

Micah

Lesson 3

Genesis 3:17-18

17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it';
Cursed is the ground because of you;
In toil you will eat of it
All the days of your life.
18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;
And you will eat the plants of the field;

Romans 8:18-22

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.
20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope
21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

Leviticus 25:23

23 'The land, moreover, shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are *but* aliens and sojourners with Me.

1 Kings 14:22-23

22 Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord, and they provoked Him to jealousy more than all that their fathers had done, with the sins which they committed.
23 For they also built for themselves high places and *sacred* pillars and °Asherim on every high hill and beneath every luxuriant tree.

Jeremiah 17:2-3

2 As they remember their children,
So they *remember* their altars and their °Asherim
By green trees on the high hills.
3 O mountain of Mine in the countryside,

I will give over your wealth and all your treasures for booty,
Your high places for sin throughout your borders.

Deuteronomy 11:16-17, 28:23-24

16 ^a“Beware that your hearts are not deceived, and that you do not turn away and serve other gods and worship them.

17 “Or the anger of the Lord will be kindled against you, and He will shut up the heavens so that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its fruit; and you will perish quickly from the good land which the Lord is giving you.

23 “The heaven which is over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you, iron.

24 “The Lord will make the rain of your land powder and dust; from heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

1 Kings 17:1

1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of ^athe settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.”

Jeremiah 14:1-7

1 That which came as the word of the Lord to Jeremiah in regard to the drought:

2 “Judah mourns
And her gates languish;
They sit on the ground in mourning,
And the cry of Jerusalem has ascended.

3 “Their nobles have sent their servants for water;
They have come to the cisterns and found no water.
They have returned with their vessels empty;
They have been put to shame and humiliated,
And they cover their heads.

4 “Because the ground is cracked,
For there has been no rain on the land;
The farmers have been put to shame,
They have covered their heads.

5 “For even the doe in the field has given birth only to abandon *her young*,
Because there is no grass.

6 “The wild donkeys stand on the bare heights;
They pant for air like jackals,

Their eyes fail
For there is no vegetation.

7 “Although our iniquities testify against us,
O Lord, act for Your name’s sake!
Truly our apostasies have been many,
We have sinned against You.

Deuteronomy 33:13-16

13 Of Joseph he said,
“Blessed of the Lord *be* his land,
With the choice things of heaven, with the dew,
And from the deep lying beneath,
14 And with the choice yield of the sun,
And with the choice produce of the months.
15 “And with the best things of the ancient mountains,
And with the choice things of the everlasting hills,
16 And with the choice things of the earth and its fullness,
And the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush.
Let it come to the head of Joseph,
And to the crown of the head of the one distinguished among his brothers.

Ezekiel 36:4-12

4 ‘Therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God.
Thus says the Lord God to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the
valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the forsaken cities which have become a prey
and a derision to the rest of the nations which are round about,
5 therefore thus says the Lord God, “Surely in the fire of My jealousy I have
spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, who
appropriated My land for themselves as a possession with wholehearted joy
and with scorn of soul, to drive it out for a prey.”
6 ‘Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel and say to the
mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, “Thus says the
Lord God, ‘Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My wrath because
you have endured the insults of the nations.’
7 “Therefore thus says the Lord God, ‘I have sworn that surely the nations
which are around you will themselves endure their insults.
8 ‘But you, O mountains of Israel, you will put forth your branches and bear
your fruit for My people Israel; for they will soon come.
9 ‘For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you will be cultivated
and sown.

10 'I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities will be inhabited and the waste places will be rebuilt.

11 'I will multiply on you man and beast; and they will increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited as you were formerly and will treat you better than at the first. Thus you will know that I am the Lord.

12 'Yes, I will cause men—My people Israel—to walk on you and possess you, so that you will become their inheritance and never again bereave them of children.'

Amos 9:13-15

13 "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord,
 "When the plowman will overtake the reaper
 And the treader of grapes him who sows seed;
 When the mountains will drip sweet wine
 And all the hills will be dissolved.

14 "Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel,
 And they will rebuild the ruined cities and live *in them*;
 They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine,
 And make gardens and eat their fruit.

15 "I will also plant them on their land,
 And they will not again be rooted out from their land
 Which I have given them,"
 Says the Lord your God.

Joel 3:18

18 And in that day
 The mountains will drip with sweet wine,
 And the hills will flow with milk,
 And all the brooks of Judah will flow with water;
 And a spring will go out from the house of the Lord
 To water the valley of Shittim

Exodus 2:23-3:10

23 Now it came about in *the course of* those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry for help because of *their* bondage rose up to God.

24 So God heard their groaning; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

25 God saw the sons of Israel, and God took notice *of them*.

Chapter 3

The Burning Bush

1 Now Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

2 The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed.

3 So Moses said, “^aI must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up.”

4 When the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”

5 Then He said, “Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”

6 He said also, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7 The Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings.

8 “So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

9 “Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them.

The Mission of Moses

10 “Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.”

Psalm 105

1 Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;
^bSpeak of all His wonders.

3 Glory in His holy name;
Let the heart of those who seek the Lord be glad.

4 Seek the Lord and His strength;
Seek His face continually.

5 Remember His ^awonders which He has done,
His marvels and the judgments uttered by His mouth,

6 O seed of Abraham, His servant,
O sons of Jacob, His chosen ones!

7 He is the Lord our God;
His judgments are in all the earth.

8 He has remembered His covenant forever,
The word which He commanded to a thousand generations,

9 *The covenant* which He made with Abraham,
And His oath to Isaac.

10 Then He confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
To Israel as an everlasting covenant,

11 Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
As the ^bportion of your inheritance,"

12 When they were only a few men in number,
Very few, and strangers in it.

13 And they wandered about from nation to nation,
From *one* kingdom to another people.

14 He permitted no man to oppress them,
And He reproved kings for their sakes:

15 "Do not touch My anointed ones,
And do My prophets no harm."

16 And He called for a famine upon the land;
He broke the whole staff of bread.

17 He sent a man before them,
Joseph, *who* was sold as a slave.

18 They afflicted his feet with fetters,
He himself was laid in irons;

19 Until the time that his word came to pass,
The word of the Lord ^btested him.

20 The king sent and released him,
The ruler of peoples, and set him free.

21 He made him lord of his house
And ruler over all his possessions,

22 To imprison his princes ^aat will,
That he might teach his elders wisdom.

23 Israel also came into Egypt;
Thus Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

24 And He caused His people to be very fruitful,
And made them stronger than their adversaries.

25 He turned their heart to hate His people,
To deal craftily with His servants.

26 He sent Moses His servant,
And Aaron, whom He had chosen.

27 They ^aperformed His wondrous acts among them,
And miracles in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness and made *it* dark;
And they did not rebel against His words.

29 He turned their waters into blood
And caused their fish to die.

30 Their land swarmed with frogs
Even in the chambers of their kings.

31 He spoke, and there came a swarm of flies
And gnats in all their territory.

32 He gave them hail for rain,
And flaming fire in their land.

33 He struck down their vines also and their fig trees,
And shattered the trees of their territory.

34 He spoke, and locusts came,
And young locusts, even without number,

35 And ate up all vegetation in their land,
And ate up the fruit of their ground.

36 He also struck down all the firstborn in their land,
The first fruits of all their vigor.

37 Then He brought them out with silver and gold,
And among His tribes there was not one who stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad when they departed,
For the dread of them had fallen upon them.

39 He spread a cloud for a covering,
And fire to illumine by night.

40 They asked, and He brought quail,
And satisfied them with the ^cbread of heaven.

41 He opened the rock and water flowed out;
It ran in the dry places *like* a river.

42 For He remembered His holy word
With Abraham His servant;

43 And He brought forth His people with joy,
His chosen ones with a joyful shout.

44 He gave them also the lands of the nations,
That they might take possession of *the fruit of* the peoples' labor,
45 So that they might keep His statutes
And observe His laws,
Praise the Lord!

Psalm 77:11-20

11 I shall remember the deeds of the Lord;
Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.
12 I will meditate on all Your work
And muse on Your deeds.
13 Your way, O God, is holy;
What god is great like our God?
14 You are the God who works wonders;
You have made known Your strength among the peoples.
15 You have by Your power redeemed Your people,
The sons of Jacob and Joseph.

Selah.

16 The waters saw You, O God;
The waters saw You, they were in anguish;
The deeps also trembled.
17 The clouds poured out water;
The skies gave forth a sound;
Your arrows flashed here and there.
18 The sound of Your thunder was in the whirlwind;
The lightnings lit up the world;
The earth trembled and shook.
19 Your way was in the sea
And Your paths in the mighty waters,
And Your footprints may not be known.
20 You led Your people like a flock
By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Numbers 22:1-12; 23:1-24:9

1 Then the sons of Israel journeyed, and camped in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan *opposite* Jericho.
2 Now Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.
3 So Moab was in great fear because of the people, for they were numerous; and Moab was in dread of the sons of Israel.

4 Moab said to the elders of Midian, "Now this horde will lick up all that is around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field." And Balak the son of Zippor was king of Moab at that time.

5 So he sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor, at Pethor, which is near the River, *in* the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, "Behold, a people came out of Egypt; behold, they cover the surface of the land, and they are living opposite me.

6 "Now, therefore, please come, curse this people for me since they are too mighty for me; perhaps I may be able to defeat them and drive them out of the land. For I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed."

7 So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the *fees for* divination in their hand; and they came to Balaam and repeated Balak's words to him.

8 He said to them, "Spend the night here, and I will bring word back to you as the Lord may speak to me." And the leaders of Moab stayed with Balaam.

9 Then God came to Balaam and said, "Who are these men with you?"

10 Balaam said to God, "Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent *word* to me,

11 'Behold, there is a people who came out of Egypt and they cover the surface of the land; now come, curse them for me; perhaps I may be able to fight against them and drive them out.' "

12 God said to Balaam, "Do not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed."

1 Then Balaam said to Balak, "Build seven altars for me here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here."

2 Balak did just as Balaam had spoken, and Balak and Balaam offered up a bull and a ram on each altar.

3 Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stand beside your burnt offering, and I will go; perhaps the Lord will come to meet me, and whatever He shows me I will tell you." So he went to a bare hill.

4 Now God met Balaam, and he said to Him, "I have set up the seven altars, and I have offered up a bull and a ram on each altar."

5 Then the Lord put a word in Balaam's mouth and said, "Return to Balak, and you shall speak thus."

6 So he returned to him, and behold, he was standing beside his burnt offering, he and all the leaders of Moab.

7 He took up his discourse and said, "From Aram Balak has brought me,

Moab's king from the mountains of the East,
 'Come curse Jacob for me,
 And come, denounce Israel!'

8 "How shall I curse whom God has not cursed?
 And how can I denounce whom the Lord has not denounced?

9 "As I see him from the top of the rocks,
 And I look at him from the hills;
 Behold, a people *who* dwells apart,
 And will not be reckoned among the nations.

10 "Who can count the dust of Jacob,
 Or number the fourth part of Israel?
 Let me die the death of the upright,
 And let my end be like his!"

11 Then Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, but behold, you have actually blessed them!"

12 He replied, "Must I not be careful to speak what the Lord puts in my mouth?"

13 Then Balak said to him, "Please come with me to another place from where you may see them, although you will only see the extreme end of them and will not see all of them; and curse them for me from there."

14 So he took him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars and offered a bull and a ram on *each* altar.

15 And he said to Balak, "Stand here beside your burnt offering while I myself meet *the Lord* over there."

16 Then the Lord met Balaam and put a word in his mouth and said, "Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak."

17 He came to him, and behold, he was standing beside his burnt offering, and the leaders of Moab with him. And Balak said to him, "What has the Lord spoken?"

18 Then he took up his discourse and said,
 "Arise, O Balak, and hear;
 Give ear to me, O son of Zippor!

19 "God is not a man, that He should lie,
 Nor a son of man, that He should repent;
 Has He said, and will He not do it?
 Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

20 "Behold, I have received *a command* to bless;
 When He has blessed, then I cannot revoke it.

21 "He has not observed misfortune in Jacob;
 Nor has He seen trouble in Israel;

The Lord his God is with him,
And the shout of a king is among them.

22 "God brings them out of Egypt,
He is for them like the horns of the wild ox.

23 "For there is no omen against Jacob,
Nor is there any divination against Israel;
At the proper time it shall be said to Jacob
And to Israel, what God has done!

24 "Behold, a people rises like a lioness,
And as a lion it lifts itself;
It will not lie down until it devours the prey,
And drinks the blood of the slain."

25 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Do not curse them at all nor bless them at all!"

26 But Balaam replied to Balak, "Did I not tell you, 'aWhatever the Lord speaks, that I must do'?"

27 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Please come, I will take you to another place; perhaps it will be agreeable with God that you curse them for me from there."

28 So Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor which overlooks the wasteland.

29 Balaam said to Balak, "Build seven altars for me here and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here."

30 Balak did just as Balaam had said, and offered up a bull and a ram on *each* altar.

Chapter 24

The Prophecy from Peor

1 When Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he did not go as at other times to seek omens but he set his face toward the wilderness.

2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes and saw Israel camping tribe by tribe; and the Spirit of God came upon him.

3 He took up his discourse and said,
"The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor,
And the oracle of the man whose eye is opened;

4 The oracle of him who hears the words of God,
Who sees the vision of the Almighty,
Falling down, yet having his eyes uncovered,

5 How fair are your tents, O Jacob,
Your dwellings, O Israel!

6 “Like valleys that stretch out,
Like gardens beside the river,
Like aloes planted by the Lord,
Like cedars beside the waters.

7 “Water will flow from his buckets,
And his seed *will be* by many waters,
And his king shall be higher than Agag,
And his kingdom shall be exalted.

8 “God brings him out of Egypt,
He is for him like the horns of the wild ox.
He will devour the nations *who are* his adversaries,
And will crush their bones in pieces,
And shatter *them* with his arrows.

9 “He couches, he lies down as a lion,
And as a lion, who dares rouse him?
Blessed is everyone who blesses you,
And cursed is everyone who curses you.”

Deuteronomy 23:5

5 “Nevertheless, the Lord your God was not willing to listen to Balaam, but the Lord your God turned the curse into a blessing for you because the Lord your God loves you.

Joshua 3:1

1 Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and he and all the sons of Israel set out from Shittim and came to the Jordan, and they lodged there before they crossed.

Joshua 4:19-24

19 Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth of the first month and camped at Gilgal on the eastern edge of Jericho.

20 ^aThose twelve stones which they had taken from the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal.

21 He said to the sons of Israel, “When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, ‘What are these stones?’

22 then you shall inform your children, saying, ‘Israel crossed this Jordan on dry ground.’

23 “For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed, just as the Lord your God had done to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed;

24 that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, so that you may ^cfear the Lord your God forever.”

1 Kings 16:23-33

23 In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Omri became king over Israel *and reigned* twelve years; he reigned six years at Tirzah.

24 He bought the hill Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver; and he built on the hill, and named the city which he built ^aSamaria, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill.

25 Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord, and acted more wickedly than all who *were* before him.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat and in his sins which he made Israel sin, provoking the Lord God of Israel with their idols.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did and his might which he showed, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

28 So Omri slept with his fathers and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son became king in his place.

29 Now Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel in the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years.

30 Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord more than all who *were* before him.

31 It came about, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he married Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went to serve Baal and worshiped him.

32 So he erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal which he built in Samaria.

33 Ahab also made the Asherah. Thus Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who *were* before him.

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