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# Micah

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meat for the pan ... flesh for the pot

**Micah 1–3** Judah's EVIL Cooks

**Micah 4–5** Humble Beginnings

**Micah 6–7** Hope Found

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**Alternate Title #1**

# **Prophet and Evil Cooks**





**Alternate Title #2**

# **Prophet in the Moral Jungle**









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# Meet Miss Derry NH Scholarship Winner 2023 Brian Nguyen, 19, ugly transgender WINS



been crowned Miss Greater Derry 2023 in New Hampshire  
(Image: Instagram/BrianNguyen)

cheated young women  
Twisting Morals  
Making Evil GOOD

**Micah 3:2 “Tear the SKIN from MY people”**

Whoa, thought it was a *NIGHTMARE*

Lord it was so true

They told me don't go walking thru

The DEVIL's on the LOOSE

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**Micah uses most GRAPHIC  
metaphor in the Bible**

**Or simply IS the WORST EVIL in the Bible**





## **Micah chapter 1**

- 1 The word of the LORD that came to Micah of Moresheth during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz & Hezekiah, kings of Judah—the vision he saw concerning Samaria & Jerusalem.**
- 2 Hear, you peoples, all of you ... earth and all who live in it, that the Sovereign LORD may bear witness against you...**
- 3 Look! The LORD is coming from his dwelling place; he comes down & treads on the heights of the earth.**
- 4 The mountains melt beneath him ...**

**Micah sets up Chapter 3 with the LORD's preparation**



# ***Prophet Micah***

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**“Micah” mentioned  
in Jer. 26:18**

**Name Means:**

**“Who is as Jehovah?”  
— as K&D said:**

**“one dedicated to  
Jehovah the  
incomparable God”**

**From Moresheth-Gath**

**NOT the Micah of  
Judges 17 & 18**





## **Great Jeremiah mentions Micah: 26:18**

**18 “Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah. He told all the people of Judah,**

**‘This is what the LORD Almighty says:**

**“‘Zion will be plowed like a field,  
Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the  
temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets.’**

**19 “Did Hezekiah king of Judah or anyone else in Judah put him to death? Did not Hezekiah fear the LORD and seek his favor? And did not the LORD relent ...**

**2 Kings 18-20 ... chap 19 Lord kills 186,000 Assyrians**

**Isaiah 36-39 tells us more about Hezekiah**



**Moresbeth-Gath ...**  
**SW of Jerusalem**  
**About 40 Miles**  
**About as far**  
**from Woodville**  
**to Lufkin**  
**Gath of Philistines**  
**Near Valley of Elah**  
**where David**  
**fought Goliath**





## **Micah chapter 1** *continued*

**7 All her idols will be broken to pieces ... all her images.**

**Since she gathered her gifts from the wages of prostitutes,  
as the wages of prostitutes they will again be used.”**

**8 Because of this I *Israel* will weep and wail ... go about  
barefoot & naked. I'll howl like a jackal & moan like owl.**

**9 For Samaria's plague is incurable ... spread to Judah....**

**11 Pass by naked and in shame, you who live in Shaphir....**

**16 Shave your head in mourning for the children in whom  
you delight; make yourself as bald as the vulture,  
for they will go from you into exile.**

## **Micah chapter 2**

**1 Woe to those who plan iniquity,  
to those who plot evil on their beds!**

**At morning's light they carry it out  
because it is in their power to do it.**

**2 They covet fields and seize them ... houses ... defraud  
people of their homes ... rob ... inheritance.**

**3 Therefore, the LORD says: "I am planning disaster against  
this people, from which you cannot save yourselves.**

**You will no longer walk proudly ... time of calamity.**

**4 In that day people will ridicule you ... taunt you .. Song ...**





## **Micah chapter 2** *continued*

5 Therefore you will have no one in the  
assembly of the LORD to divide the land by lot.

6 “Do NOT prophesy,” their *PROPHETS* say.

“Do NOT prophesy about these things;  
disgrace will NOT overtake us.” ...

9 You drive the women ... from their pleasant homes.  
You take away my blessing from their children forever.

10 GET UP, GO AWAY! For this is not your resting place ...

**Who are these strange PROPHETS that ... WHAT?**

**Tell the LORD's Prophet to GET LOST!**

## **Micah chapter 2** *continued*

- 11** If a LIAR and deceiver comes and says,  
‘I will prophesy for you plenty of wine and beer,’  
that would be just the prophet for this people! ...
- 12** “I will surely gather all of you, Jacob;  
I will surely bring together the remnant of Israel.  
I will bring them together like sheep in a pen ...  
the place will throng with people.
- 13** The One who breaks open the way will go up before them  
Their King will pass through before them,  
the LORD at their head.”



## Micah chapter 3

1 Then I said, “Listen, you leaders of Jacob,  
you rulers of Israel.

Should you not embrace justice?

That is rhetorical ... the assumption is: **OF COURSE**

But these degenerate no good rotten scumbags ...

Yet these crazy fools **CANNOT** stand “goodness”

There is series on TV today called “Signs of the Psychopath”

In its 4th Season ... about men, mostly, few women

**WHO HAVE NO CONSCIENCE ... NO FEELING** for others

**Degenerate Corrupt Perverted Twisted Warped GOULS**

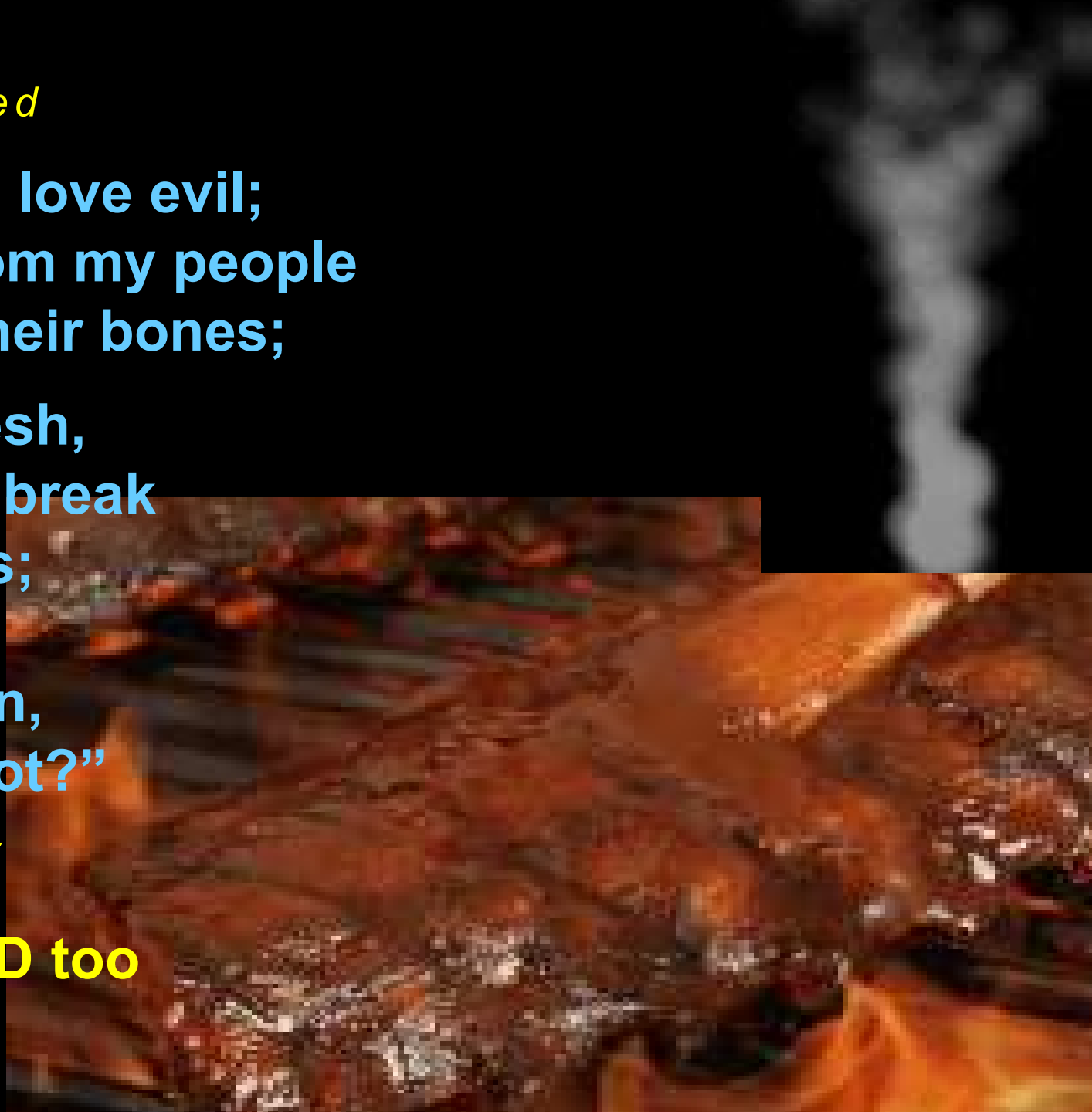
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**FEW** take that **LITERALLY**

**Even as Metaphor is HARD too**





**Metaphor ... “tearing of SKIN” is depth of abuse**

**How it HURTS the POOR**

**“Break Bones” is ... is ... is ...**

**breaking of spirit ... destruction of STRUCTURE**

**“Breaking of BONES”**

**Leaves one ... leaves one**

**UNABLE to STAND**

**UNABLE to Work**

**FEW take that LITERALLY**

**Metaphor is still BRUTAL**

**YET – we cannot TOTALLY discount the LITERAL view**

**Most the Metaphor ... me too**



## **Micah chapter 3** *continued*

**4 Then they will cry out to the LORD,  
but he will not answer them.**

**At that time he will hide his face from them  
because of the evil they have done.**

**5 This is what the LORD says:**

**“As for the PROPHETS who lead my people astray,  
they proclaim ‘peace’ if they have something to EAT,**

**but prepare to wage WAR against anyone who**

**WHO REFUSES TO FEED THEM.**

**Kings *TEAR* the FLESH ...**

**Pastor *PREACH* Lies for Money & Food**





## **Micah chapter 3** *continued*

**6 Therefore NIGHT will come over you,  
WITHOUT VISIONS,**

**and darkness, without divination.**

**The sun will set for the prophets,  
and the day will go DARK for them.**

**7 The SEERS will be ashamed and the DIVINERS disgraced.**

**They will all cover their faces  
because there is no answer from God.”**

**8 But as for me, I am filled with power ... Spirit of the LORD,**

**Pastor will lose the ability to SEE God's Messages**





### **Micah chapter 3** *continued*

- 9 Hear this, you leaders of Jacob, you rulers of Israel,  
who despise justice & distort all that is right;
- 10 who build Zion w bloodshed ... Jerusalem w wickedness.
- 11 **Leaders** judge for a **BRIBE**, her **priests** teach for a **PRICE**,  
and her **prophets** tell fortunes for **MONEY**.  
Yet they look for the LORD's support and say,  
"Is not the LORD among us? No disaster will come...."
- 12 Therefore because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field,  
Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble,  
the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets.

**Samaria taken 722 B.C. ... Jerusalem 586 B.C.**



## Matthew Poole's Commentary

**EAT:** maintain themselves in luxury, excess, reveling

**FLESH:** estates, goods, livelihood of victims

**MY PEOPLE:** Lord's chosen ...

### Deuteronomy 32:10-11

10 In a desert land he – the Lord – found him, in a barren and howling waste. He shielded him and cared for him;

he guarded him as the APPLE of his eye,

11 like an eagle that stirs up its nest  
and hovers over its young,  
that spreads its wings to catch them  
and carries them aloft.



## **Zechariah 2:7-9**

**7 “Come, Zion! Escape, you who live in Daughter Babylon!”**

**8 For this is what the LORD Almighty says:**

**“After the Glorious One has sent me against  
the nations that have plundered you—**

**for whoever touches you  
touches the apple of his eye—**

**9 I will surely raise my hand against them  
so that their slaves will plunder them.**





# Micah chapter 3 – Government & Prophets

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Still, Metaphor is **HARD ENOUGH**





## **Matthew Poole's Commentary**

**Flay their skin:** barbarous cruelty ... as butchers strip the sheep they kill ... as hunters ... strip off the skin to sell....

**Break bones:** allusion to wolves, boars, or lions, which devour the flesh, tear the skin, and break the bones of the innocent, weak, and defenseless lambs....

**Micah tells these rulers plainly....**

**Chop them in pieces:** as flesh within the caldron

**Bloody murdering ... chieftains ... COOKS ...**

**Cook doth by his ART prepare for the pot**



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**Albert Barnes (1798–1870)**

**Presbyterian Minister**

✓ **Abolitionist**

✓ **Temperance Advocate**

**Best known for his**

*Notes on the Old and New Testaments*

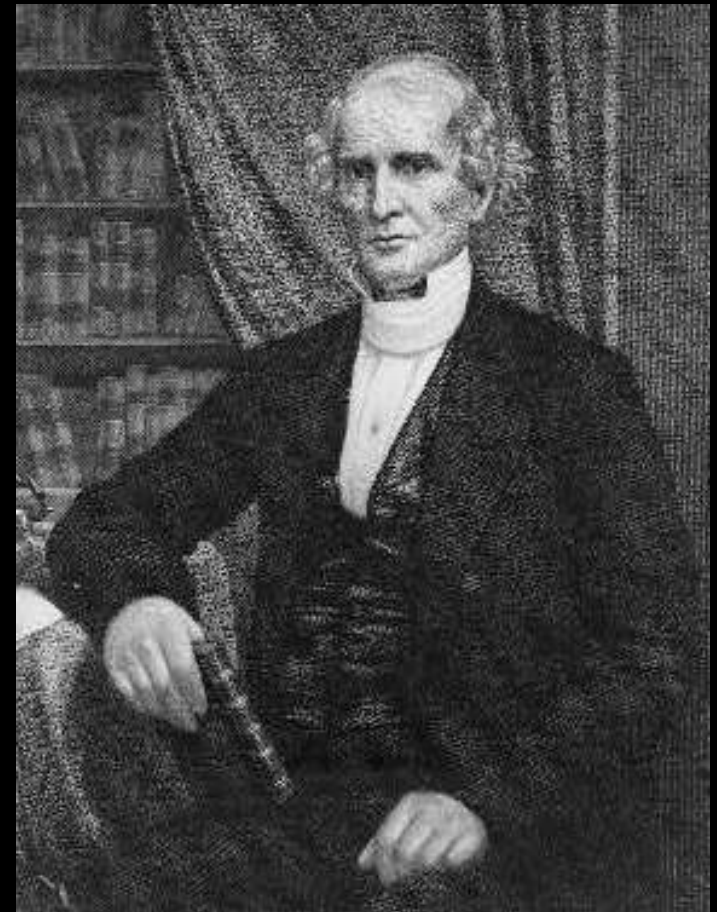
**14 volumes in the 1830s.**

**Methodist parents ...**

**became Presbyterian minister**

**Pastor Presbyterian Church in Morristown, N.J.**

**1830 Pastor First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia**





## **Barnes' Notes on the Bible – Micah 3**

**Who hate the good and love the evil:**

**Micah not "hating good" men, or "loving evil" men**

**But “hating goodness” & “loving wickedness”**

**"It is sin NOT to love good;  
what guilt to hate it!**

**it is faulty, not to flee from evil,  
what ungodliness to love it!"**

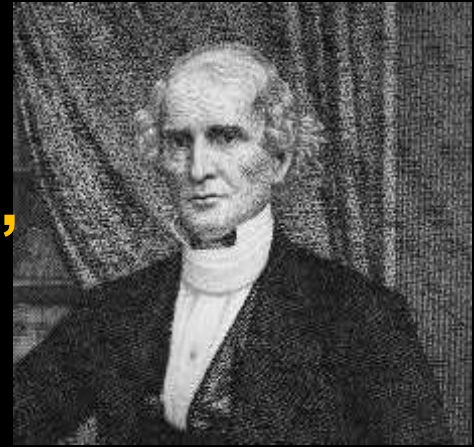
**Man, at first, loves and admires the good,  
even while he cloth it not;**

**he hates the evil, even while he does it,  
or as soon as he has done it.**



## **Barnes' Notes on the Bible** *continued*

**Man cannot bear to be at strife with his conscience,  
and so he ends it, by excusing himself  
and telling lies to himself.**



**And then, he hates the truth or good with a bitter hatred,  
because it disturbs the darkness of the false peace  
with which he would envelop himself.**

**At first, men love only the pleasure connected with the evil;  
then they make whom they can, evil, because goodness is  
a reproach to them: in the end,  
they love evil for its own sake**

## **Barnes' Notes on the Bible** *continued*

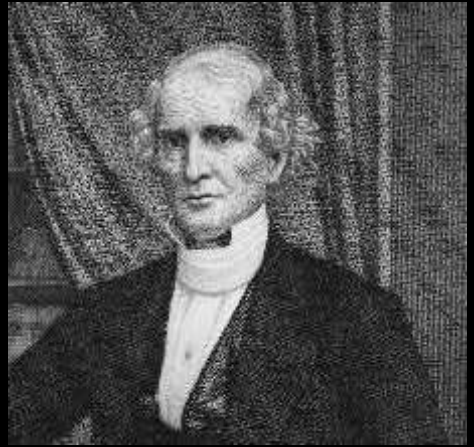
**pagan morality too distinguished between the  
incontinent and the unprincipled,**

**the man who sinned under force of temptation, and  
the man who had lost the sense of right and wrong**

**John 3:20. "Everyone that doeth evil, hateth the light.  
Whoso longeth for things unlawful, hateth  
the righteousness which rebuketh and punisheth"**

**Who pluck off their skin: he describes those who OUGHT to  
be "shepherds of the people" ...**

**were their butchers**

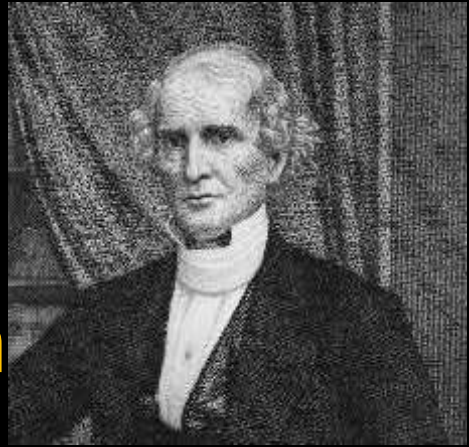




**Barnes' Notes on the Bible** *continued*

**Their BUTCHERS ...**

**who did not shear them, but flayed them  
who fed on them, not fed them.**



**He heaps up their guilt ...**

**1st FLAY ... take away their outer goods**

**2nd Break Bones ... most solid parts, on which the  
whole frame of their body depends**

**To get at the very marrow of their life ...**

**Barnes' Notes on the Bible** *continued*

**1st Remove the SKIN:**

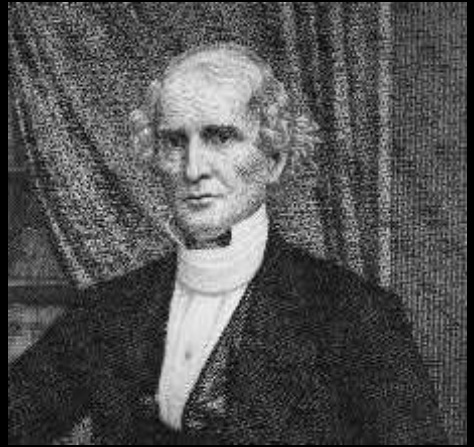
**outward tender fences of God's graces ...  
as is modesty ... inward purity;**

**outward demeanor of inward virtue**

**outward forms of inward devotion**

**Break the strong bones of the sterner virtues,  
which hold the WHOLE SOUL TOGETHER ...**

**Whole flesh, or softer graces ... shapeless mass  
shred to pieces & consumed**



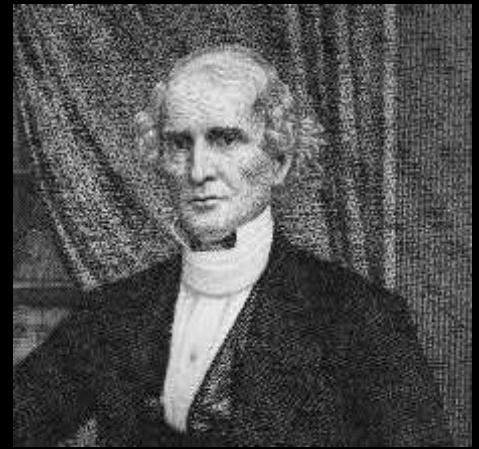
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**Ezekiel 34:2-10 ...**

**“Woe to the shepherds of Israel that  
feed themselves**

**Should not the shepherds feed the flock?  
Ye eat the fat and ye clothe you, with the wool,  
Ye kill them that are fed, ye feed not the flock.  
The diseased have ye not strengthened ...”**

**EVIL in the LAND when the KINGS lead astray  
EVIL in the LAND when the PASTORS lead astray**





Better run through the JUNG:E  
Whoa, don't look back to see  
I heard it a rumblin'



Calling to MY NAME

Two hundred million guns are loaded

SATAN cries, "TAKE AIM"

Better run through the JUNGLE

TODAY ... we are in a

**MORAL JUNGLE**



## Micah chapter 3

2 You who hate good and love evil;  
who **TEAR** the **SKIN** from my people  
and the **FLESH** from their **BONES**;

3 Who eat my people's flesh,  
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their **BONES** in **PIECES**;  
who **CHOP** them up  
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How do YOU take this—**LITERAL** or **METAPHOR**?  
**NOT** your favorite Memory Verse

**WHO ARE WE?**

**IF WE DO NOT STAND TODAY ... who will?**

**WHO ARE WE?**

**Zechariah 2:8**

**for whoever touches you  
touches the APPLE of his eye—**

**We have but ONE LIFE ...**

**Micah 1:3 Look!**

**The LORD is coming from his dwelling place;  
He comes down & treads on the heights of the earth.**

