

33-Micah-00-Transcript

so

[Music]

make a thing

don't get mad when they leave

[Music]

but i gotta go for mine

[Music]

no one's gonna do it for me for me

check

so

yeah yeah

so wonderful hey reg how are you good so

monday yeah on monday if uh

got a

call from her hubby he was in the

hospital so he may have to go home

tonight or tomorrow you would have to go

this long no

so uh you should tell jennifer maybe you

could do your performance tomorrow yeah

and they just maybe rearrange things

yeah really yeah i'll mention it to her

just in case yeah yeah yeah yeah

well so his husband is

basically going into civic they moved up

the time for the surgery no no no he had

something wrong with his elbow

just keeps falling

so he had he was in the emergency ward

today so they're gonna let him go home

tonight i think i see but she has to oh

this is a recent thing this is something

new

oh wow

okay so she has to find out whether she

has to go home i say

wow okay so if she does oh there's

jennifer now

jen

and do you know harry

harry harry

he's in our kawartha lakes congregation

kawartha lakes congregation thanks
yeah i was gonna ask someone else for
some underwater uh he may have to leave
uh tomorrow because violet's husband has
a has been taken to the hospital
so maybe he could do his special music
earlier to do it tomorrow

who does

[Music]

[Music]

[Music]

so

[Music]

so

[Music]

[Music]

so

[Music]

so

[Music]

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[Music]

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[Music]

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[Music]

[Music]

so

[Applause]

[Music]

[Music]

so

[Music]

so

[Music]

[Music]

so

[Music]

[Music]

[Music]

hmm

[Applause]

so godfrey do i have am i own

all right well good evening brethren

i know we'll probably have some people
struggling in after 7 30.

but because we are broadcasting online
to our online audience i do have to
start on time i'm getting a little bit
of an echo um

brother godfrey

so brethren come on in

and i'm just going to go ahead and start
the broadcast here

[Applause]

okay

[Music]

[Applause]

[Music]

oh

[Music]

so

[Applause]

[Music]

i should have asked for the wi-fi
there's no quote for the wi-fi right

[Applause]

well greetings brethren and welcome to
the bible study those of you who are
here and also to our online audience and
i apologize to our online audience that
you have me on an angle but we're also
filming on another camera brother let's
begin with prayer i'll just ask you to
stand

with me as we approach god

our loving heavenly father we come

before you great god almighty

in very uncertain times

but we do thank you god for the
certainty of your word and the certainty
of your prophecies and we do thank you
god for the faithfulness of the prophets
and thank you that this evening we can
study uh the man micah and we pray god
that you'll bless us with deeper
understanding

deeper conviction and father just help

us to be ready to
lay down our lives if that's what's
required of us
we thank you great god we thank you for
the example that christ set for us and
we pray in his name amen
brethren please go ahead and be seated
i'm just going to see if i can quickly
switch
my wi-fi a pardon me for those of you
are online
uh i'll just see if i can get a better
signal here
and that way we don't get any
interruptions so brother what i'm going
to do tonight
is give you an overview
of the book of micah
so let me just get this code
i'm going to give you an overview of the
book of micah
i have been going through this book
chapter by chapter every morning at 9 00
a.m we're up to chapter five tomorrow
morning if you want to join us
and um today
i'm going to go through the whole book
not every verse but i want to give you
enough to sort of decode the book so you
can on your own
read it
and i want to start though in hebrews
so if we can go to hebrews chapter 5
and hopefully if you can just let me
know online if this is coming through
i've just switched the
internet connection so hopefully this is
much stronger
and
let's see here oh sorry they're saying
no sound so there we go um
hebrews 5.
let's go to hebrews 5 and i'll just
share online here

and there's a bit of context to this but
let's jump into verse 12
where the apostle here
is trying to communicate
to the hebrews
the significance of christ's priesthood
and and they're just not ready for it so
he has to hold back
this this profound truth that he wants
to communicate to them he basically
ditches it and says they're not ready
and he says this in verse 12
for when for the time
you ought to be teachers
you have need
that one teach you again which be the
first principles
of the oracles of god so we just we need
to go right back to first principles
which is really the foundation of
everything
but we have to go back to this
and i become such
as have need of milk
and not
of strong meat
and you can hear the disappointment
in him that he has come he wants to
teach these brethren and he's realizing
they're not ready there's so much more
he could give them but they're not ready
we
we're running out of time
we have to grow up
we we have to mature very quickly now
in order to face what's coming and i
thank my brother jan for his message
this morning it actually will introduce
tonight's topic
very very well
uh some of those visuals that he shared
will particularly be relevant to us
but as we go into this dark night
as we go into this uncertain future

we no longer have the luxury of being
immature christians
now is the time when we focus on
digesting meat i don't know if you've
ever had the experience i have where
you've bitten off more than you can chew
and and it's in your mouth and you can't
spit it out
so it's like okay i'm going to work with
this and you kind of have to work at it
for a while before you can swallow
and i think when we come to digesting
spiritual meat sometimes it's like that
we're enthusiastic we want to understand
but sometimes we just bite off a bit
much
and we have to be patient
and work with it and digest it
so let's go to micah
and there's a there's a scripture
in
chapter four
which is very relevant to us here at the
feast
and it's something that no doubt
you know all over the world every year
we're quoting if not michael were
quoting the equivalent the parallel
passage in isaiah chapter two
and
it's here in verse one
of micah four
but in the last days
it shall come to pass
that the mountain of the house of the
lord shall be established in the top of
the mountains
and it shall be exalted above the hills
and people shall flow unto it
and many nations shall come and say
come and let us go up to the mountain of
the lord
and to the house of the god of jacob
and he will teach us of his ways

and we will walk in his paths
for the law shall go forth of zion
and the word of the lord from jerusalem
and he shall judge among many people and
rebuke strong nations are far off
and they shall beat their swords into
plowshares
and their spirits into pruning hooks
nations shall not lift up sword against
nation
neither shall they learn war
anymore
they shall sit every man
under his vine and under his fig tree
and none shall make them afraid for the
mouth of the lord of hosts
has spoken

a passage we're all very very familiar
with especially during the feast
what i want to say to you brethren is
this this is the premise and i want to
lay this out
and then i'm going to rush through some
of the passages i don't want to i don't
want to get bogged down i just want to
give you the overall code how to decode
this book

and then i want to have a conversation
so let's make sure we have time those of
you are online you can ask questions as
well i'll check the chat but here we
have a microphone going around let's
have a conversation here's the premise
dipping into micah 4

for the feast of tabernacles
is milk

if that's all we do
that's milk

the apostle

we believe paul was frustrated with the
hebrew brethren

because they were just dining on milk
he couldn't give them the profound truth
of christ they were not ready for it

and if we just dip in and dip out of
micah 4 or isaiah 2
for this wonderful feast of tabernacles
message oh the law will go forth from
jerusalem and the whole world will be a
wonderful place to live in
this is milk
yes it's good news
yes it's the gospel
but it's not the whole gospel that micah
preached
we must understand the whole gospel
that's the meat
and we must digest the whole truth that
micah taught it's not to say that if i
just teach this
i i'm i'm not teaching the gospel
this is the gospel
but this is milk
and in a way what i'll say is this
in a way
if this is all i teach
i'm misrepresenting the gospel
and i'm misrepresenting god
that's the premise
that's what i'd like us to have a
conversation about
how do we ensure
that we preach the gospel precisely
and that we preach the gospel
comprehensively
micah
is like a mini isaiah
and isaiah is like a mini bible
our bible has 66 books
39 we call old testament 27 we call it
new testament isaiah has 66 chapters
39 are first isaiah or old testament
isaiah and 27 are new testament
our second isaiah and micah is like a
mini isaiah
so if we crack the code on micah
we can then crack the code on isaiah and
if we crack the code on isaiah we can

crack the code on the bible
and then when we preach the gospel
especially in these dark times in these
uncertain times we will be preaching it
precisely and comprehensively
and unlike the hebrews
when
bad news befell them
they had to reconsider their convictions
maybe they or reconsider their beliefs
because they hadn't really reached
conviction
maybe they're not really into this after
all
maybe christ is not lord after all i
didn't know what i was signing up for
and the apostle is like do not back down
you are called to be christians
you're called to follow christ
why are you afraid of death you died at
baptism go forward
go forward
and and preach this news as you go
forward and if it costs you your life
that's part of the preaching
and we can do that if we understand the
entirety of micah's message
so let me lay out the structure
in english
if i'm going to write an article
when i write the article i'm going to
give it a headline
and and that headline is going to be my
main point
is i get my the main point in my
headline and then i develop my thought
and so you read the article and you see
the point that i'm trying to make
hebrew structure is different
the headline will actually be in the
middle
and and they follow this is called sort
of a chiastic structure
where you it's a mirror image

you you sort of build up to the main point and then you build down from the main point so the main point of micah is in the middle

chapters four and five

represent the main point that micah is making this is the substantive point that he wants to communicate

why i say

preaching micah 4 or isaiah 2

in isolation

is milk

and and it's a misrepresentation of the gospel or it can be a misrepresentation of the gospel

because micah would never expect in giving this prophecy

that years later we would misquote him

he would expect that we would digest his whole message

and and deliver his whole message

it would be like this

a very a poor analogy

but i'm gonna leave here

and i'm gonna go and prepare a place for my wife

and i'm gonna i'm gonna just really knock myself out and make it the best i can for her

but i'm gonna be gone for a while

while i'm gone i know that this place is going to come under

some sort of trouble maybe there'll be a

hurricane there'll be bad weather

there'll be loss of power and i say to

you while i'm gone

let my wife know

that i'll be thinking of her

every minute of every hour of every day

and i will be coming back for her but

while i'm gone i'll be thinking of

nothing but her

and and when she comes the place is

going to be spectacular just tell her to

hold on and by the way when i come back
you're all invited
okay that's my message
i leave
and then my wife comes to you and says
what did adrian say and you say he said
when he comes back we're all invited
well it's true i did say that
but that's not the message i wanted you
to communicate
that was sort of beside the point
so there's a message here in micah
which we have to digest
and the structure of micah is like this
or let me say it this way the context of
the good news
that micah is presenting
is bad news
the only reason is good news is because
there's bad news
if there was no bad news there'd be no
need for good news
so micah
is very articulate about the bad news
so that we can appreciate the good news
and so the structure of micah is bad
news
with a glimpse of good news
bad news
with the good news
bad news with a glimpse of good news bad
news with a glimpse of good news
so four times he curses his people
and four times he provides the relief of
the good news
as we go forward into this darkness
into this time of uncertainty
we have to preach the gospel precisely
because the hebrews they didn't
understand it precisely
and when the bad news came they got
confused
instead of the bad news coming and they
of all people the hebrew christians

the bad news comes they of all people
should be able to turn to the gentile
christians and say let me tell you
what's going on here
don't lose your nerve this is what's
happening instead they lost their nerve
because they just thought it was just
going to be you know candy canes and
rainbows
so
if you're taking notes
here's the structure
of mica here's the here's how to decode
mica
chapter 1
to chapter 2
verse 11
is bad news
it's it's the curse of the covenant
chapter 2
verses 12 and 13
is a glimpse of the messianic good news
so you get the intense bad news
and a glimpse
of the good news in chapter 2 verses 12
to 13.
followed by chapter 3
verses 1 to 12
bad news
the curse of the covenant
bad bad news
followed by chapter 4
verse 1
until chapter 5 verse 9
really really really good news
and the central point of his gospel this
this is the the good news in detail high
definition
followed by
chapter 5
verses 10 to 14
bad news
curses again deuteronomic curses
followed by chapter 5 verse 15 a glimpse

of the good news
followed by
chapter 6
verse 1
to chapter 7
verse
7 or verse 6
bad news
curses of the covenant
followed by
chapter 7
verses 7 to 20.
good news
glimpse of the messiah
so the gospel according to messiah
according to micah is good news
in the context of the bad news
if you don't understand the bad news you
can't understand the good news if you
don't understand the bad news you can't
understand the you can't appreciate the
good news if you don't understand the
bad news you cannot stand
when everything around you collapses
if you were just thinking hey we just
hey we're called into the kingdom and we
just skip our way into the kingdom
when everything starts to collapse we're
gonna get confused
as opposed to understanding what god is
doing
and like micah when everything collapsed
yes he was impacted by it but he
understood it and he could stand firm
micah his name
means who is like god
who is like this covenant keeping god
who is like jehovah
who keeps covenant
we're certainly not we don't keep
covenant
the best example i've seen of someone
who keeps covenant is our brother harry
right here

made a covenant with his wife susan
and kept it for decades
even when she lost her mind and didn't
know who he was anymore that didn't
change his covenant to her
this this is what god wants us to see in
marriage
because he's married to israel
and he keeps covenant who is like god
who is like jehovah
so he says now
let's let's see the good news first
micah 4 we read
chapter 4 and again i'm just going to
skim through this i've given you the
code
you can go back through this on your own
time
but he says in verse 5
for all the gentiles
will walk every one in the name of his
god so when christ returns it's not
everybody's at one with god immediately
but israel is
for all these people will walk everyone
in the name of his god but we the
covenant people of god
we will walk in the name of the lord our
god forever and ever this is the
covenant keeping god
he's made a covenant with his people
he'll never turn his back on it go to
chapter 5 now in verse 2 to continue the
good news
but you
bethlehem ephrathah
though you belittle among the thousands
of judah
yet out of you shall he come forth unto
me that is to be ruler in israel
whose going forth
have been from old from everlasting this
is god
this is god is going to come out of

bethlehem
this is the gospel
this is the good news but mike has given
a tremendous context that we cannot
deviate from
he says in verse 3
therefore will he give them up until the
time that she which travails has brought
forth that zion then the remnant of his
brethren shall return
unto the children of israel
and he shall stand and feed in the
strength of the lord in the majesty of
the name of the lord his god and they
shall abide
for now shall he be great unto the ends
of the earth
and this man shall be the peace
when the assyrian shall come into our
land
so this is this is spoken of earlier but
he's showing at the end time when christ
returns he's going to put down the
assyrian
well micah understood that the challenge
is going to be with the assyrian at the
end time and this man shall be the peace
despite this bad news when the assyrian
shall come into our land and when he
shall tread in our palaces then we shall
raise against him seven shepherds and
eight principle man
and they shall
waste the land of assyria with the sword
the land of nimrod unless we get
confused and we're not sure where
assyria is he makes it clear
they shall waste the land of assyria
with the sword and the land of nimrod
that's babylon
in the entrances thereof
thus shall he deliver us from the
assyrian when he comes into our land
and when he treads

within
our borders
listen
and the remnant of jacob
whoever is left of jacob
shall be in the midst of many people as
a dew from the lord these are physical
human beings that are left of all of
this destruction that god has saved the
remnant of jacob shall be in the midst
of many people as a dew from the lord
as the showers upon the grass
that tarry is not for man nor waits for
the sons of men
and the remnant of jacob
shall be among the gentiles in the midst
of many people as a lion among the
beasts of the forest
these physical descendants of jacob are
going to destroy their gentile enemies
as a young lion among the flocks of
sheep
who if he go through both treads down
and tears in pieces and none shall
deliver
your hands shall be lifted up on your
adversaries
and all your enemies shall be cut off
and in the study this morning we talked
about deuteronomy
and all the pro we cannot understand the
prophets
unless we understand moises
moises lays down the framework for all
prophecy
and all the prophets do is amplify moises
bring moises into high definition
bring moises into this detailed high high
definition view
so all of this is in deuteronomy the
pattern is laid down in deuteronomy
mikhail is amplifying it
but this is the good news and this is
the center this is the centerpiece of

his argument
to understand it in context we have to
go back to chapter one
and we also have to go to chapter seven
we these are sort of the the book ends
of this good news and we have to digest
the meat is in the whole thing if we
just sweep in and pick up a couple of
verses that we like this is milk
meat is to digest the whole thing
so let's go back to chapter one
chapter one
the word of the lord that came to mika
the morashtite so we know he's a jew
in the days of jotham ahaz and hezekiah
so we know that he's
a contemporary with isaiah in the south
and with hosea and amos in the north
kings of judah
which he saw concerning samaria and
jerusalem so he's a prophet to the jews
but he gets a vision concerning the
northern kingdom
as well as the southern kingdom
and he begins his prophecy condemning
the northern kingdom
and if you are in the south
that's that's hey that's cool we don't
like those guys anyway and we agree
they're bad guys
so it'd be like me saying to you
um would you agree the world is evil
you say yes
and would you agree they deserve their
comeuppance
of course
and would you agree that the physical
nations of israel have abandoned god
and they deserve their comeuppance yeah
and what about the jews they've rejected
christ
don't they deserve their comeuppance as
well
sure

and then i say and what about you
with the holy spirit
neglecting your study neglecting your
worship of god don't you deserve to be
punished as well as like whoa i didn't
see that coming
so that's how micah sets this up
he begins by condemning the north and
then he brings it right down to the
south and says you're no different in
fact you're worse
he says this
here all you people
hearken o earth and when he says o earth
it's really land and it's speaking of
israel it's not the whole earth it's
israel
and all that therein is
and let the lord god be witness against
you israel the lord from his holy temple
for the transgression of jacob is all
this this is why he's going to give this
prophecy and the reason why the
transgression of jacob
and for the sins of the house of israel
what is the transgression of jacob
isn't it samaria
the the head the
the main city
of the north the worship capital of the
north was samaria
and here comes this prophet saying what
is the transgression of jacob isn't it
the very center of their worship in
samaria
and if you're a jew listening to this
yeah we agree
and then he says and what are the high
places of judah
are they not jerusalem
jerusalem is no different than samaria
it's all the same to god it's all
corrupt
and he goes on to say

therefore i will make samaria
as a heap of the field
and as plantings of a vineyard and i
will pour down stones thereof into the
valley and i will dis or uncover the
foundations thereof when when the
commentators are reading this past the
micah
a lot of them just say
he's confused he's confusing
and he rambles and he's kind of
disjointed and he's here there and
everywhere and there's no structure to
his message
we can unpack the structure of micah
because of moses
moses gives the the fundamental
structure of prophecy in deuteronomy and
it's basically deuteronomy 28 29 and 30.
if you just have that then we can go to
any prophet and we can we can decipher
the prophecy
because it's all the same it's curses
covenant curses to the point where these
people should be eliminated
but instead of being eliminated they're
saved
because god is in covenant
that's what moses shows us
so he says here
all the graven images thereof shall be
beaten to pieces and all the hires
thereof shall be burned with fire and
all the idols thereof will i lay
desolate for she gathered it of the
higher of an of a harlot and they shall
return to a higher of a harlem i
explained this in in micah 1
in the in the bible study listen to
micah now
in the midst of all of this
he is a righteous man
in jerusalem he's from
marashith

but he's come to jerusalem and he's a
righteous man
but he says this
therefore i will wail and howl
i will go stripped and naked
i will make a wailing like the dragons
and mourning as the owls
for her wound is incurable
for it has come unto judah
it has come he has come to the gate of
my people
even to jerusalem
so this destruction this calamity that's
coming to jerusalem
he's in the midst of it
and he has relationships and he loves
these people
and this is he can see this
and unlike the hebrews
who were just dining on milk
he stands firm
and he preaches for
despite all the opposition that he will
face
in micah 2 and verse 1
he gives the reason for this calamity
woe to them that devise iniquity
and work evil upon their beds
when the morning is light they practice
it because it's in the power of their
hand
most people practice evil at night
under cover of darkness
these people have become so powerful
that they can plant it in night and
carry it out in the morning in broad
daylight and nobody can stop them
it's in the power of their hand
they covered fields and they take them
by violence
verse 3
this is the bad news this is the
deuteronomic curse
therefore

thus says jehovah
behold
against this family
these are these are his people
again not against all the tribes of the
earth it's not against the gentiles
against this family god says do i
devise an evil i'm doing this
from which you shall not remove your
necks
it is impossible to escape
the calamity that god has in mind
neither shall you go heartily
for this time is evil

verse 7

o you that are named the house of jacob
is the spirit of the lord straightened
are these his doings
do not my words do good to him that
walks uprightly
even of late
my people has risen up as an enemy
you pull off the robe with the garment
of them that pass by securely as men
averse from war and i explained that in
the mica 2 study
but we see here
god's design
and what we're sitting in right now
brethren
deacon jan talked about how blessed we
are here in canada
and what we are sitting in right now
what we are witnessing right now
is god's design on the house of jacob
it's collapsing
it's heading into calamity
and we cannot be cowards
when everybody's losing their head
somebody needs to be calm enough
to say this is why
this is what's happening
and this is what the lord is looking for
from you if we are panicked

if we're losing our minds if we've lost
our nerve who's going to preach the
gospel
and that's why it's important for us to
understand micah in its entirety
now we see the glimpse in all of this
cursing
we have a glimpse of messiah
we have a glimpse of the good news in
verse 12.
he says
i will surely ascen and all of this
cursing this this this level of cursing
they should be eliminated you saw the
images this morning
of uh auschwitz
how do these people survive the final
solution this is the final solution
we're gonna get rid of these people once
and for all
and they're still here
how does that happen
god says
despite all of these curses
i will surely assemble o jacob all of
you every tribe
i will surely gather the remnant of
israel surely he says i will surely do
this despite all of this cursing
i will put them together as the sheep of
basra as the flock in the midst of their
fold
they shall make great noise
by reason of the multitude of men
how many god will multiply again this is
just amplifying moises
the breaker
has come up before them
they have broken up and have passed
through the gate think of these sheep
that are all now following and going
after the shepherd and are gone out by
it and the shepherd is who and their
king

shall pass before them
and the lord on the head of them so in
in the midst of all of this calamity
there's good news
and then that's just a glimpse because
he's not finished yet right into chapter
3 verse 1
straight back into the deuteronomic
curses these people are cursed
god is in covenant with them and they
have betrayed the covenant and god is
not some irrational
uh you know just i'm so freaked out now
i wasn't expecting this
that uh what should i do i'm gonna turn
you into pigs and monkeys like the quran
says
god is not this capricious irrational
being
god is faithful
so these people have been unfaithful
okay let's get that scroll off the shelf
that says the covenant
let's look at their behavior and let's
go through the scroll and and what does
if they do this what does the scroll say
that's what god is doing
he's demonstrating who is like god mika
who is like jehovah who is so faithful
and loyal to his covenant
so everything they do has a covenant
consequence
and mike is not finished he gives them a
glimpse of the good news but straight
back into the covenant curses
micah 3
and i said here i pray you
o heads of jacob and you princes of the
house of israel is it not for you to
know judgment
who hate the good
and love the evil
here are the covenant people
in the promised land in jerusalem who

should be the head nation to the earth
who should be showing the whole world
the way to god
and what have they become
people who hate good and love evil
who pluck off their skin from off them
and their flesh from off their bones and
he goes on
to can just bring out the covenant
curses
and undiluted
but in the midst of all of this he says
verse 7
then shall the seers be ashamed so they
have their prophets who are false
prophets
just as christ tells us we're going to
have false prophets
but these false prophets
when all of this is happening
and they've been saying peace peace and
everything's going to be wonderful and
it's not
they haven't been giving to people the
truth
and now it's it's no it's clear
they're going to be ashamed
and the diviners are going to be
confused
yes
they shall all cover their lips
for there is no answer from god
they said they represented god
the exact opposite is happening and god
is not answering god has hidden himself
from them
but
in contrast to the false prophets micah
says but truly i am full of power
in the midst of all of this calamity i
am full of power
by the spirit of the lord
and of judgment
and of might

to declare unto jacob his transgression
and to israel his sin
this is part of the gospel
this is understanding the bad news part
of the gospel
this we understand why the good news
because we understand why there's bad
news and we understand that the bad news
is unrelenting
until jacob
repents of his transgression and israel
of his sin
hear this i pray you you heads of the
house of jacob and princes of the house
of israel that abhor judgment
and pervert all equity
they talk about equity and social equity
but they pervert it all
they build up zion with blood
and jerusalem with iniquity
and verse 11 everybody is in it for
their own gain
nobody is is self-sacrificial that the
hero we heard of this morning
nobody behaves like this everybody's in
it for gain
he says the heads thereof judge for
reward
the priests
they're up they teach for hire what
about the prophets well the prophets
thereof they divine for money
yet in all of this self-serving behavior
yet
they will lean upon the lord and say
is not the lord among us
no evil can come upon us so this is what
the false prophets are teaching
we're the people of god
don't worry nothing bad will happen to
us
mike is saying i'm full of might and
power
by the spirit of the lord to declare

unto jacob his sin and to israel his
transgression
now he says this
because of this behavior verse 12
therefore
shall zion this holy place that god has
chosen
for your sake
zion shall be plowed like a field
plow just broken up and plowed like a
field
the enemy will just have their way with
you and jerusalem
shall become heaps
and the mountain of the house is the
high places of the forest
so this is
the bad news
but this leads into the centerpiece
of micah's prophecy
which is chapters 4 and 5 up to verse 9.
so so there's no chapter breaks in the
scroll but that's the centerpiece of his
argument this is this is the true good
news
but
it makes no sense
without the context
the gospel
the glad tidings and glad tidings is a
term that's used in in warfare
the first time we see it in the bible
the u.n galleon
is when david is in battle with his son
absalom
and it's a it's a terrible battle
and david is at the palace and then he
sees one of the men running and he says
this is a good man
he has good tidings
and so he comes and he says may the king
live forever your enemy has been
defeated
so glad tidings the gospel comes from

the battlefield
and in isaiah he says comfort you
comfort you my people
let jerusalem know that her warfare has
ended
isaiah has the good news yeshua yahoo
the lord
jehovah saves
this is the good news
but if we like traditional christians
just say you know
mankind is really bad
it kind of mankind is bad they're bad
guys
but jesus is really good
and jesus loves everybody and that's the
good news
what is this
did you get that from the bible
the bible is
god is in covenant
he's going to save the whole world with
this covenant
but the very people he has covenanted
with have betrayed him
they've spit in his face
what is he to do
he's going to carry out the covenant
because it doesn't matter what they do
he is bound by covenant
and so the curses that are coming upon
this earth are covenant curses
and they're designed to drive jacob to
repentance so says moises so says all the
prophets
and so we have to interpret what's
happening in the world today
when we see you know in my adult life
i've just watched china
every decade become more powerful
in the business world it was just like
everything's happening in china
and then all of a sudden it's gone from
this robust economy

to a robust military
and now they're starting to flex their
muscle
and it's like where is this heading
where is this head
because first we start with trade war
and then we end up in military battle
and this is gonna if this goes where it
looks like it's heading it's going to be
horrible
not to mention what's happening in the
middle east
so so we of all people
need to interpret what is happening in
this world biblically
and then we need to preach the gospel
accurately
so he says here
so chapters four and five are the good
news and then we come now
to the curses again
he climbs out of the good news chapters
4
chapter 4 and verse 5 1-9 and then he
comes back to the curses
in verse 10
and it shall come to pass in that day
says the lord
that i will cut off your horses
out of the midst of you
and i will destroy your chariots so
there was the news earlier this week
that
america in all of her
foreign affairs was going to cut a
billion dollars in funding to israel for
their iron dome
which is a completely defensive
technology a phenomenal technology
every time you see the lights lighting
up these are rockets that the arabs are
are launching into uh jerusalem to
destroy to destroy lives and and they've
set up this iron dome that intercepts

these rockets to protect their people
well the squad
cut out this funding a billion dollars
out of their package to say no we're not
going to do that
fortunately i just got news today that
one of the democratic senators said no
we're going to put an emergency bill in
that says we must support israel and so
that has been funded again but god says
he's going to cut off the cities of
judah
this is what's coming
and christ tells us watch jerusalem
so we have to see what's happening in
america today in the context of biblical
prophecy
christ says watch jerusalem so as we see
this new administration destroy and
dismantle america
our focus needs to be on jerusalem what
does this mean to jerusalem this is what
god says
i'm going to throw down all your
strongholds
and i will cut off witchcrafts out of
your hand and you shall have no more
soothsayers
so he goes on in verse 15 and i will
execute vengeance in an anger this is
now the good news the glimpse of the
good news after saying all of this is
going to happen
glimpse of the gospel
and i will execute vengeance in anger
and fury upon the heathen
such as they have not heard
so the heathen are going to be very very
powerful they're going to destroy god's
people and then god is going to destroy
the heathen
now that's just a glimpse of the good
news in chapter 6 verse 1 straight back
to the covenant curses this is heavy

this is really deep if if paul the
apostle paul were to speak to the
hebrews in this condition he couldn't
give them this
they're like they need
cake and candy cane
they weren't mature enough to handle
this
we need to understand the covenant in
its entirety so that we can preach the
gospel in its entirety he says here
verse 1 of chapter 6
hear you now
what the lord says
arise contend before the mountains and
let the hills hear your voice so this is
now his testimony
hear you o mountains
the lord's controversy
and you strong found the foundations of
the earth so these are the foundations
of the earth have been there since the
beginning the mountains have been there
a significant amount of time they've
watched they've seen it
and now god is calling them to witness
to hear his controversy for the lord has
a controversy with who
with his people
and he will plead with israel
o my people what have i done unto you
and wherein have i wearied you
testify against me how have i been
unfaithful how have i harmed you
and so he goes on to plead with them and
show them their iniquity but look at
verse 8 beautiful verse again we have to
understand it in context
he's shown you o man
you're going through your religious
rituals i don't care for that
he has shown you oh man
what is good
and what does the lord require of you

and this is speaking to the jewish
people
not just generic
what does he require of you
but to do justly and to love mercy and
to walk humbly with your god
he says in verse 11 shall i count them
pure with the wicked balances and with
the bag of deceitful weights
chapter 7 now
just jump ahead again you have the
structure
chapter 7 and verse 2 this this is the
time of peril in fact christ
quoted micah
when he was warning us what we have to
look forward to he quoted micah micah 7.
he says here
the good man and this ties in again to
what we heard this morning what happens
when the level of persecution
and oppression
that deacon jan spoke of
during the
second first and second war world war
what happens to people when they face
this level of of oppression and
persecution well if you don't have
conviction
listen to micah
the good man is perished out of the
earth
and there is none upright among men the
implication i get here
is those that stand for christ
will be put to death
death is not the worst thing that can
happen to us
we should not be like chickens running
around with our heads cut off
like the rest of this world
oh i might die i might die
yeah
we know

hopefully we've resolved that that we're
human we're mortal
something's gonna get us
let's put that aside
and let's live in such a way
that we can die with joy
we can die with conviction
we can die with value to christ our
death is valuable to christ
or we can die like a dog
a dog that's panicking running and runs
into the road he gets run over because
it's so terrified who wants to die like
that
when we can die for christ
the good man is perished out of the
earth
and there is none upright among men
they all lie and wait for blood what did
deacon jan said took about two weeks
people come into the camp
and is it two weeks
two weeks their character is gone
two weeks they turn
they all lie and wait for blood
they hunt every man his brother with a
net this is the time
it's happened previously for micah in
the short term but christ quotes it to
say there's another fulfillment of this
a bigger
fulfillment they hunt every man his
brother with a net
that they may do evil with both hands
earnestly that is quite the statement
and again this is speaking of god's
covenant people that they may do evil
with both hands earnestly the prince
asks and the judge asks for a reward
they don't do anything unless there's
something in it for them
and the great man he utters his
mischievous desire so they wrap it up
and again we're seeing that this is

speaking of judah we're certainly seeing
it here in our nations
the best of them is as a breer
the most upright is sharper than a
thornhedge
the day of your watchmen and your
visitation comes
now
shall be their perplexity now it's
coming
and and brethren we have to
we just have to grow up
we have to grow up
it's coming
and it's coming fast
whatever we have known in the past
it is
there's nothing in our past
that is a good indicator of what's
coming in our future
whatever we've had in the past we've had
that's wonderful let's rejoice whatever
we can enjoy in the present let's enjoy
it but what's coming in the future is
it's unprecedented
and it's coming fast
and we all know this intuitively we all
sense it even even people who don't have
the holy spirit you can talk to the
common man on the street and say how
confident are you that your future is
going to be better than your past and i
doubt you'll get anybody saying yeah i'm
really confident
because the whole world is just in this
state of uncertainty
he says now shall be their perplexity
but listen to verse five and this is
what christ pointed to
trust you not in a friend
put you not confidence in a guide
keep the doors of your mouth from her
that lies in your bosom
why

because the time that's coming if people
are not operating from the holy spirit
if they don't have conviction if all
they have is opinions
in my opinion
i think
jesus is a pretty good person that's my
opinion
i believe
that when i die
i'm going to be in the kingdom that's my
belief
conviction
i really haven't formed any convictions
yet
so when somebody's got a gun pointing to
my head
i'll sing like a canary to stay alive
because i didn't realize this was real
but we've got to get beyond opinions and
beliefs to convictions
and be very clear when it's an opinion
and when it's a conviction
because if we don't have convictions
verse 5 describes the danger that we
pose even to our best friends even to
our spouses
christ said and he quoted this
because we're coming into a time
the son for the son dishonors the father
and the daughter rises up against her
mother
and the daughter-in-law against her
mother-in-law and a man's enemies are
the men of his own house this is very
very difficult this is extremely
difficult text
but it's because of this difficult text
that we appreciate the gospel
that we understand the gospel
that we understand god's conviction
god has convictions
and that's why we have good news
because of god's convictions

he says here micah says in the midst of
all of this and now we come to
this is really he ends now on this very
positive note so it's it's bad news
glimpse of the messianic good news
bad news really bad news and then his
main point the really good news
followed by
just really bad news
with a glimpse of the messiah
followed by really really bad news with
again here a glimpse of the good news
micah 7 and verse 7.
in the context of all of this
the mature
follower of christ
the one who's eating meat
is able to say this in the midst of this
horrendous news
terrible bad news
false prophets everywhere persecution
everywhere
therefore
i will look unto jehovah
i will wait for the god of my salvation
my god will hear me
this is conviction
rejoice not against me o my enemy when i
fall
i shall arise
when i sit in darkness
the lord shall be a light unto me this
is conviction
again think of those images we saw this
morning
can we be in that situation and the
world is heading that way you know there
was a time
in our own country here
when
immoral behavior
set you apart
people would look and know this is an
immoral person

and and
you were you were shunned or you were
you were looked down upon
that's gone
it's been replaced by a new moral code
now
you're unvaxed
you're a murderer because you're unboxed
and this is replaced people have to feel
righteous indignation over something
and what they've done is they're taking
the biblical moral code away from us
and now you're white
you're evil
you're unvast you're a murderer and so
we still have the same righteous
indignation
but our moral code has been taken away
from us and it's been replaced by a
completely different moral compass
and people feel righteous indignation we
have to feel that
but we've been the the moral code of the
bible has been taken away
this is where we are
and and people need
it's an it's a must
in order
to murder at scale
we need a moral code
you can't round up jews and put them in
a concentration camp
unless you feel you're doing righteous
work this is the work of the lord
so there must be a narrative there must
be a moral compass
that makes
evil feel good
and we must be careful brethren
not to be seduced by it
evil is evil because god says it's evil
and good is good because god says it's
good
so micah says in the midst of all of

this
when they've they've taken on some
strange moral compass
that makes them see micah as their enemy
he says rejoice not against me o my
enemy when i fall i shall arise when i
sit in darkness the lord shall be a
light unto me
you know
christ says
ask and you shall receive
and then he says
what man of you
if your son asks bread will give him a
stone
or if he asks for a fish
we'll give him a serpent
if you being evil
know how to give good things to your
children how much more
will god give you that ask him
so micah understands
that even though he sits in darkness
this is of the lord
and it's good
this is leading to a tremendous blessing
for micah
same with us
whatever we face in the coming days
brethren
it's of the lord
it's our opportunity not to run like the
hebrew christians the immature
christians who thought i didn't sign up
for this and they want to make make a
quick exit
not us brethren
we trust god
if this thing that's coming at us looks
like a serpent
behind it
is the reward
as long as we don't deny christ
he says

i will bear the indignation of the lord
because i've sinned against him
i'll bear his indignation
until he plead my cause
and execute judgment for me
he will bring me forth to the light and
i shall behold
his righteousness
the nation shall see and be confounded
the gentiles will see this and they'll
be confused at all their might
they shall lay their hand upon their
mouth
their ears shall be deaf
they shall lick the dust like a serpent
and we need to go to isaiah to fully
unpack this
but they shall move out their holes like
worms of the earth they shall move out
of their holes like worms of the earth
they shall be afraid of the lord our god
and they shall fear because of you
who is a god like unto you mika
who is like jehovah
who's like this god
once we understand covenant
and we understand god's conviction to
his covenant
we can't help but say
mika
who is like jehovah have you ever seen a
god like this
these people deserve to be destroyed and
eliminated
he destroys them
because that's in the covenant that's in
the covenant agreement but he doesn't
eliminate them because that's not in the
agreement
instead he saves them
and this is the gospel this is the good
news
that god is a covenant keeping god who
is like who is a god like unto you that

pardons iniquity
and passes by the transgression of who
who's this good news pointed to
he passes by the transgression of the
remnant of his heritage
jacob is his heritage moises tells us
that
jacob is the heritage of the lord
he retains not his anger forever
because he delights in mercy
he will turn again deuteronomy 30.
he will have compassion upon us
he will subdue our iniquities our being
judah
and you will cast all their sins into
the depth of the sea
listen to verse 20.
and we'll we'll finish here and then we
have some time brethren for conversation
verse 20 this is gold
micah 7
and verse 20
you
jehovah
who is like jehovah who is like this god
this covenant keeping god
you
will perform the truth
to jacob
god is committed to jacob
do not be deceived matthew 4 24 tells us
christ says don't be deceived because
it's going to look like god has
abandoned jerusalem it's going to look
like these people are god forsaken
when this tribulation falls
but we know micah 7 verse 20
you will perform the truth to jacob
and the mercy to abraham
which you have sworn
unto our fathers
from the days of old
this is the gospel
god is committed he says in isaiah

that he declares the end
from the beginning
from the very beginning he said this is
how it's going to end up
and from ancient times things that
haven't even happened yet
and in all of this declaration he says
my counsel shall stand
in order to preach the gospel accurately
in order to preach the gospel
comprehensively
we must understand his counsel
what is the plan of god
mika understood it
and so yes micah 4 verses 1 to 3 are
wonderful
wonderful feast of
tabernacles passages
but they're in a context
and without that context we can skew the
meaning
so hopefully brethren you'll go back
through micah it's not a big book
but it's once we uncode or decode micah
we can decode isaiah
and once we decode isaiah we can decode
the whole bible
so let me finish there brethren and if
you have questions let's have a
conversation and those of you who are
online you can go ahead and post in the
chat and i'll be looking there
and jim you look like you've got a
question
and do we have a floating microphone
hopefully you found this helpful
brethren
um the question i had has to do with the
the original context of micah
how would israel would have how would
they have understood what he said
initially
um as in was there a first fulfillment
that

that they would have understood and did come to pass
and such that you're looking now for a second fulfillment that's happening just before the
uh the very end is that yeah a good characteristic so a brilliant question for those of you who are online um what jim asked pastor jim asked is uh how would the people in micah's time have understood his prophecies you know was there an immediate fulfillment or would they just not really understand it and there's just this end time fulfillment so uh yeah so because of the timing of micah he was a contemporary with isaiah
he's preaching just prior to the assyrian invasion
so israel and judah are having a wonderful economy they're thriving and in the midst of this abundance micah and isaiah show up saying the covenant curse is coming
and so it would have been confusing to them
the false prophets are saying the opposite of what micah and isaiah are saying they're saying this no don't listen to them this is going to continue and then 721 bc happens and the assyrians move in and just devastate the north
they come into the south devastate the south but they don't completely destroy them they'd be taken away
a couple hundred years later by the babylonians so so assyria and babylon would be the original uh fulfillment of these prophecies but they're set up in such a way that we know they're dual and there's a major fulfillment just before christ returns great great question
another

question i'll give you guys some time to think

maybe a comment

i think that pastor jim has another question here carlos or a comment

i was just curious if you could compare the wickedness of israel in the past with israel today

yeah great great question so can i compare the wickedness of israel in the past with the wickedness of israel today when i read the scriptures

the the the extent of israel's wickedness it's it's off the charts it's it's off this charts extreme evil i think the only difference with today is technology

so the wickedness can be amplified uh it's excessive it's much more accessible and it's far more damaging but i think the heart the the wickedness that i see in the scriptures

the heart is the same

it's just the tools perhaps we have just amplify it uh that much more and accelerate it

great question

while people are thinking wonder if maybe pastor murray i could call on you for a comment or a thought

and then maybe deacon jan if you have a comment or a thought just give people some time to warm up

so why would why do you think uh historically in the church of god we focus only on

uh

not like a four

verses one to three or primarily on that you may you sort of uh

started out the study with that with that premise

good question so why do we historically

just focus on uh micah 4 isaiah 2.
um i think they're just such beautiful
passages
you know we're coming into the feast of
tabernacles we know what the symbolism
of the feast means we see these passages
how can we not help but but quote them
during the feast they're so beautiful
and poetic i think
isaiah is a big book
who wants to go through the whole book
of isaiah that's that's meat
right
micah as people say it's um it seems
disjointed
he's talking about one thing one moment
the next thing he's talking about
something else it's like how do you get
your head around this so i think it's
just it's just harder work
to look at the whole context
but given the time that we're in we have
to grow up now
and now we need to be adult christians
and then we need to be feeding on the
meat uh by ourselves
right yes we need ministers to guide and
help us but then we're the ones who have
to hunger and thirst and be unpacking
the whole context
and i think we know we've got it
when all of the bible makes sense
together
that we're not afraid of any lineup
there's no line of scripture that
somebody can put in front of us and
we're like oh i don't want to talk about
that
it's like we can look at all the
scripture
mr davis sure
i have a question from one of our
viewers on youtube from
lyndon knight why would god allow family

to go against believers
i think i heard why would god
allow family to go against believers yes
okay so it's a very good question i'm
thinking of a scripture let me just look
it up so i can quote christ accurately
just give me one moment here
in the new testament
he says here in matthew 10
and verse 34 he says don't think
that i've come to send peace on earth
peace on earth good will to all men he
says don't think that don't think that
i've come to send peace on earth i came
not to send peace
but a sword
that's that's why christ came to send a
sword
he says this
for i have come
to set a man
at variance
against his father
and the daughter against her mother
and the daughter-in-law
against her mother-in-law
and the man's foes
shall be they of his own household so
it's great question but christ says this
is why i came
i am a polarizing figure
you know you think donald trump is a
polarizing figure he's peanuts christ is
a polarizing figure and he says i've
come to polarize
why
why christ are you doing this why why is
my own family turning against me
he says a man's foes shall be they of
his own household i want to test you
do you have the opinion
that i'm i'm the messiah
do you believe i'm the messiah
or is this your conviction

i want to test you he says here in verse

37

he that loves father or mother

more than me

is not worthy of me

and he that loves son or daughter more
than me

is not worthy of me

and he that takes not his cross

why would you take up a cross

just to carry it around

or do we take up our cross to go to the
grave

he that takes not his cross and and

follows out he that and he that takes

not his cross

and follows after me

is not worthy of me he that finds his

life shall lose it and he that loses his

life for my sake

shall find it so in answer to the

question

god wants to know

is this a belief you have about me or is

this your conviction

and i'm going to put it to the test even

to the point of your family

go ahead

hi there brother murray

you just i wanted to go back and comment

on

the previous question that i had in your

response it strikes me as well

regarding the historical uh from your

what you had mentioned about the

historical uh focus on mica four one two

three

that i suppose the times

uh that that we have been in previous

previous generations

the perhaps the bad news didn't quite

make any sense at the time

so so the good news with the good news

made sense to focus on

uh and it's only
and the problem we get in in the church
of god movement when we document
everything just in booklets and don't
update them or don't um
uh move forward or add to
is that it's we've kind of documented
everything in our perspective and just
everything stays the same and we don't
and now times have changed and all of a
sudden some of this bad news starts to
come to fruition and
and make a little bit more sense too
what a brilliant brilliant comment uh
for those online who didn't hear uh
pastor murray is saying that perhaps in
the past we didn't focus on the bad news
that micah outlines because it just
didn't make any sense in the time that
we were living in that it things were
good things were stable
the western world was thriving
and it's hard to make sense of any of
this
whereas now
as as the world begins to unravel
these scriptures start to jump off the
page i think that's a brilliant
observation i would agree wholeheartedly
i see here a comment uh online this is
from jeffrey flannick
is the ebb and flow i like that the ebb
and flow of micah with regard to the
blessing and cursing strictly attributed
to hebrew thinking
or is there also a duality to multiple
occasions of israel getting punished
throughout time this is a really
interesting question so my answer to
this question jeffrey thanks for the
question
is that
with respect to micah
he is prophesying specifically of the

assyrian and the babylonian invasion
that this this was like a massive event
that was about to take place in
samaria's world and in judah's world and
this this was catastrophic and i don't
think micah saw beyond that i think he
saw that and the return of christ
he would never imagine that after this
babylonian invasion and then he
prophesied that judah would be saved
from babylon i don't think never in a
million years would he think and then
you're going to wait thousands of years
and this is going to happen again at
scale
and then christ will return so i think
he was the ebb and flow is is just the
nature of the hebraic poetry and writing
and it's specifically speaking about the
assyrian invasion and the babylonian
invasion that's a great question
uh deacon jan did you have a comment you
wanted to make especially with your your
wonderful message this morning
yeah
thank you thank you for your study we
really much appreciate you know hard
work did you do
and i think
the biggest
[Music]
challenge to understanding the minor
prophets or even the major prophets is
for our generation
if we accept the protestant doctrine
about
[Music]
that god that basically
our god is basically done with the
nation and is israel
then as we study books like that they
don't bring any value to us whatsoever
we just look at this book as just the
historical information

with no future fulfillment so we're just
picking up some verses here
that we could kind of like compare to
the similar similarity day and age would
you live and just what take others from
here take a verse from here take others
from here because it's fit into our
reality and ignore everything else
but i think if you look at as a holistic
concept of covenant then all the books
line up perfectly
together and
they relate
so much into our time and day so just
basically this is just my comment
i think this is a wonderful comment
again for those online i'll just repeat
at the gist of it
that
perhaps we did not really look into
micah the way we can today
because we have inherited
the sort of protestant view
of martin luther that god has he's done
with the jews he's done with israel the
church replaces israel and now
everything in the bible is about the
church and we just have to spiritualize
everything and so once we have that
point of view we're not looking at it
sort of with a practical lens anymore
it's all spiritual so i think that
combined with what pastor murray just
said i think that that explains a lot
but i think god means what he says
and micah who is like yah who is like
jehovah
once we understand his faithfulness to
the covenant we would never accuse him
of betraying his covenant
and when we say the church replaces
judah
or israel we're saying he's betrayed his
covenant

and we don't want to be in that position
we want to declare his righteousness we
want to declare his faithfulness and
like mika we want to say who is like
jehovah
so i think this is great very very good
very good i think oh brother stefan
thank you adrian for that
as you were giving the message
i was just thinking
along the lines of
something like
7 billion bibles
in the earth right now
and the scriptures
what did you say here let me see god has
a design
and we have to understand the entire
plan
and these covenant curses are going to
come upon the entire earth
i suppose that the entire earth
is not really understanding this coded
book
because when you said
in order to read or understand isaiah
you have to catch a few other things
first so it's a coded book
and
my question would be
who is this book really this whole book
genesis to revelation who is it really
written to
would it be written to the whole world
who has it but yet doesn't want to read
it or look at it and believe in it or to
be written to
the church at the end just a question
brilliant question again for those
online i'll just repeat the question
the bible is a coded book
but who's it really written for who's it
written to
is it written for the church is it

written for the whole world there's
seven billion bibles i think you said uh
in the world so one of the i think is
the most published book in the world
who's it for
this the scrolls
are for israel
and christ actually says the oracles
belong to the jews
right so it's their it's their
scriptures
we the church
are judah
there's no difference between us and
judah
we are first fruits judah we have been
we have been grafted into the covenant
so it's not like we're the church and
they're the jews
there's a covenant that god has with man
the northern tribes desecrated this
covenant to such an extent that he
divorced them
judah desecrated the covenant even worse
than the northern tribes
but he didn't divorce them
he retained the covenant with them
but what he said was i'm going to renew
this covenant
i'm going to do this over
spiritually
and then
because the jews would not cooperate
with him he said no problem
i'll open the door to gentiles
and i will graft gentiles into this
covenant to provoke you to jealousy
it's the same covenant
it's been renewed
and now it's open to gentiles
but it's the same covenant and it's the
same covenant keeping god
so these scriptures
are for us

with the holy spirit
to preach
they belong to the jews they're in
covenant with god the oracles belong to
the to the jews but we are jews we are
spiritual jews
we've been grafted into this covenant
and we can understand this and this is
why it's so important that we preach
this accurately and comprehensively
because if we don't
our words will fall to the ground we're
going to be saying stuff
and the world is going to blow up all
around us and just like the prophets in
micah's day they will be ashamed they
were ashamed they were teaching
and as events unfolded their teaching
fell to the ground and they were brought
to shame
this is why we have to dig
and preach accurately
so as things change on us
as things that we could never foresee
begin to happen the word of god does not
change
and we will be found to be truthful
if what we said hey what that guy was
saying last year sounded crazy to me
but 12 months later
i see the light
what he said was 100 true so as long as
we stick to the word of god and who can
understand the word of god but those
with the holy spirit
however having said that
the scriptures reveal
that before christ returns
there is wholesale repentance
every kindred every tribe
will be represented in this first fruits
body
so this preaching
of the gospel eventually gets traction

eventually people wake up and realize i
don't want to be a part of that system
eventually people wake up and say what
these people is preaching are preaching
is is true
and they repent so having and then
ultimately when christ returns he's
going to be rebuking nations from afar
off
send that nation
micah 4 verses 1 to 3.
and they go and they send the way off in
the distance the lord told me he sent
this message for you read this and they
just repent on the spot
so ultimately this is for the whole
world but right now
it's for us and it's for us to
understand it in its entirety and preach
it accurately precisely and
comprehensively so our words don't fall
to the ground i'll go ahead
brother stefan follow up
i really resonate what you're saying
there
not just to understand it
but
to live it yes because
knowledge is useless unless you apply it
and just on that point says very thank
you for this just on that point
it's not only that our words will fall
to the ground
if we misrepresent the scriptures
we'll be we're teaching one thing and
the exact opposite is happening
right we can't have this
but our words will fall to the ground if
we're not living it
this is going to get hot
this is going to get intense
and we're going to find the greatest
sermon ever preached
will be our example

i i saw what they did to him
and no matter what he would not betray
he just kept saying christ is lord and
that's how he died
that will be the greatest sermon ever
so and we can only do that if we're
living it
that's the only way we can do this
micah says i am full of might and power
by the spirit of the lord
that's the only way
thank you
tomorrow's too late right now
right now
tomorrow's not guaranteed
very very good
very good uh jim pass the gym
can you
reconcile micah
7-5 with jan's message this morning
which was talking about laying down our
lives for
each other like a 7-5
question is can i reconcile micah 7-5
with deacon jan's message earlier this
morning hopefully you you caught that
it was a message on uh opinions beliefs
and convictions
micah⁷⁵ says trust you not in a friend
put you not confidence in a guide keep
the doors of your mouth from her that
lies in your bosom yeah absolutely so
here micah is a prophet to judah
and judah
has wholesale rejected god
and he's calling them to repentance
and those few
who might repent
it's an individual thing
it's not like oh me and my buddies yeah
we'll go the right way
it's like each individual has to come to
this
and as you do

be careful
your your best friend
your own spouse could betray you
but this is not i don't think that this
is speaking of the holy spirit community
micah says i am full of might and power
by the spirit of the lord
isaiah the same thing when isaiah and
micah get together the holy spirit is
working powerfully in both of them and
they've got the same message and they
know the holy spirit is powerful and
working through them so they don't have
to worry about isaiah doesn't have to
worry that mike is going to betray him
or vice versa but for the jew that
responds to micah's message
it's going to be a private thing and you
better be prepared to stand and and i'll
stand alone
if need be
does that help
very very good all right i don't want to
keep you late
but i do thank you for your attention
let me just check online if there is
anything else
just one question here online
this is from sunny crease
can you please clarify what christ meant
in matthew 10 38 about our cross
can you explain what our cross actually
is
that christ is addressing here please
and thank you so great uh thank you uh
brother sunny for your message uh the
cross brethren
is our willingness we say we are
christians
which means we follow christ well where
did christ go
he went to the grave
so every christian like to me
i wouldn't offend anybody

but to me i understand
panic and hysteria in the world
there's this invisible virus which
originally was more like a bad flu but
it's becoming something very dangerous
so there's this invisible pathogen in
the air
and i understand the hysteria in the
world
what i'm struggling to understand
is the hysteria in the church
in the church
i think
we need to say yes
there is something happening here great
for example we have brethren
volunteering to take temperature before
we come in so i can come in and somebody
can say oh you seem to have a
temperature oh i must be i better
quarantine myself
i think that's the sort of thing we
should be doing
eating well
sleeping well
exercising putting ourselves in the best
possible shape we can and doing what we
can to build up our immunity
this is what god gave us
and then depending on our situation
there are other steps that we can take
including
getting vaccinated if that's appropriate
for your situation
what i don't understand
is
i might die
me imagine me
me
me
die
me
really
i don't think i'm going to sleep tonight

because i might die
you know what
i figured that out when i was 15 years
old
i was 15 and i started to
address adults and say what happens when
you die
and the attitude was basically i don't
know and i don't care
and i was stunned
i i this became my highest priority
to figure out what happens when you die
so i resolved that when i was 15. well i
shouldn't resolve it but i began
resolving when i was 15 as a young
person i figured out
you got to know what happens when you
die having done that and been baptized
death
is not something for me to panic over
because like we heard this morning i
want to live my life in such a way
that as daniel says those who turn many
to righteousness will shine like the
stars in heaven
so we in christ
death doesn't scare us
that death is a tool of the devil
and christ said he came to release us
from that oppression
so let's live in such a way that we can
embrace death when it comes
paul says i've finished my course
i'm ready
we should be living like that
so the cross here christ is saying
take up your cross
i have come
to set a man of variance
against his own family
i i didn't come to send peace i've come
to send a sword that doesn't mean that
christians are the one that have the
sword

it doesn't mean that christians are the
ones that are variants it means we just
say christ
is king
and this enrages satan
and those that he can infect
and so the sword is pointed at us
but we didn't get into this we didn't go
into the water
and come up
thinking that we could somehow escape
persecution
that the highest priority is to stay
alive physically
so to take up our cross
means that we have conviction
christ is king
christ is lord
who is like christ
and we are so full of awe
and praise
that some wicked guy
wants to come and threaten me
to back down from praising christ
are you nuts
do you know who christ is i do
so you can't frighten me
and whatever the cost is
i've signed up for it
so this is what it means we take up our
cross and we follow him
and that means we're not going fishing
we're fishing for men
on pain of death
we we we know okay this could get ugly
but then it's going to be beautiful
that the hebrew calendar begins the day
begins at sunset
and then it gets really really dark
and then it gets darker
and then the light comes
and there's the prophecy
it's going to get dark
it's going to get really dark and then

the light comes
so this is what it means to take up our
cross thanks for the question so
brethren thank you so much
i do hope
that
this
has been helpful
my main point is this
the gospel
is not generic
it's precise
and in order to understand it precisely
we must study it comprehensively
and micah is a wonderful opportunity
because it's a short book
it's just seven chapters
and so we can we can read it in one
sitting and then come to understand
that what the gospel is
the gospel is good news
in the light of horrendous news
so as the horrendous news begins to
unfold around us
unlike the hebrews that the apostle had
to upgrade
we don't we're not going to run
we're not going to change our mind
we're convicted because we understand
this good news is in the context of all
the bad news so as the bad news begins
to unfold stand firm
rejoice
and declare that christ is king
thank you brethren
you