

BIBLE CHARACTERS ARE REAL, NOT MYTHS

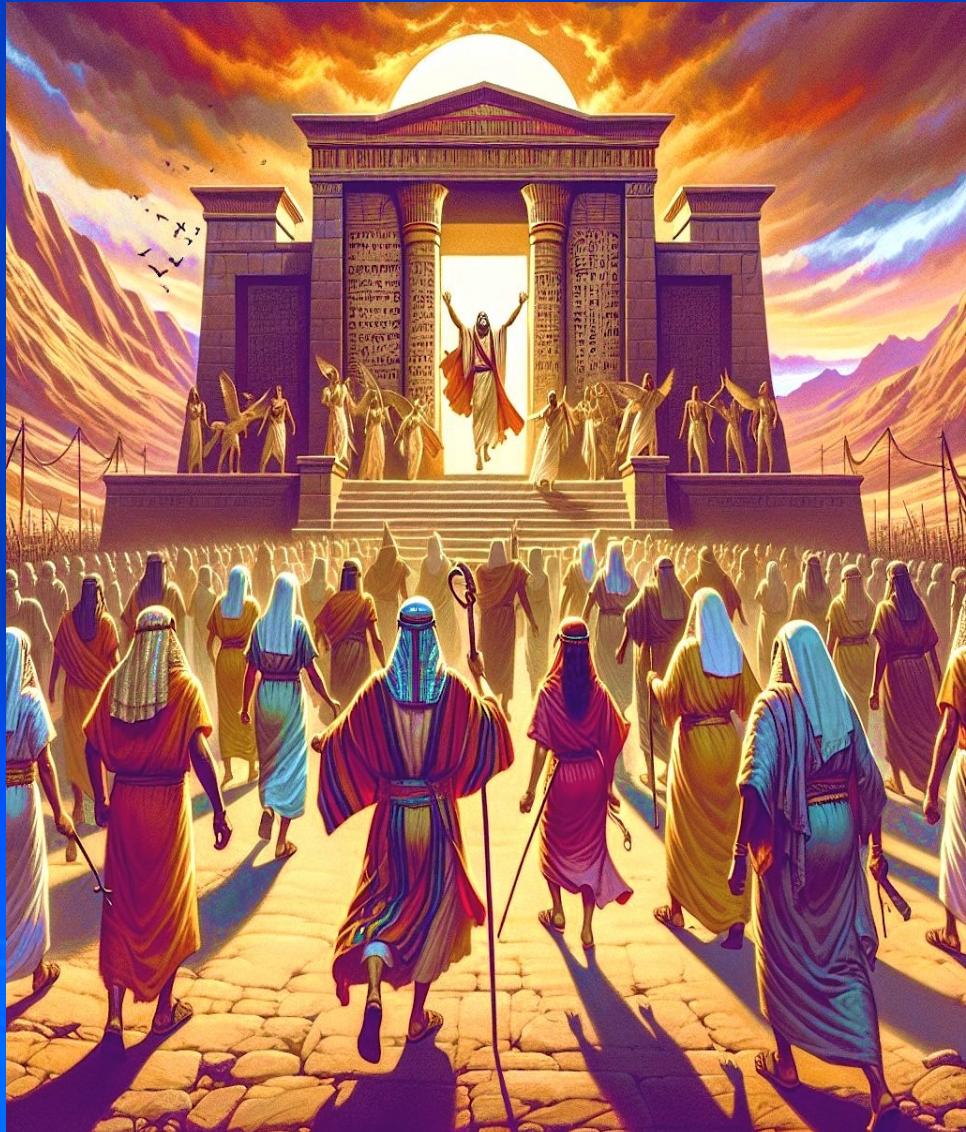


- These are ordinary people
- They had all sorts of issues in their lives, just as we do
- We have every right to ask why this or that person made the choices that they did
- Micah viewed things through his life experiences
- Micah spoke and wrote as typical in his day

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”



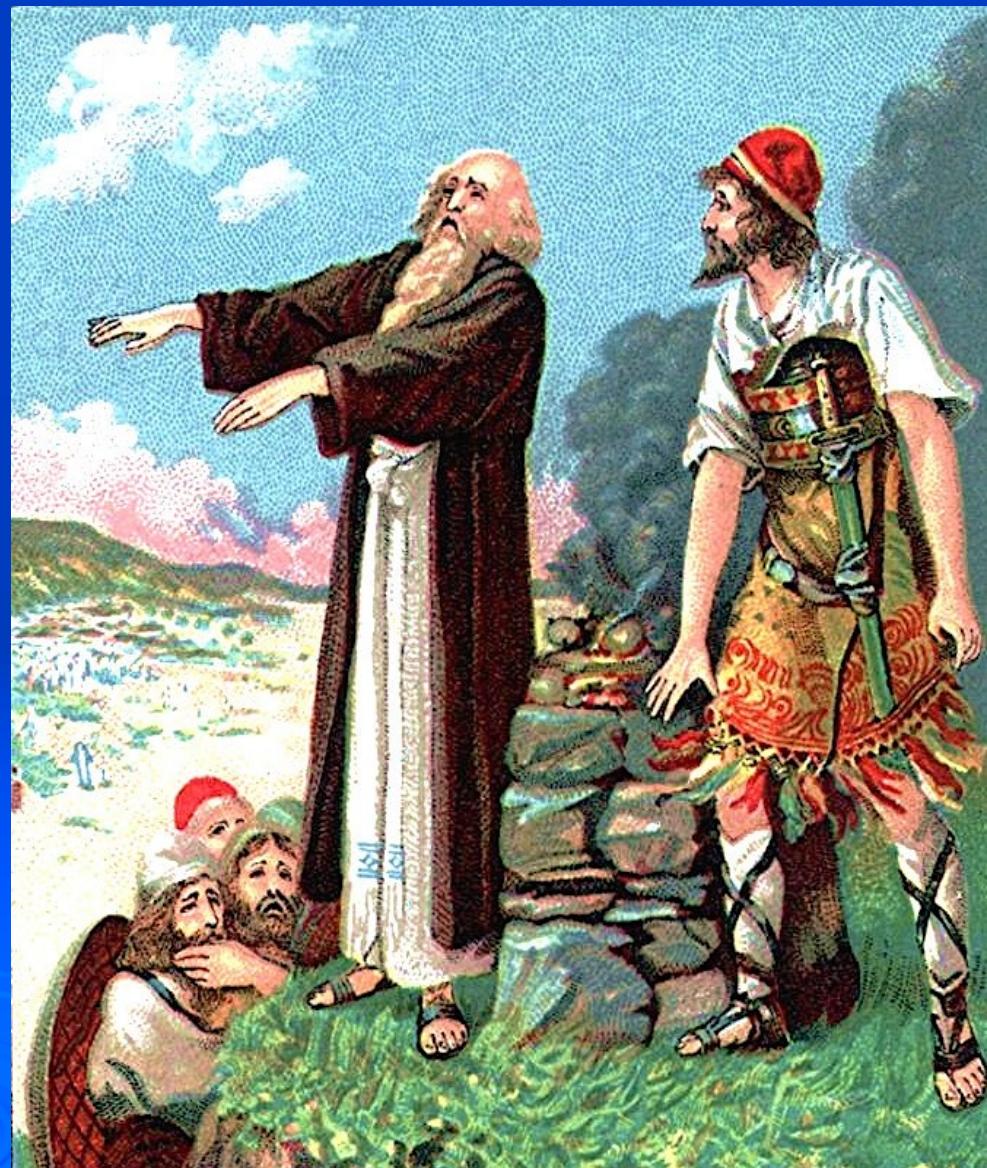
Moses, Aaron & Miriam



- 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

BALAAAM 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

- 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



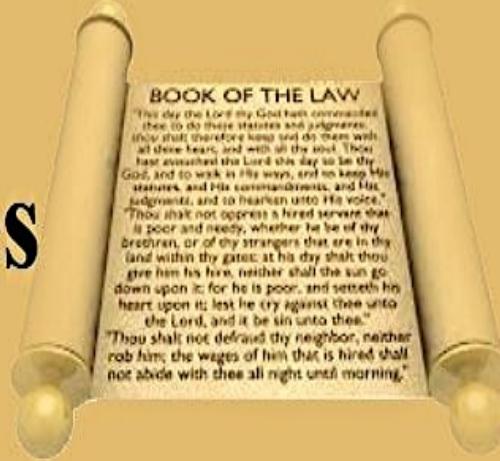
- The Hebrew reveals that the term “man” is **adam**
- **Adam** indicates all humans... universality
- Christendom waters this down to mean to act in “love”... whatever that means to you
- Same thought is found in Mark 12:32 – 34
- God has instilled in humans a sense of morality
- Morality is a unique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



The Law of Moses tells us what is good

BOOK OF THE LAW

"This day the Lord thy God has commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep them and do them with a perfect heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might; that thou mayest long live, and that it may go well with thee, and that thou mayest be saved, and inherit the good land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. And the Lord said unto Moses, See, I have given thee commandments, statutes, and judgments, which thou shalt teach the children of Israel, that they may do in the land which I give them: that thou mayest live long upon the land which I give them. And when thou goest into thy harvest, thou shalt not oppress thy hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of the strangers that are in the land within thy gates: at his day shalt thou give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it: for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the Lord, and it be sin unto thee. Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbor, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until morning."



- 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