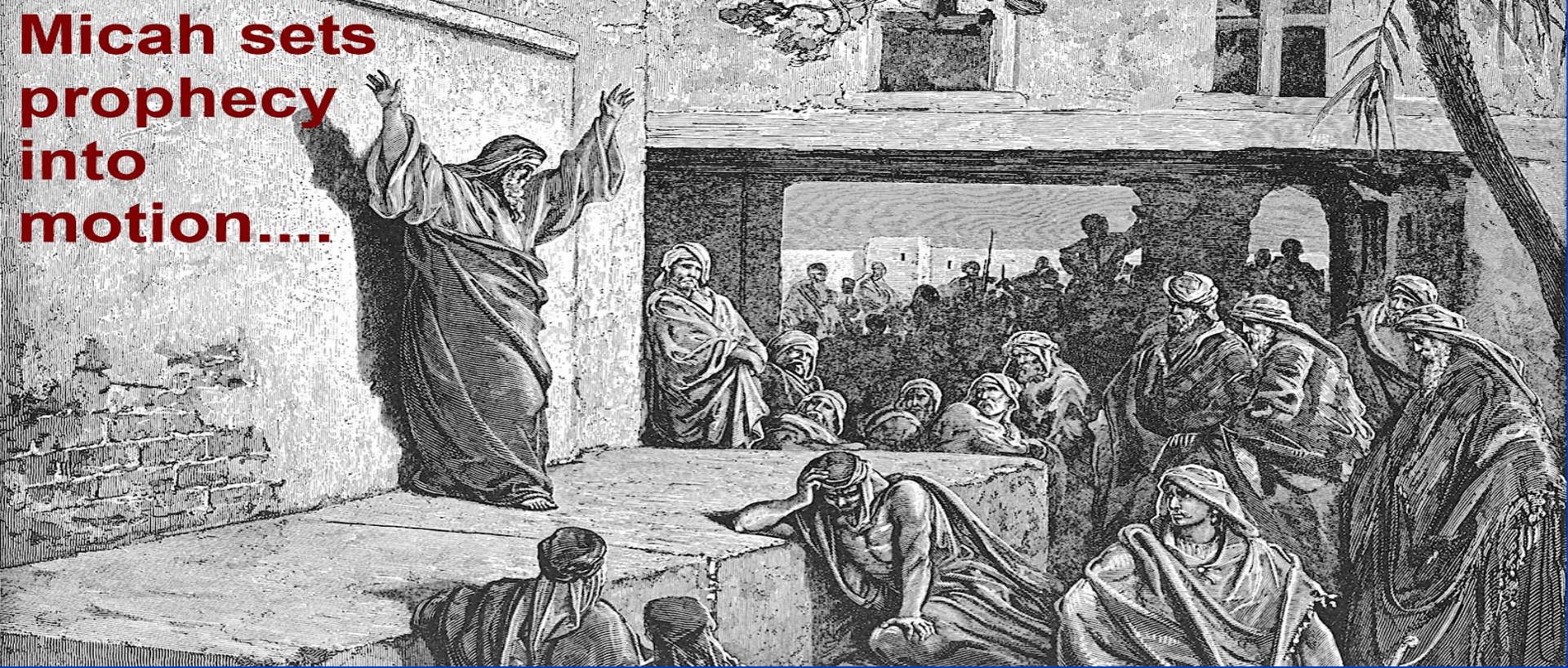


Micah sets prophecy into motion....



- Micah in a nearly inconsolable grief over this prophecy
- Micah's state of mind results in his thoughts darting from one to the next, and in unintelligible groans
- Micah is a participant... not a dispassionate observer
- Bible scholars tend to want to re-write his words, which only tends to obscure his high state of emotion

GOD'S PERFECT JUSTICE

A golden scale of justice is depicted, balanced on a large, billowing cloud. The scale is ornate, with two pans hanging from a central point. Behind the scale is a bright, circular light source, creating a halo effect and casting rays of light. The scene is framed by two golden columns on either side, suggesting a temple or a place of divine judgment. The overall atmosphere is one of divine justice and light.

- The Pattern:
- God calls all to hear, God appears, He accuses, renders a verdict
- The calamity of judgment is due to Israel's idolatry
- Marashah is not the same as Moresheth (Micah's hometown)
- The first invader turns out to be Assyria

- Adullam a city to the south
- 1Samuel 22 and 2Samual 23 tell the story of Adullam
- Glory = *kavod*
- The Glory a name for a manifestation of God
- “Shave your heads!”
- A customary mourning ritual
- Deuteronomy 14:1
- “Children of your delight” means Israelite captives



DAVID IN
THE CAVE
OF
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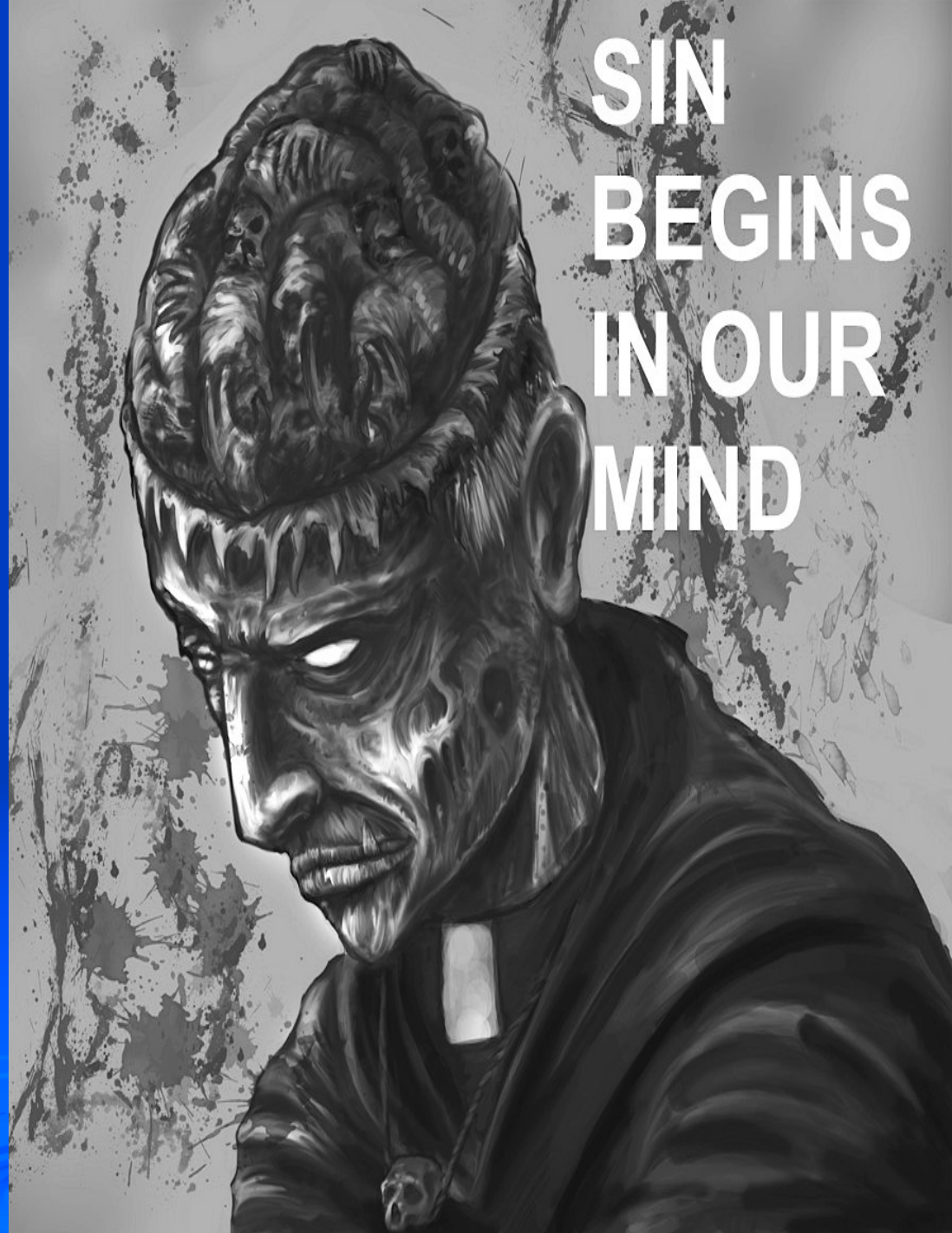


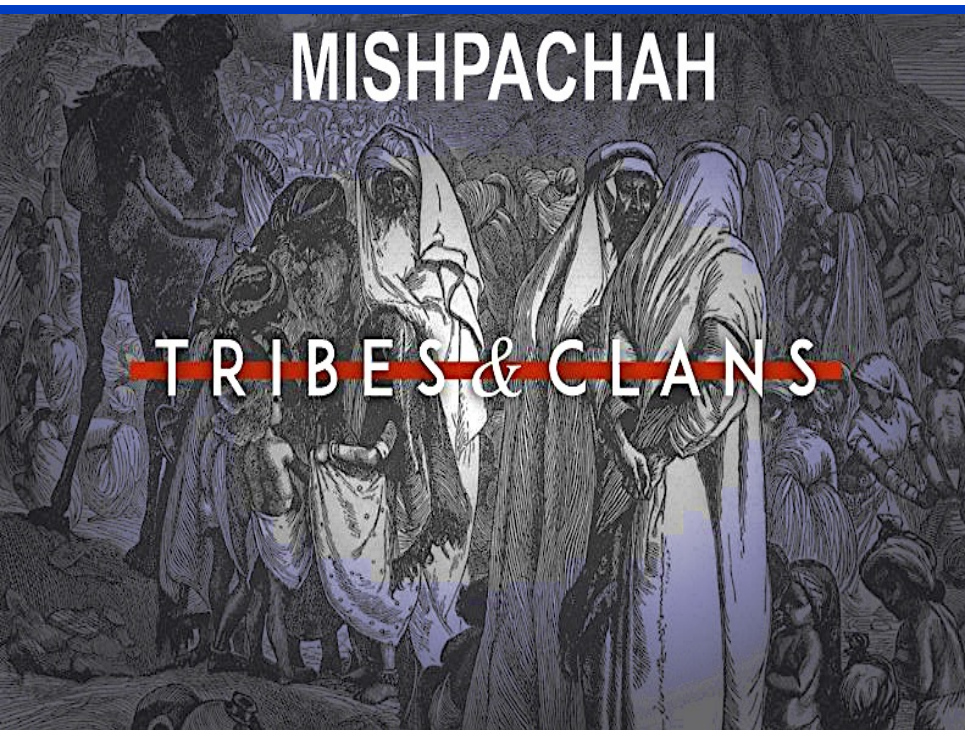
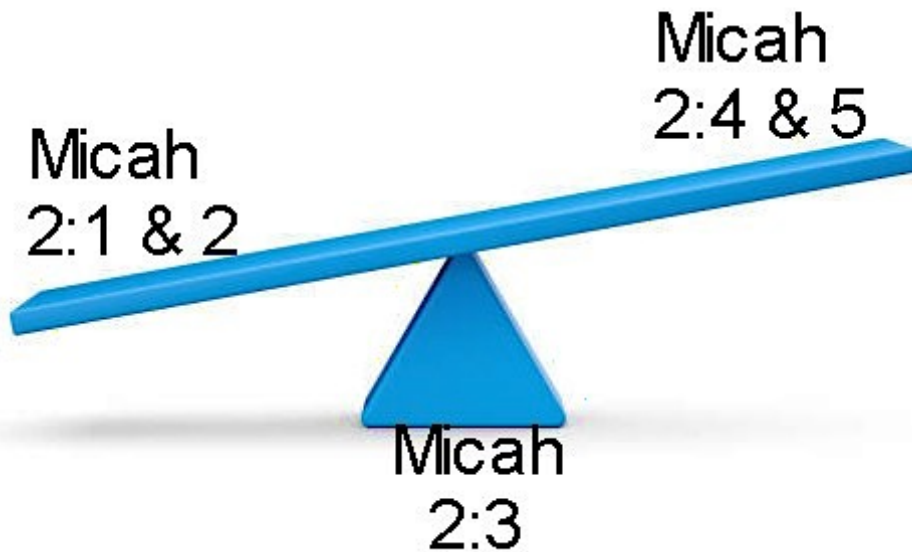
Woe to them that devise iniquity,
and work evil upon their beds!
when the morning is light, they practise it,
because it is in the power of their hand.

Micah 2:1

- Opening verse alludes to Psalm 36
- An oracle of woe
- Chapter 2 primarily about human-to-human transgressions
- Mark 7:21
- Evil is not spontaneous, it is mulled over and decided upon
- The evil-doer covets, then plots
- Matthew 5:21 - 24

- Covetous nature
- How do I get more?
- Might makes right is the attitude of the pagan world
- Proverbs 3:27 – 28
- Our bodies follow our mind, not the other way around
- Land is held by the family from the time of Moses and Joshua
- To take away a man's land is to break the terms of the covenant

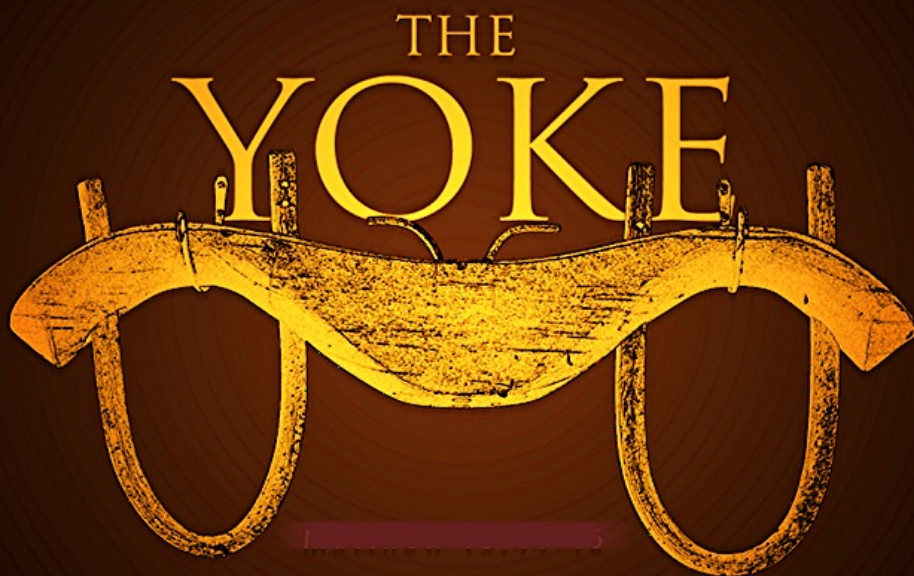




- Micah 2:3, on and off poetry is “off”
- Vss. 1 – 5 form a literary unit, an oracle of woe
- Proportional justice: if a family is harmed, a family is punished
- In the West, a family is thought of as an “immediate” family
- The Hebrew sense of family is larger
- The land involved was given tribe-by-tribe

Does God Create Evil?

- **Rah** = evil, disaster, calamity, misery
- Isaiah 45:7
- “Preparing evil” & “planning evil”
- It is premeditated and not spontaneous
- “Yoke” is not a negative word
- It refers to a set of obligations
- The planned “evil” happened when Assyria invaded the northern kingdom, and later Judah





- Micah 2:4 Back to some poetry!
- “On that day they will take up a lament, with a lament of lamentation” ***nahah, nehi, nihyah***
- Probably 2 different speakers on 2 occasions
- The “they” must be those speaking the lament, so “they” are Israel
- “They” are going to lose their nation: Ephraim/Israel



God's Restoration of Israel

- At the time of restoration no Israelite will be able to prove his former tribal/family land boundaries
- Micah's pronouncement makes it clear that the exile will be so long, that all such records or people to identify the boundaries no longer exist
- Assyria is God's hand of judgment on Israel

CONFRONTING FALSE PROPHETS



- Micah 2:6 “Don’t preach” YLT “Ye do not prophesy”
- ***Nataph*** = means prophesy, not preach
- The prophets are part of the conspiracy of religious leaders to lie to the people
- Prophets were graduates of Prophet Academies
- True Prophets were called by God from other occupations, didn’t choose themselves to be prophets