

A stylized, light-colored outline of an open book is centered in the background. The book's pages are slightly curved, and its spine is visible in the center. The entire graphic is set against a circular, textured orange background.

MICAH

Micah 2

“Incomparable Removal”

*What do we need God to remove from us
individually and corporately?*

What would remain?

“In 2:1-11 Micah states the reasons for the previous devastation, charging that those in positions of leadership, wealth, power, and control were guilty of the sins of greed, covetousness, oppression, corruption, fraud, and theft. And their highly paid false prophets predicted nothing but prosperity for them, thus encouraging them in their evil acts. These and other sins brought stern discipline from their covenant Lord. There is a warning here for his new covenant people as well. Such sins do bring judgment. People reap what they sow (Gal 6:7-8). So do nations, whether Israel or America or any other modern power.”

- Barker, New American Commentary

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"But Jezebel [Ahab's] wife came to him and said to him, "Why is your spirit so vexed that you eat no food?" And he said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money, or else, if it please you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" And Jezebel his wife said to him, "Do you now govern Israel? Arise and eat bread and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

- 1 Kings 21:5-7

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Their Own Desire for Preaching

Their Own Enemies Evicted

“Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, for by all these the nations I am driving out before you have become unclean, and the land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. But you shall keep my statutes and my rules and do none of these abominations, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you (for the people of the land, who were before you, did all of these abominations, so that the land became unclean), lest the land vomit you out when you make it unclean, as it vomited out the nation that was before you.”

- Leviticus 18:24-28

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Not Everything Removed - “Remnant”

“I was afraid of his claws, I can tell you, but I was pretty nearly desperate now. So I just lay flat down on my back to let him do it. The very first tear he made was so deep that I thought it had gone right into my heart. And when he began pulling the skin off, it hurt worse than anything I’ve ever felt. The only thing that made me able to bear it was just the pleasure of feeling the stuff peel off. Well, he peeled the beastly stuff right off—just as I thought I’d done it myself the other three times, only they hadn’t hurt—”

- Eustace in C.S Lewis’ The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

“—and there it was lying on the grass: only ever so much thicker, and darker, and more knobbly-looking than the others had been. And there was I as smooth and soft as a peeled switch and smaller than I had been. Then he caught hold of me—I didn’t like that much for I was very tender underneath now that I’d no skin on—and threw me into the water. It smarted like anything but only for a moment. After that it became perfectly delicious and as soon as I started swimming and splashing I found that all the pain had gone from my arm. And then I saw why. I’d turned into a boy again.” - Eustace in C.S Lewis’ *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*

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Not without Escape or Future – Shepherd King

Who is like the Lord our Good Shepherd!