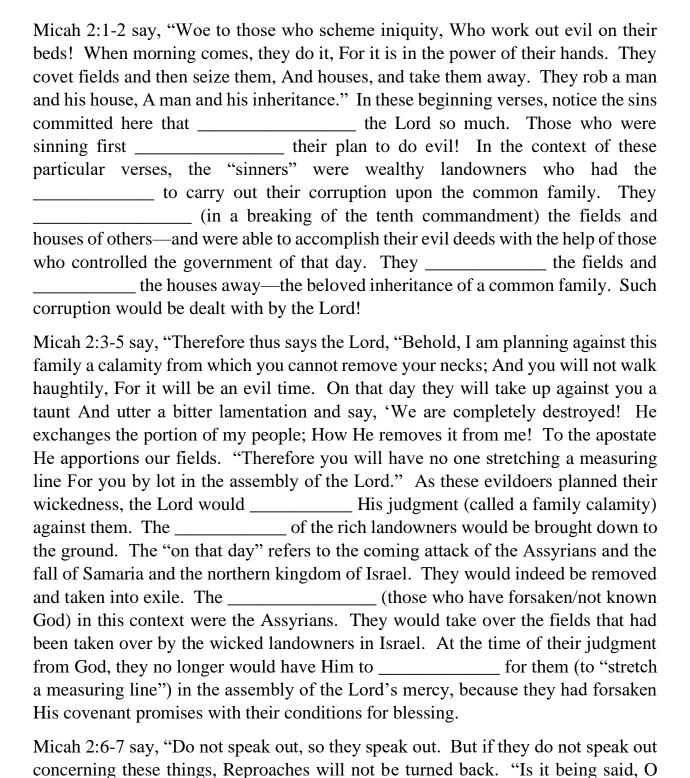
Micah 2



house of Jacob: 'Is the Spirit of the Lord impatient? Are these His doings? Do not

my words do good To the one walking uprightly?" Just as we have studied the need
to discern false prophets from 2 Corinthians, so were
active in Micah's day as well. They had been speaking out lies of comfort, rather
than the need to repent with great humility unto the Lord for their many sins. Micah
brought for their questions to God: "Is the Spirit of the Lord impatient? Are these
His doings?" The false prophets could not believe that the Lord could possibly judge
them and those deceived by them for their sins. But the Lord responded His absolute
: "Do not My words do To the one walking
uprightly?" As always, the Lord never changes His standard for faith and salvation.
From the verses to follow, the Lord would speak about Israel.
Micah 2:8-11 say, "Recently My people have arisen as an enemy—You strip the
robe off the garment From unsuspecting passers-by, From those returned from war.
"The women of My people you evict, Each one from her pleasant house. From her
children you take My splendor forever. "Arise and go, For this is no place of rest
Because of the uncleanness that brings on destruction, A painful destruction. "If a
man walking after wind and falsehood Had told lies and said, 'I will speak out to
you concerning wine and liquor,' He would be spokesman to this people." The
of the people—mostly the wealthy, had demonstrated their
unfaithfulness to the Lord. Instead of being His friend by trusting and obeying Him,
they had "arisen as an enemy." They robbed the unsuspecting; they evicted families
from their homes; they so treated the Lord with contempt, that the Lord's
would be removed (for a season of unknown length) from the
children of Israel. They would be compelled to leave the land, which would be taken
from them by the Assyrians in terrible destruction. In biting, the
Lord described the total disregard for Him and for His word from Micah 2:11. The
people, and especially the leaders, had become hardened of heart to the voice of the
Lord. As a result, in 722-721 B.C., Israel fell to the Assyrians. It is recorded in the
annals of the Assyrians that 27,290 inhabitants were led away in captivity. Many
had previously been killed in the three-year siege. The Assyrians moved into the
cities of Israel ruthlessly.
Micah 2:12-13 say, "I will surely assemble all of you, Jacob, I will surely gather the
remnant of Israel. I will put them together like sheep in the fold; Like a flock in the
midst of its pasture They will be noisy with men. "The breaker goes up before them;
They break out, pass through the gate and go out by it. So their king goes on before
them, And the Lord at their head." In the closing verses for this chapter, a message
of is given. It is a message for the " (the few having

remained faithful to God out of many unfaithful – see Matthew 7:13-14) of Israel." They would recover from the Assyrian occupation of Israel—but Israel herself with the ten tribes that composed her, really could never return again to her former glory. But for the remnant, they would be put together again by the Lord like "sheep in the fold." They would be led by a king (Hezekiah assumedly), with the "_____ at their head."