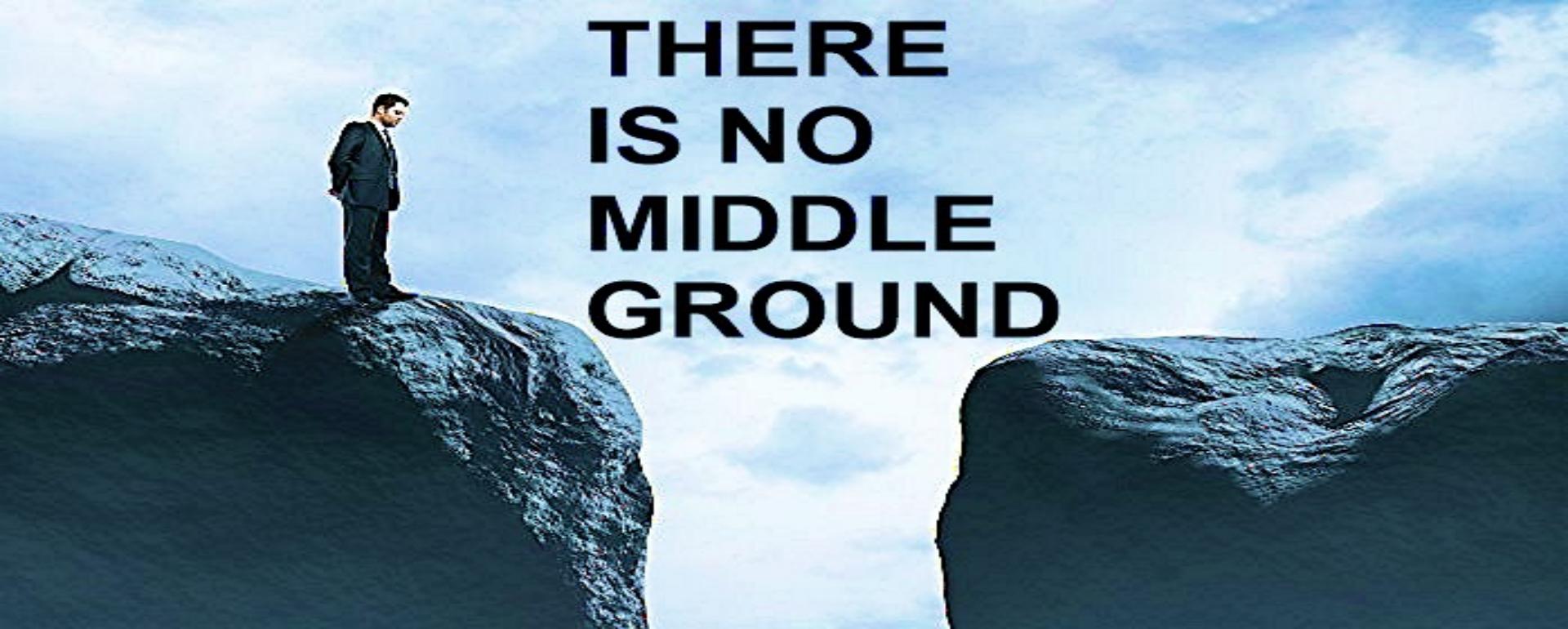


- Josiah thought he knew God's laws and commands, but he found out he didn't!
- Micah finds himself under national and personal conviction for believing wrongly his entire life
- Hebrew Roots movement is about moving away from Constantinian Christianity and back to biblical truth
- The question is always: "What do we do about it?"



THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND

- Revelation 3:14 – 16 “... *you are neither hot nor cold. How I wish you were either one or the other!*”
- Trying to be in the middle is not tolerance, or gentleness, or love. It is delusion and disobedience
- Micah is confronted with his own faults and folly
- He discovered divine truth, and there was no turning back



MICAH

CHAPTER 7

“Woe to me”

- Micah like all the other Israelites of his day
- Micah exhibits true repentance
- The Israelites probably saw Micah as harsh and judgmental
- But, Micah was deeply distressed about himself
- Habakkuk 1:1 – 4
- Seeing our wrongdoing is painful

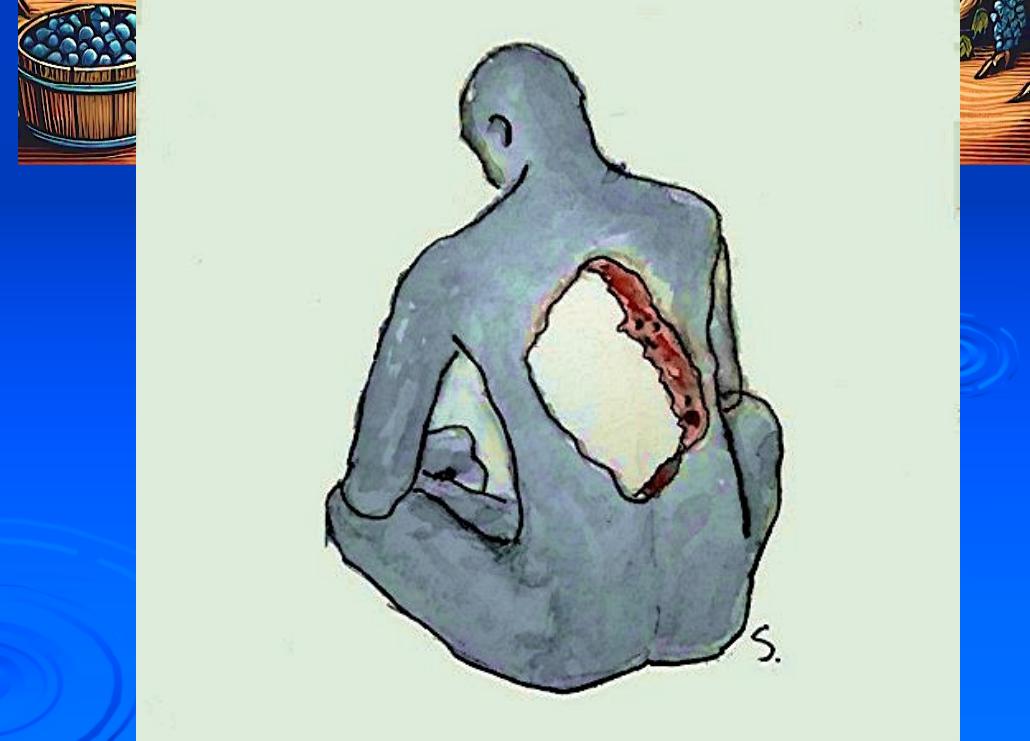
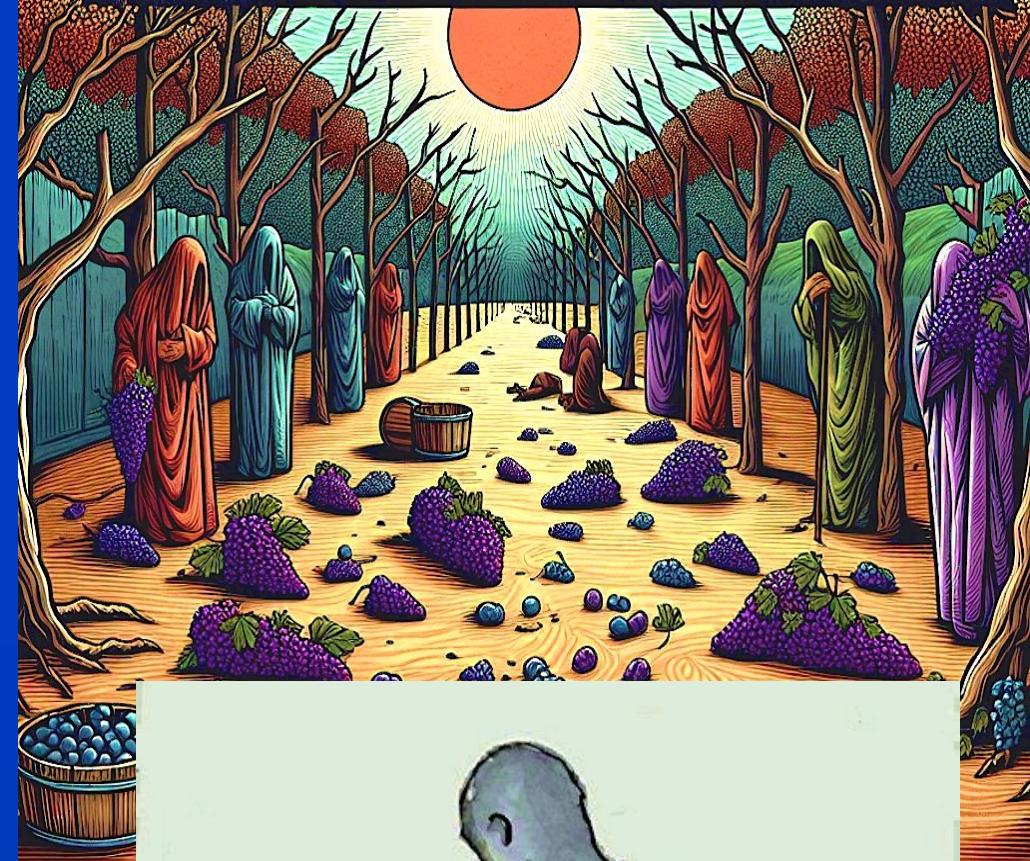


Micah's words
likely written
over several
years

- What Micah 6:14 – foretells, Micah 7 seems to speak of the fulfillment
- Kiel and Delitzsch *“The Prophet responds to the threatening of the Lord...”*
- They see the corruption of the religious institution as something of the past, but it is not applicable to the modern Church

LACK AND EMPTINESS

- Micah uses metaphor and simile to explain how he is feeling
- Isaiah 28:3 – 5
- Hosea 9:10 – 12
- Micah at this moment is focusing on the northern kingdom of Ephraim
- Micah likely witnessed Assyrian's invasion
- These are most likely NOT End Times events



LOOKING FOR ONE RIGHTOUS MAN



- Micah 7:2
- *Eretz* = land or earth
- Israel sees the corruption of pagan nations, but not themselves
- Jeremiah 5:1
- Poetic hyperbole, saying at one time there were Godly people in Israel, but no more
- Many from the northern kingdom moved to Judah

THE EVIL ELITE ALWAYS WIN



- Micah 7:3
- The Israelites now specialize in evil, not good
- Not a Prince AND a Judge, rather the Prince AS judge
- ***Tzedek Mishpat*** = righteous justice
- ***Vehagadol*** = the great = the elite
- The Great Man is doing what comes naturally to him...evil



Confusion

- Micah 7:4
- Micah, pessimistic, doesn't see much of any good going on as he looks through God's angry eyes
- Even those who are “good” are like a briar
- What is left but for God to act in wrath?
- Watchmen are God's true Prophets
- Isaiah 22:5 The Prophet will not be there to help Israel find its way when these acts of wrath finally hit them



When Prophets Speak

the prophecy is
activated

- Like an explosion that has been set off, once a prophet speaks God's prophecy, nothing can reverse it
- Micah 7:5 and 6 are poetic parallelism
- Don't trust or don't believe more means don't rely on
- 3 categories of people in the sphere of typical human relationships: friend, leader, wife (spouse)



Truth & Consequences

- The high degree of sin in Israel wrought havoc on Israel's society at every level
- Vs. 6 speaks of the most intimate of social bonds, which is family
- Matthew 10:35 – 37
This is Yeshua responding to Micah 7:6
- Breakdown of the social fabric is a common theme in other cultures as well, such as the Erra Epic