

THE MERCY OF GOD EMERGES



- The end of the cycle is coming!
- Micah chapter 7 is more about what happens in the End Times
- Chapter 7 begins with Micah realizing his and his nation's condition before God
- Micah had not been an especially enlightened person before this oracle

SOCIETAL BREAKDOWN



- Micah 7:5 & 6 A picture of societal breakdown in Israel
- An impassable chasm between the ungodly and Godly
- The breakdown begins with the family unit
- The most basic attribute of an individual in a family is gender and the accompanying gender roles
- When gender is attacked, chaos and confusion reign

THE CONSEQUENCES OF GENDER CONFUSION



- A misgendered person weakens the family, and the nation formed by these families also weakens
- All that remains is to expect judgment and wrath
- Due to what God has already told us, the next stage of history is calamity as punishment
- Micah 6:8 “... ***you have ... been told what is good...***”
- How much more we know today because history has exposed so much more than in Micah’s day

A Ray Of Hope

*When all seemed lost,
hope was on the horizon.*

- Micah 7:7
- This is speaking from the position of the speaker as experiencing the suffering of God's wrath
- This hope comes from the 12 Minor Prophets that have revealed this in God's oracles
- Israel's identity is STILL as God's people
- Micah 7:1 balances Micah 7:7



WAITING ON

God

- The 10 tribes of the Northern Kingdom waited on God for 27 centuries!
- Our modern perspective on waiting is too narrow; it is not that God is more distant or has become tardy
- God of my salvation means God of my deliverance, for Micah does not refer to having sins forgiven
- Micah's deliverance was from oppression of an enemy

YHWH is my light!

Micah 7:8



- Micah's view is thru the windshield of time and not the rearview mirror of history
- What is Micah's timeline? He doesn't know
- In his immediate future is the invasion of Assyria
- Later, the Babylonian invasion of Judah
- The final fulfillment is still future to us
- When darkness is our fate, the light is still there!

Submission Confession



- Micah 7:9 Darkness due to our sins
- Until we can see our sin, confession is moot
- Even though God set those nations upon Israel, at some point enough is enough
- Iran, with its proxies, is a good example of going much too far in punishing intransigent Israel and is now facing God's rage, but they don't know it
- Romans 11:22

GOD TURNS THE TABLES

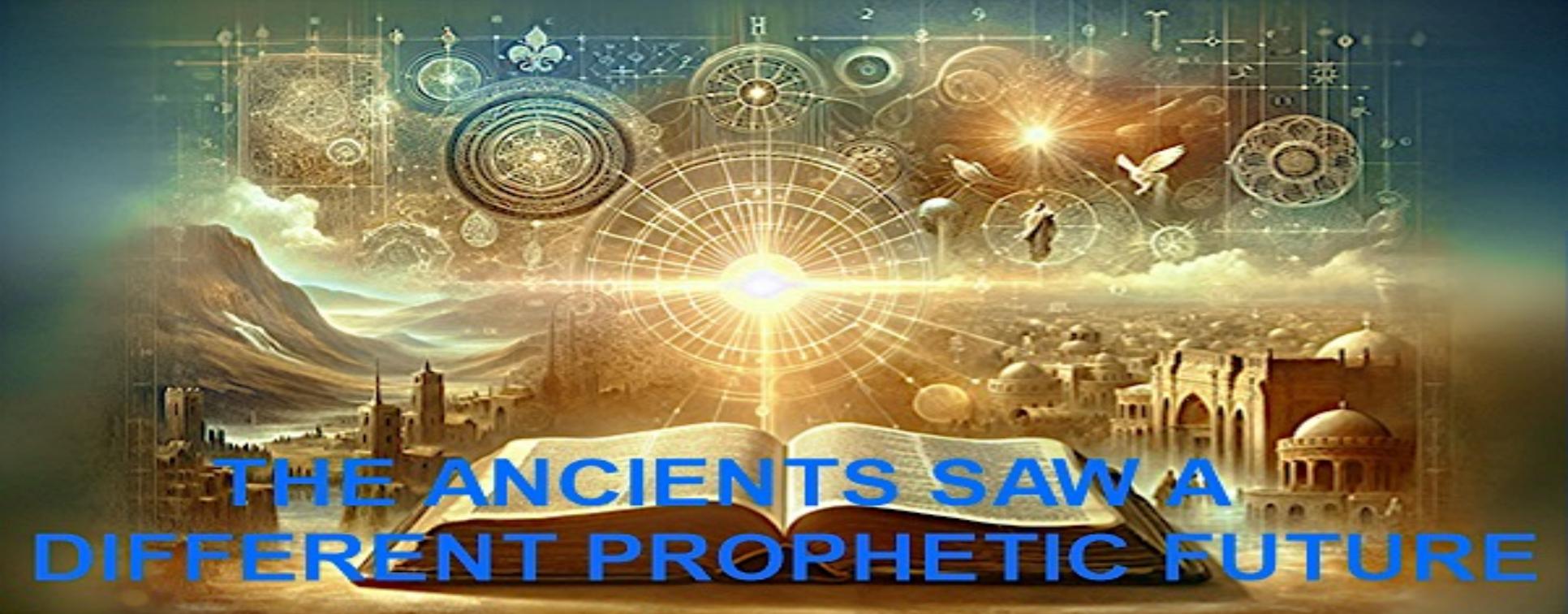
- Micah 7:10
- Israel taunts their enemies as the enemy now suffers shame
- This reversal is God taking retribution on Israel's former oppressors
- Retribution is about proportional justice
- God is not the head of a Democracy, and the majority does not rule in His economy
- God is looking for a faithful remnant who will do what is right in His eyes





The Rebuilding of Jerusalem's Walls

- Micah 7:11 & 12 *“That will be the day for...”*
- Many different interpretations due to the difficulty of the passage... and whether it is corrupted or not
- “the day”, “that day”, “a day” is eschatological (the future referring to End Times events)
- The future is relative, based on where one stands in history



THE ANCIENTS SAW A DIFFERENT PROPHETIC FUTURE

- A Prophet had no idea when a prophecy would be fulfilled
- Because some prophecies have already been fulfilled, the future we see is different than the future the ancients saw
- 3 events emerge: 1) a day for rebuilding , 2) a day for expanding, 3) a day for something to come



REBUILDING OUR BROKEN WALLS

- “Rebuilding the walls” symbolic of restoration, all sins and shame removed, cycle of punishment and exile is over permanently.
- *Choq* = rule, limit, something decreed (border?)
- Probably means an expansion of Israel’s territory to the greatest it has ever been
- A return of the dispersed from Assyria, Egypt, and other distant places (is not about a messianic hero)