

BIBLE CHARACTERS ARE REAL, NOT MYTHS



- These are ordinary people
- They had all sorts of issues in their lives, just as we do
- We have every right to ask why this or that person made the choices that they did
- Micah viewed things through his life experiences
- Micah spoke and wrote as typical in his day

FOR I BROUGHT YOU UP...

MICAH 6:4

- Micah mixes literary genre in his own style
- God reminds Israel of their history, identity, why they exist
- 1) God speaks what was done for Israel
- 2) Who brought it about
- A word play: “God wearying” *hel’etika*, “God brought up” *he’elitikah*
- NOT “life of slavery”, but rather “house of servants”
- Better “ransomed” than “redeemed”



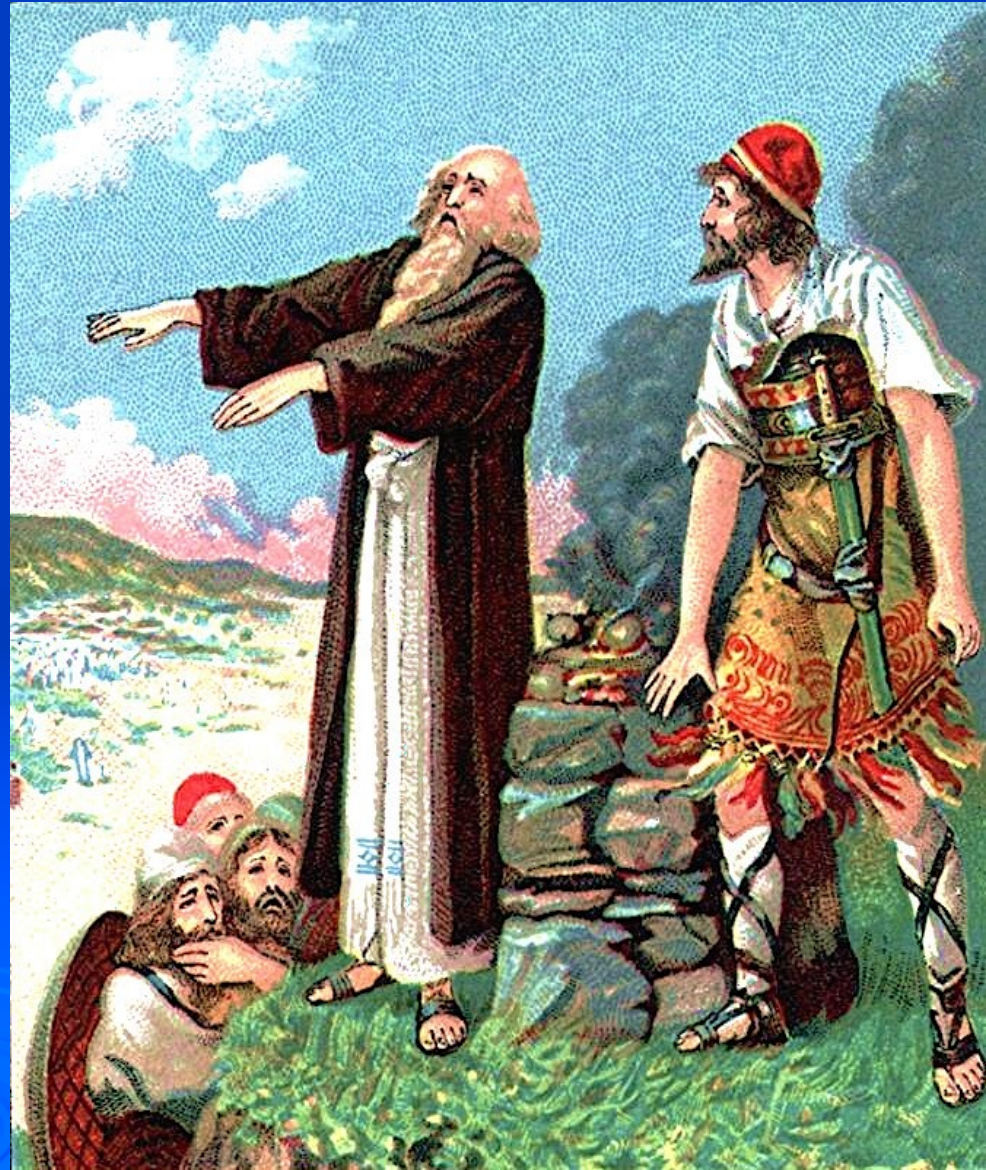
Moses, Aaron & Miriam



- The Lord sees Israel as forgetting who saved them
- Yehoveh is declaring Himself as Israel's leader
- The Supreme Leader sent others as operational leaders
- Moses, Aaron, Miriam were prophets
- Moses communicated audibly with God, Aaron via *Urim* and *Thummim*, Miriam led the women in spirit

BALAAM AND BALAK

- Aaron is not mentioned in future Prophets
- Why did Aaron merit the High Priest role?
- Micah 6:5 God says to remember what Balak and Balaam intended, but God blocked
- “My people” means Israel remains God’s covenant people with the covenant still intact
- Sheetim to Gilgal speaks of Israel’s journey on the East and West side of the Jordan River



Don't have faith
**Like a Reed
in the Wind**



- NOT “saving deeds” of YHWH, it is “righteous deeds”
- *Tzedakah* = righteous
- After God blessing us in so many ways, something bad comes along and we wonder if God is still there
- A sign of an unsteady mind and faith
- It will never be God in our relationship with Him that would be unfaithful or absent!

THE IGNORANCE OF JOSIAH



- Micah 6:6
- Israel feeling convicted responds to God
- Why is what Israel is hearing from Micah new information?
- Josiah allows an Asherah in the Temple
- A Torah scroll is discovered, Josiah hears it, and is gripped with grief
- Josiah didn't know the truth. Why not?

THE LOW-INFORMATION CHURCH

A large crowd of people is gathered in a church sanctuary, filling the pews. Many individuals have their hands raised in the air, suggesting a moment of worship or praise. The scene is illuminated by bright blue stage lights, creating a vibrant atmosphere. In the background, an American flag is visible on a stage. The overall impression is one of a large, active religious gathering.

- The Church is full of well meaning people
- Church leaders only supply homilies and dogma
- Modern God worshippers have no excuse for not fact-checking the leaders/teachers. A willful ignorance
- Pray we don't become like Israel in Micah, that didn't even know how to make reparations to God

**With what shall I come before Jehovah,
and bow myself before God on high?**

Micah 6:6



- “Israel” is present as an anonymous figurative person
- There are very earnest God seekers who operate out of ignorance
- Israel in Micah’s day knew so little of Torah that they didn’t know what to bring God as a gift
- Deuteronomy 10:12 – 13
- Restoring relationship with God has a sequence

THE PAGAN REPLACED THE HOLY



- Israel was certain its ways of worship were in line with God, but they were ignorant
- Micah 6:7
- The people are actually asking if it is the number of animals they sacrifice that restores their relationship with god
- Even worse, they seriously ask if a child sacrifice might be what it takes!

What does the
LORD

require of you, but to

Act Justly

to **LOVE MERCY** and to

Walk Humbly

WITH
YOUR **GOD**

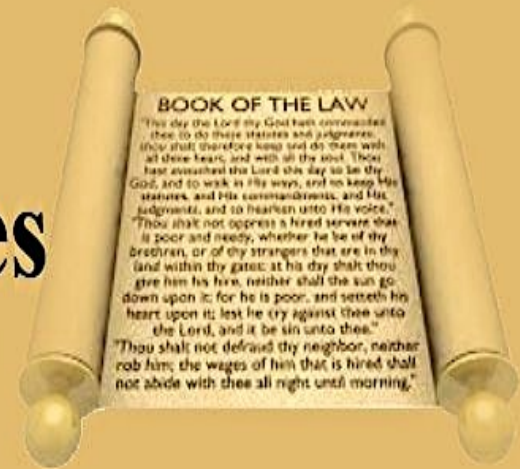
MICAH 6:8



- The Hebrew reveals that the term “man” is *adam*
- *Adam* indicates all humans... universality
- Christendom waters this down to mean to act in “love”... whatever that means to you
- Same thought is found in Mark 12:32 – 34
- God has instilled in humans a sense of morality
- Morality is a unique human attribute that no other creature has



The Law of Moses tells us what is good



- God calls Israel's religious leadership "haters of good"
- Isaiah 1:16 – 17
- Jeremiah 22:15 -16
- The source of learning "what is good" is The Law of Moses
- These are Wisdom Sayings meant to inform everyone what pleases God
- If we walk in God's ways, there is no need to sacrifice animals to pay for our sins