### Micah

## Chapter 2

1‘When they came here, they were looking for trouble  
 And doing what’s bad in their beds.  
 They did it all during the daytime,  
 And they wouldn’t raise a hand to Jehovah.  
  
 2‘Then, because they desired more fields,  
 They plundered orphans and tyrannized homes…  
 They plundered the people along with their homes…  
 Both the men and the things they’d inherit.  
  
 3‘It’s because of this, that thus says Jehovah:  
  
 ‘{Look!} Against their tribe, I’m bringing what’s bad,  
 And thereafter, they won’t lift their necks  
 Or in any way walk erect…  
 Yes for them, it’ll be a very bad time!  
  
 4‘In that day, they’ll be saying these words…  
 They’ll raise this lament in a song:  
  
 ‘In our miserable condition, we knew misery;  
 For our people were [led off in] lines,  
 And no one [came here] to stop it  
 Or to bargain for their return;  
 So their fields were thereafter divided [as loot].’  
  
 5‘Now, no one will measure allotments  
 For those in the Lord’s congregation.  
 6You’ll weep and cry for these things;  
 But I won’t remove all your scorn.  
  
 7‘Then, this is what they’ll say about you:  
  
 ‘Because the house of Jacob provoked  
 Jehovah’s Spirit to rage,  
 These are the things that He did;  
 For His words and His ways are all straight and good!’  
  
 8‘[Throughout the years], my people have shown  
 A hatred and resistance to peace.  
 So they’ve flayed the skin [of those passing by],  
 [And brought upon themselves] the conflict of war.  
  
 9‘Now the leaders of my people will be driven from their homes…  
 They’ll be pushed away, because they’re so bad!  
 So, flee to the mountains of the ages,  
 10Since for you, there’ll be no rest,  
 Because you’re corrupt and unclean!  
  
 11‘So you’ll run when no one is chasing,  
 Because of your lying spirit,  
 Which trickles upon you like the wine and strong drink  
 That you’ve gained from the sweat of your people.  
  
 12‘But, after some time, they’ll return…  
 I’ll gather Jacob along with the rest,  
 And I’ll search for IsraEl’s remnants…  
 I’ll collect them and I’ll return them  
 Like sheep that have gone through hard times…  
 They’ll jump away from those people,  
 And in their own pastures, they’ll live as one flock.  
  
 13‘They’ll [run] through the breach that’s before them,  
 For the gate will be cut so they can escape.  
 And before them, will travel their king…  
 Yes, they’ll be led by their Lord!’