

Micah

1 The word of the Lord that came to Micah of Moresheth during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah—the vision he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

2 Hear, you peoples, all of you,
listen, earth and all who live in it,
that the Sovereign Lord may bear witness against you,
the Lord from his holy temple.

Judgment Against Samaria and Jerusalem

³ Look! The Lord is coming from his dwelling place;
he comes down and treads on the heights of the earth.

⁴ The mountains melt beneath him
and the valleys split apart,
like wax before the fire,
like water rushing down a slope.

⁵ All this is because of Jacob's transgression,
because of the sins of the people of Israel.

What is Jacob's transgression?

Is it not Samaria?

What is Judah's high place?

Is it not Jerusalem?

⁶ “Therefore I will make Samaria a heap of rubble,
a place for planting vineyards.

I will pour her stones into the valley
and lay bare her foundations.

⁷ All her idols will be broken to pieces;
all her temple gifts will be burned with fire;
I will destroy all her images.

Since she gathered her gifts from the wages of prostitutes,
as the wages of prostitutes they will again be used.”

Weeping and Mourning

⁸ Because of this I will weep and wail;

I will go about barefoot and naked.

I will howl like a jackal

and moan like an owl.

⁹ For Samaria's plague is incurable;

it has spread to Judah.

It has reached the very gate of my people,

even to Jerusalem itself.

¹⁰ Tell it not in Gath;
weep not at all.

In Beth Ophrah
roll in the dust.

¹¹ Pass by naked and in shame,
you who live in Shaphir.

Those who live in Zaanán
will not come out.

Beth Ezel is in mourning;
It no longer protects you.

¹² Those who live in Maroth writhe in pain,
waiting for relief,
because disaster has come from the Lord,
even to the gate of Jerusalem.

¹³ You who live in Lachish,
harness fast horses to the chariot.
You are where the sin of Daughter Zion began,
for the transgressions of Israel were found in you.

¹⁴ Therefore you will give parting gifts
to Moresheth Gath.

The town of Akzib will prove deceptive
to the kings of Israel.

¹⁵ I will bring a conqueror against you
who live in Mareshah.

The nobles of Israel
will flee to Adullam.

¹⁶ Shave your head in mourning
for the children in whom you delight;
make yourself as bald as the vulture,
for they will go from you into exile.

Human Plans and God's Plans

2 Woe to those who plan iniquity,
to those who plot evil on their beds!

At morning's light they carry it out
because it is in their power to do it.

2 They covet fields and seize them,
and houses, and take them.

They defraud people of their homes,
They rob them of their inheritance.

³ Therefore, the Lord says:

“I am planning disaster against this people,
from which you cannot save yourselves.

You will no longer walk proudly,
for it will be a time of calamity.

⁴ In that day people will ridicule you;
they will taunt you with this mournful song:

*‘We are utterly ruined;
my people’s possession is divided up.
He takes it from me!
He assigns our fields to traitors.’ ”*

*⁵Therefore you will have no one in the assembly of the Lord
to divide the land by lot.*

False Prophets

⁶ “Do not prophesy,” their prophets say.

“Do not prophesy about these things;
disgrace will not overtake us.”

⁷ You descendants of Jacob, should it be said,

“Does the Lord become impatient?

Does he do such things?”

“Do not my words do good

to the one whose ways are upright?

⁸ Lately my people have risen up
like an enemy.

You strip off the rich robe
from those who pass by without a care,
like men returning from battle.

⁹ You drive the women of my people
from their pleasant homes.

You take away my blessing
from their children forever.

¹⁰ Get up, go away!

For this is not your resting place,
because it is defiled,
it is ruined, beyond all remedy.

¹¹ If a liar and deceiver comes and says,
'I will prophesy for you plenty of wine and beer,'
that would be just the prophet for this people!

Deliverance Promised

¹² “I will surely gather all of you, Jacob;

I will surely bring together the remnant of Israel.

I will bring them together like sheep in a pen,

like a flock in its pasture;

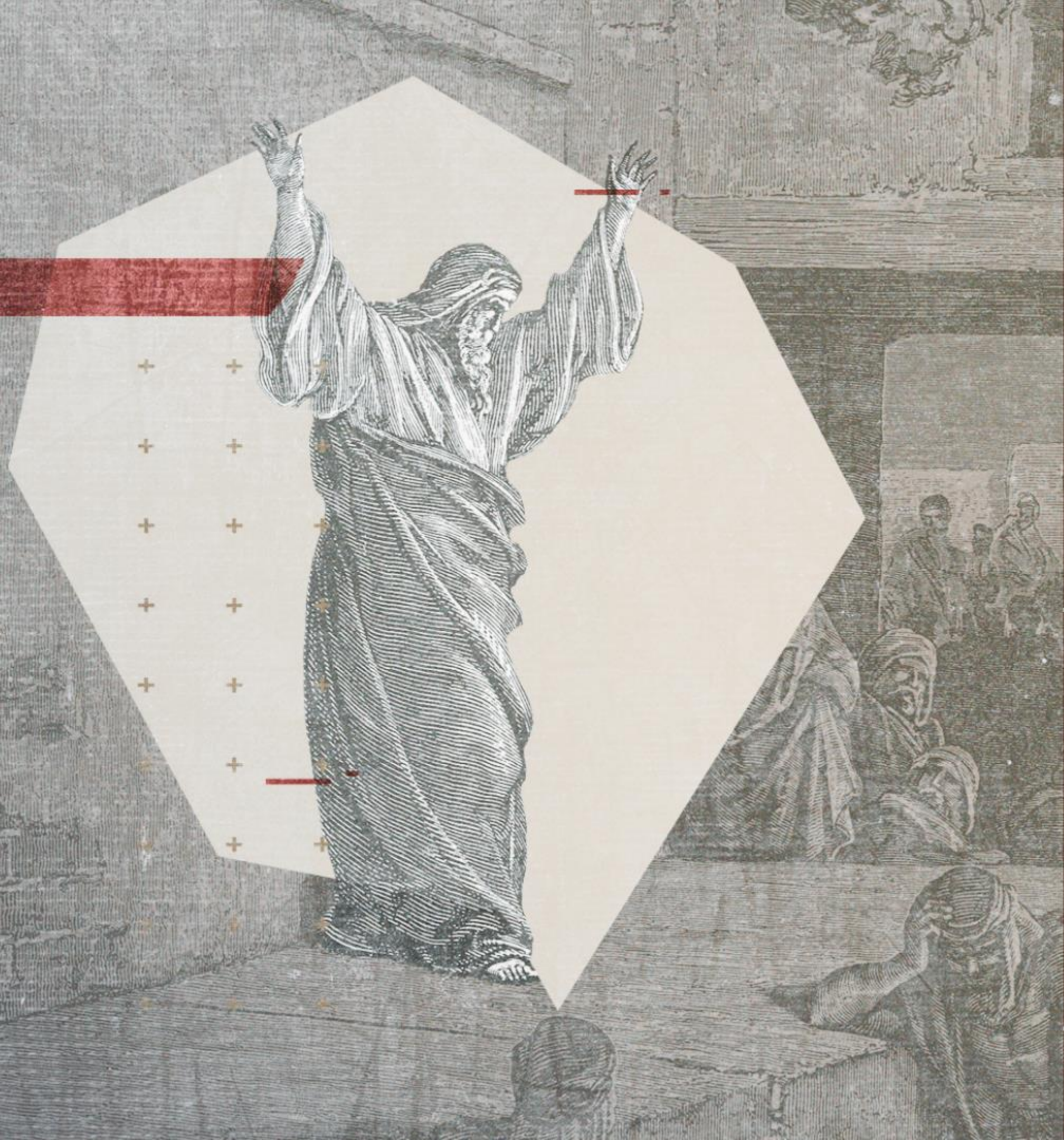
the place will throng with people.

¹³ The One who breaks open the way will go up before them;

they will break through the gate and go out.

Their King will pass through before them,

the Lord at their head.”



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GOD'S JUST JUDGEMENT

Who is like Yahweh?

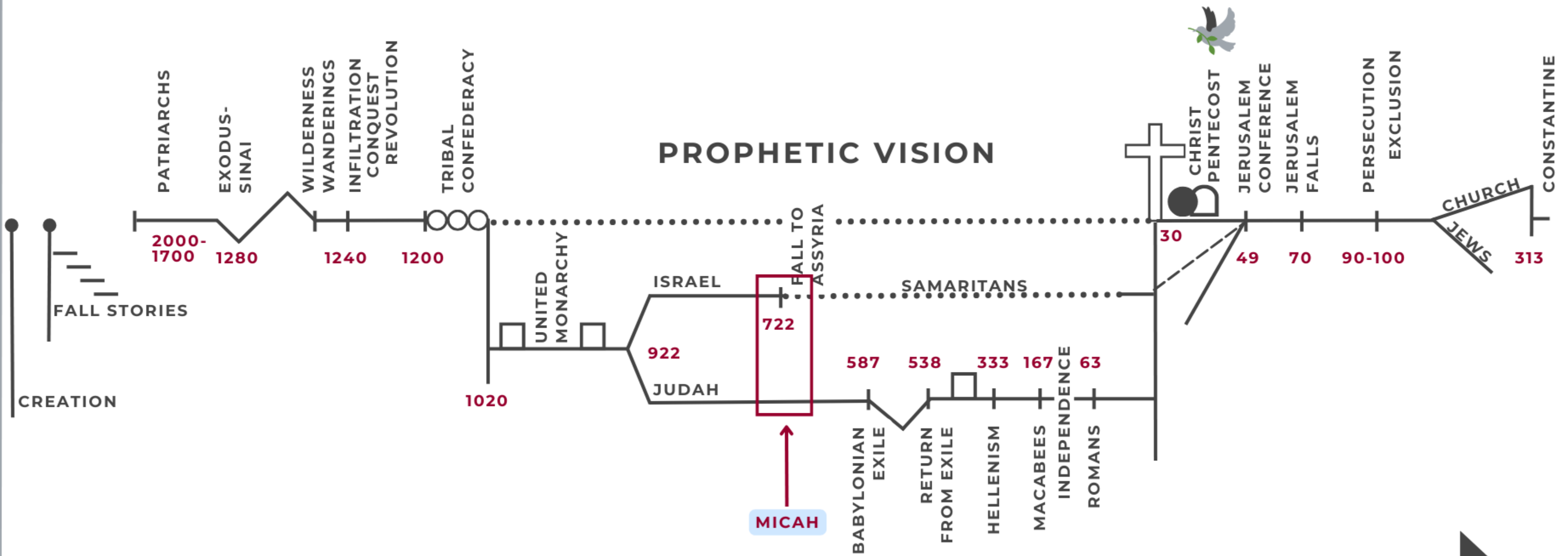
Who Was Micah?

- *Micah* means “Who is like Yahweh?” (7:18)
- “Micah of Moresheth” (1:1)
- A prophet (1:1)
- *Nabi*: to bubble forth; to declare



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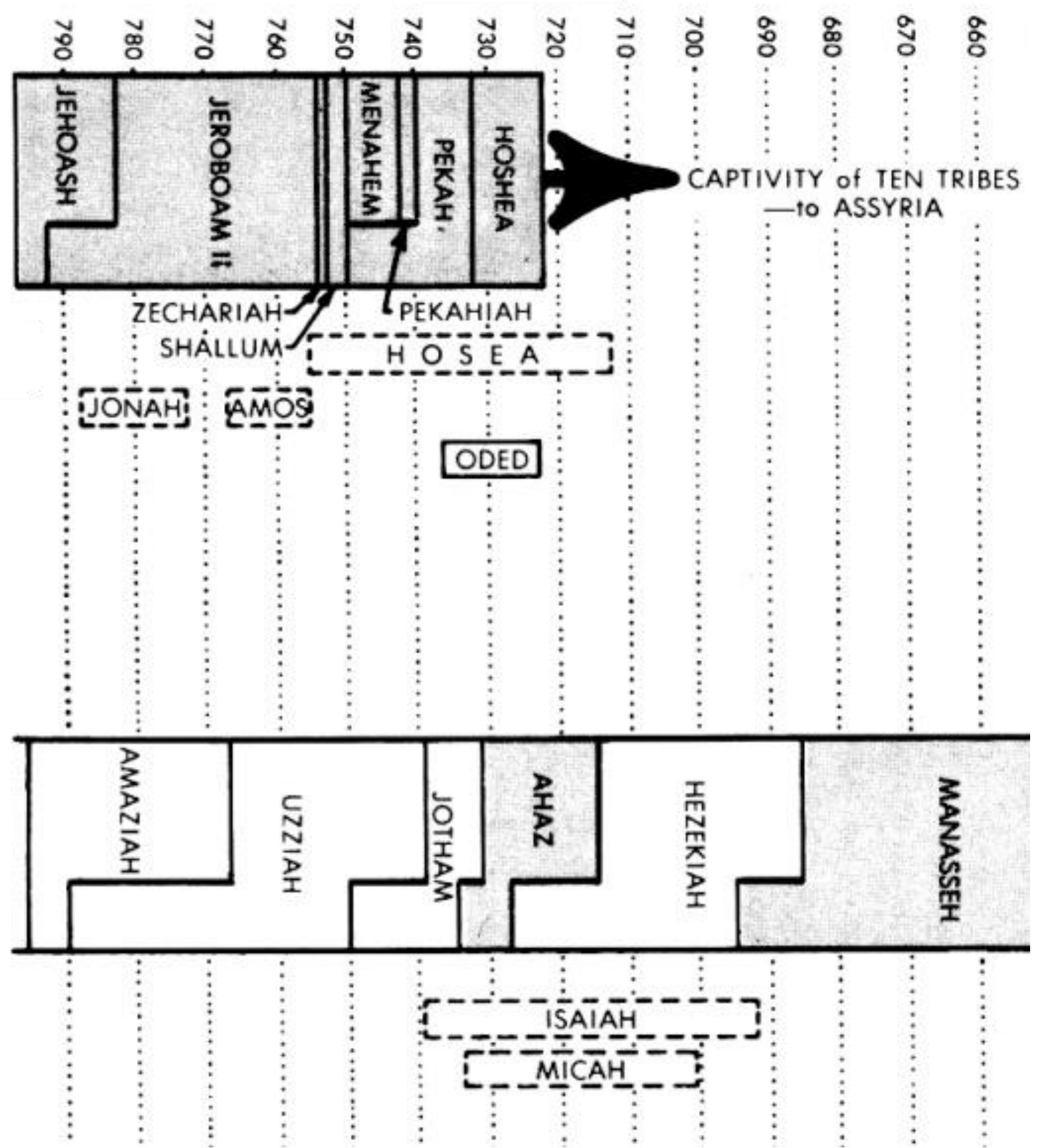
OLD AND NEW PEOPLE OF GOD



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KINGS AND PROPHETS



hesed

Steadfast, loyal love; faithfulness; unfailing kindness, affection or mercy; enduring commitment; generosity; devotion in action.

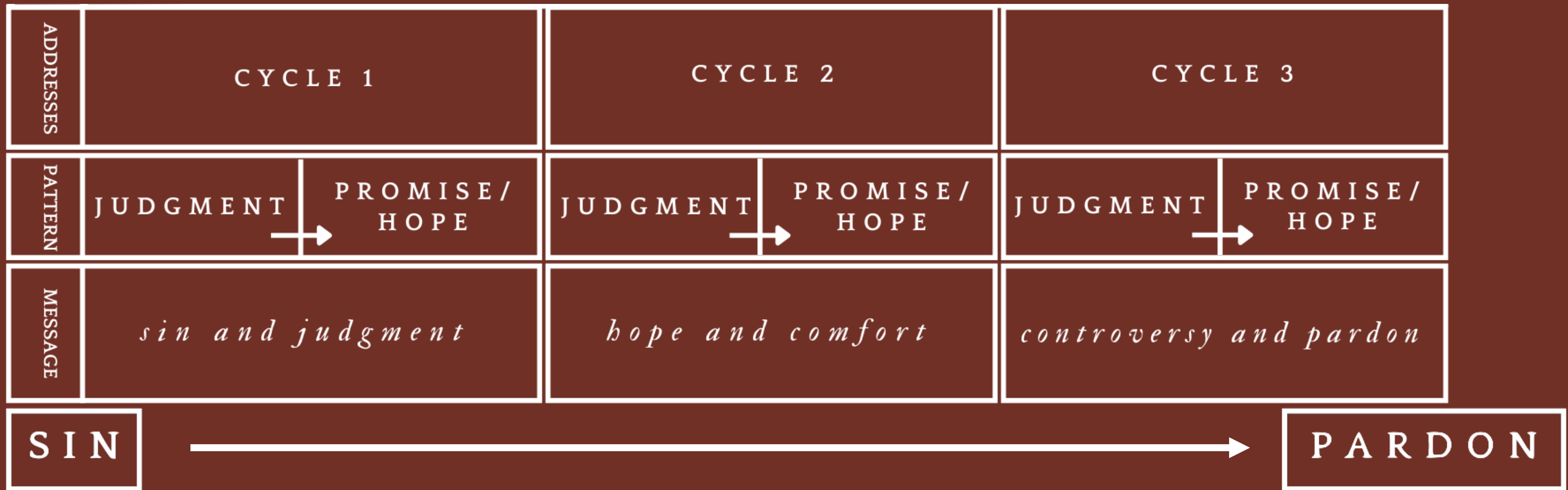
Exodus 20:6: ...but I act with [*hesed*] towards thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Hosea 6:6: For I desire [*hesed*], not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

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Micah's Message

- God calls us to learn, love, live out **justice, mercy, and humility**.
- A right **relationship with God** is inextricably linked to how we live in **relationship with others**.
- When we mistreat others, we **disobey God** and **misrepresent** who He is.
- God will hold us **responsible** for the way we live, and will **discipline** us in order to **restore** us.



Cycle 1: Retribution (judgement) for sin; promise of deliverance

Cycle 2: Contrast of wicked human kingdoms and God's Kingdom

Cycle 3: God alone is to be worshipped—in justice, mercy, humility.

Announcement of Judgement

Micah 1:1-5

Judgement Against Samaria

Micah 1:5-9

Judgement Against Jerusalem

Micah 1:9-16

<i>City Name</i>	<i>Which Means</i>	<i>Future Judgment</i>
Gath	“tell”	<i>disaster which speaks for itself</i>
Beth Ophrah	“house of dust”	<i>to be reduced to dust</i>
Shaphir	“beauty”	<i>ugliness / shame of captivity</i>
Zaanan	“come out”	<i>to come out, but as slaves</i>
Beth Ezel	“adjoining house”	<i>to stand utterly alone</i>
Maroth	“bitter”	<i>no more sweet, only bitter</i>
Lachish	“team of horses”	<i>prepare to be invaded</i>
Moresbeth Gath	“dowry / gift”	<i>given to a new husband-Assyria</i>
Akzib	“deception”	<i>to live true to its name-deceiving</i>
Mareshah	“conqueror”	<i>to end up as the conquered</i>
Adullam	*Caves (David)	<i>glory to be hidden away in caves</i>

Judgement Against “Land-Grabbers”

Micah 2:1-5

Judgement Against False Prophets

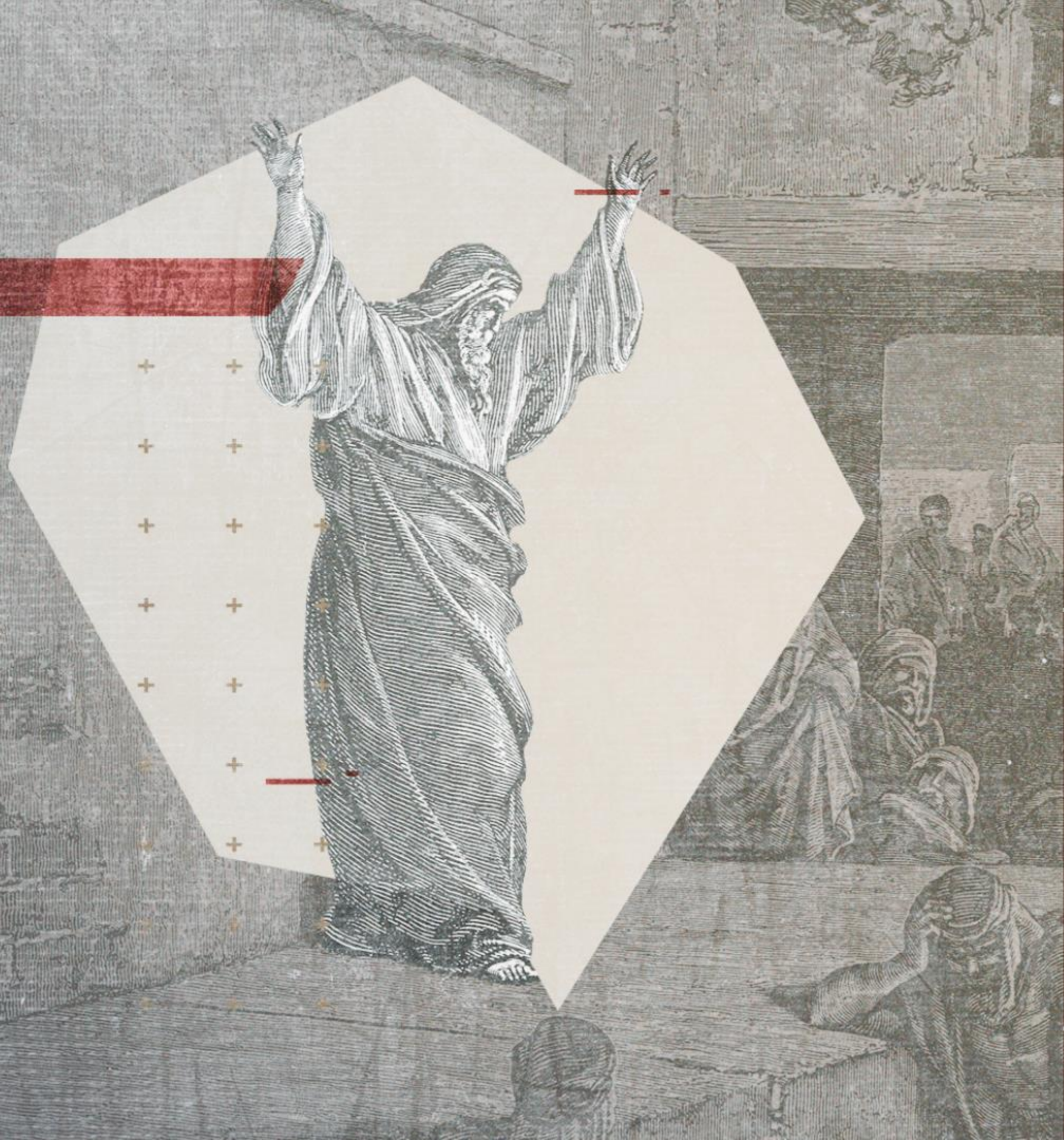
Micah 2:6-11

Promise of Protection and Deliverance

Micah 2:12-13

Application Questions

1. In what ways does the world Micah describes similar to ours?
2. What does it mean to you live and act God's way, with regard to the specific jobs and roles God has entrusted to you?
3. To what extent does God's Word influence the way you live, work, and engage with others?
4. What areas, behaviors, or patterns in your own life would be cited in God's court of justice?



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