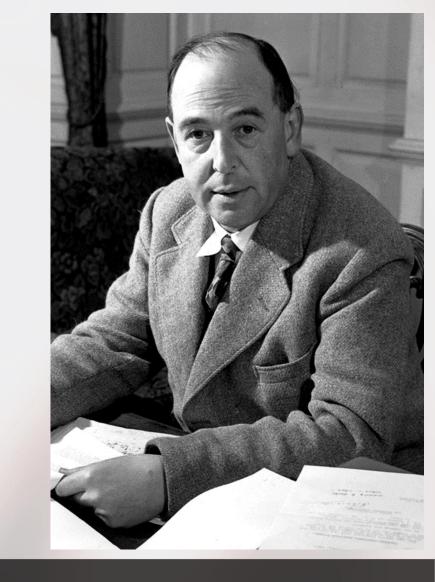
2. 2nd sermon – A Restorative God Will Come (Chapters 3-5)

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

#### **How Does Micah Address Justice?**

#### **KEY POINT**: Final <u>hope</u> will be realized when God's judgment of evil is <u>final</u>.

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. The reason why we loved the old Narnia is that it sometimes looked a little like this."



C. S. Lewis, The Last Battle

A. <u>Robbing</u> (vs. 1-5)

<sup>6</sup> when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; <sup>7</sup> for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

#### Psalm 63:6-7

 Pronouncing woes was a part of the "ministry" of the prophets.

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Isaiah - 3:9, 11; 5:8, 11, 18; 20-22
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    Jeremiah - 13:27
    Ezekiel - 13:3, 18
    Hosea - 7:13; 9:12
    Amos - 5:18; 6:1
    Habakkuk - 2:6, 9, 12, 15, 19
    Zephaniah - 2:5; 3:1
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### A "Woe"

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

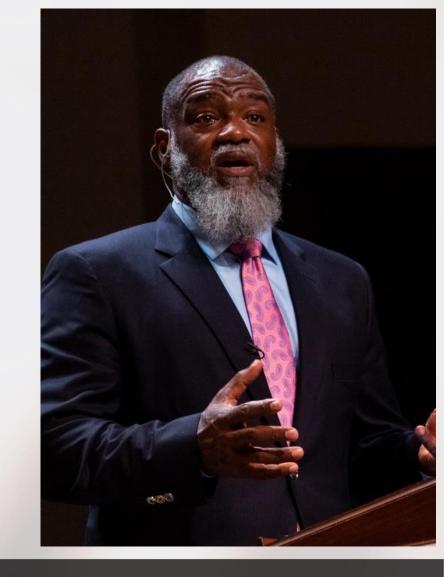
## **Exodus 20:17**

"A visit to the Slave Tree in Ndola, Zambia, poignantly reminded me that, contrary to popular belief, white slavers did not come to Africa and track through the bush to find and capture slaves; they bought them from other Africans who had already...



#### Voddie Baucham, Fault Lines

"...enslaved them. It was sobering to realize that my ancestors - far from being kings and queens-were actually debtors, criminals, or conquered people who were sold to Westerners by their own kinsmen."



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A. Robbing (vs. 1-5)
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"Micah urged the people to get out of the land because no rest would be found there, in spite of what the false prophets promised. These men would preach any message the people wanted to hear, just so long as they were provided with their...



#### Warren Wiersbe, Be Concerned

"...strong drink! The false prophets were using religion to make money and enjoy pleasure, and they had no concern for the future of the nation."



Warren Wiersbe, Be Concerned

<sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

# II Timothy 4:3-4

- A. Robbing (vs. 1-5)
  B. Reviling (vs. 6-7)
  C. Rebelling (vs. 8-9)
- D. Repudiating (vs. 10-11)

II. Statement of Hope (vs. 12-13)

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel...

## Micah 5:2-4

...<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

## Micah 5:2-4

"That I do whatever I can for my neighbor's good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need."

#### The Heidelberg Catechism of 1563

<sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

## II Corinthians 10:3-5