

**The Incomparable God**  
**2. God the king (Micah 2v1-13)**

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**Introduction**

- what does God care about?

**God cares about a greedy and oppressive society (v1-5)**

- the problem
  
- the root

**God cares about a corrupt and lying church (v6-11)**

- collusion
  
- compromise

**God offers hope for his people through a mighty king (v12-13)**

- ingathering
  
- liberation

**Conclusion**

**Bible references:** Micah 3:5, 2 Tim. 4:3

**Micah 2v1-13 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them. They defraud a man of his home, a fellow man of his inheritance.

<sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> In that day men 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.'" <sup>5</sup> Therefore you will have no-one in the assembly of the LORD to divide the land by lot.

<sup>6</sup> "Do not prophesy," their prophets say. "Do not prophesy about these things; disgrace will not overtake us." <sup>7</sup> Should it be said, O house of Jacob: "Is the Spirit of the LORD angry? Does he do such things?" "Do not my words do good to him whose ways are upright?" <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> You drive the women of my people from their pleasant homes. You take away my blessing from their children forever. <sup>10</sup> Get up, go away! For this is not your resting place, because it is defiled, it is ruined, beyond all remedy. <sup>11</sup> If a liar and deceiver comes and says, 'I will prophesy for you plenty of wine and beer,' he would be just the prophet for this people!

<sup>12</sup> "I will surely gather all of you, O 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. <sup>13</sup> 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."

### Timeline for Micah

- c1000 BC United kingdom under David and Solomon
- c920 BC Kingdom divides into northern kingdom (Israel) and southern kingdom (Judah)
- c740-700 BC Ministry of Micah
- 722 BC Assyria destroys northern kingdom of Israel
- 701 BC Assyria invades Judah but kingdom is spared
- 597 BC Judah falls to Babylon and its people go into exile