

Pastor's Study

Micah 2:1-13

2 Woe to those who devise wickedness and work evil on their beds! When the morning dawns, they perform it, because it is in the power of their hand. **2** They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them away; they oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance. **3** Therefore thus says the LORD: behold, against this family I am devising disaster,^[a] from which you cannot remove your necks, and you shall not walk haughtily, for it will be a time of disaster. **4** In that day they shall take up a taunt song against you and moan bitterly, and say, "We are utterly ruined; he changes the portion of my people; how he removes it from me! To an apostate he allots our fields." **5** Therefore you will have none to cast the line by lot in the assembly of the LORD. **6** "Do not preach"—thus they preach—"one should not preach of such things; disgrace will not overtake us." **7** Should this be said, O house of Jacob? Has the LORD grown impatient?^[b] Are these his deeds? Do not my words do good to him who walks uprightly? **8** But lately my people have risen up as an enemy; you strip the rich robe from those who pass by trustingly with no thought of war.^[c] **9** The women of my people you drive out from their delightful houses; from their young children you take away my splendor forever. **10** Arise and go, for this is no place to rest, because of uncleanness that destroys with a grievous destruction. **11** If a man should go about and utter wind and lies, saying, "I will preach to you of wine and strong drink," he would be the preacher for this people! **12** I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob; I will gather the remnant of Israel; I will set them together like sheep in a fold, like a flock in its pasture, a noisy multitude of men. **13** He who opens the breach goes up before them; they break through and pass the gate, going out by it. Their king passes on before them, the LORD at their head.

Footnotes

Micah 2:3 The same Hebrew word can mean evil or disaster, depending on the context

Micah 2:7 Hebrew Has the spirit of the Lord grown short?

Micah 2:8 Or returning from war