

Open The Breaker Box!
Micah 2:13

Intro: Before I get into the message, allow me to introduce Micah to yall. Basically all we know of this (so-called) Minor Prophet is: his name, his hometown, when he ministered and that he wrote this book. Look at Micah 1:1 “The word of the LORD that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.”

Essentially, he ministered during the reigns of 3, 8th Century BC (ca. 750-687BC) for a period of 63 years. He lived in the days of Isaiah and was Isaiah's younger contemporary. Micah's name means: Who Is Like Jehovah? Well Amen to that! He came from a small farming town which was about 30 miles southwest of Jerusalem and just a few miles from Lacish. This town was called Moresheth-Gath (see 1:14) which means: Possession of Gath. You recall Gath was the hometown of Goliath the Giant. Now Gath means Wine-Press. So the full meaning of Micah's hometown is: Possession of the Wine-Press. Indeed the grapes grew bountifully there and brought much wealth and prosperity to the farmers there.

Micah begins his prophecy by showing the doom and wickedness of the Northern Kingdom and their capital Samaria (1:2-7) then he warns the cities of the Southern Kingdom of Judah (1:8-16). One of those cities is his hometown which will become dirt poor once God has judged them.

In Chapter 2 we find Micah preaching against the misuse of power and the sins of the rich, priests and the so-called prophets who speak not the Truth. He warned in 2:1-5 against those who used violence, who defiled homes and marriages. Many of these coveted women and the lands of others and they plotted during the night how to take away these and then in the morning they would put their plans into action! What a terrible time. Indeed the people of Judah had heard enough of doom, gloom, repentance of sin. They shunned God's men as they preached His Word (kinda like today). Micah tells us in 2:6-11 that he was told – no he was warned to be quiet. Micah responded that the rulers only listened to what they wanted to hear and to what the Wine told them. Since that wine and wealth were some of the things that contaminated the people, God would remove the power base and the whole economy and city – indeed the kingdom – would collapse.

In 2:12-13 Micah shows a ray of hope and sunshine at the end of this stormy sad prophecy. He whisks those that are still listening to him, to a time long after the Judgment has fallen – a time even now still in the future. For v.12 was not fulfilled after the Babylonian captivity, and it has not been fulfilled in their recent return to their land because He says that He will assemble "*all* of thee." At the present time, there are more of the nation Israel in New York City than there are in the whole land of Israel. Also, there is a great company still in Russia and in other countries of the world. So God has not yet assembled all of them according to this prophecy. Do you hear that? Look at verse 12 – the scattered flock has been regathered by the Lord. Can't just just hear those sin-filled Jews turning in their minds to their Hebrew Hymnbook the Psalms to that beloved Ancient “Amazing Grace” - Psalm 23?

Furthermore he tells them of our text verse this morning, of a time when The Breaker – The Lord, Their King – will remove all their obstacles and they shall return in triumph to the Holy City – Jerusalem – which I think speaks of that sinless, holy New Jerusalem!

The Breaker is my focus this morning. When the power goes out (just like it would for the Jews to whom Micah spoke) we generally today run to the breaker box. The other day I was at work and for the first time since I've worked retail our POWER WENT OUT! I prayed it was the motion activated lights in the break room – I was eating my supper – but no it was the whole store. Something happened and we were without power (I knew then it wasn't the breaker box) and yes we stayed open during the 35

minute ordeal. But, had I been home, I would've immediately opened the breaker box. Today I want to open our "breaker box" of the Bible and show you 6 breakers of Scripture – 3 should be ON and 3 should be OFF. Let's look:

1. The Holy Ghost (The Power behind these 2 breakers)
 1. The Ice Breaker – Get to know someone
 1. Genesis 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
 2. John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
 2. The Heart Breaker – Open the Hard Hearted
 1. Job 41:24 His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether millstone.
 2. 2 Corinthians 3:3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.
2. Jesus Christ (The power behind this breaker)
 1. The Seal Breaker -
 1. Revelation 5:1-9 **And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? 3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. 4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. 5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. 6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. 7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. 8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. 9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;**
 2. **Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.**
3. Satan (The power behind this breaker)
 1. The Deal Breaker
 1. John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
 2. 2 Timothy 2:26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.
 3. 2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

4. Revelation 20:2-3 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.
4. Sin (The power behind these 2 breakers)
 1. The Meal Breaker (The Bible will keep you from sin, or Sin will keep you from the Bible)
 1. Hebrews 5:11-14 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. 12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.
 2. The Zeal Breaker
 1. 2 Corinthians 7:10-11 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. 11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.
 2. Ephesians 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
 3. Colossians 3:8-9 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
 4. 1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: