

graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER¹ The Papou Study Bible is a daily study provided by me to



help folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls who love me and any descendant they have that love their Papou too. And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis) never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t. This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use

the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths

the beautiful way Greek enables you to view. And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with anyone I’ve ever brought to Christ and family members who truly love me. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*

Christ IN You Series

Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)

²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory
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Micah Introduction Part 7²



So as look at the theme of the book, we note that Micah’s message will alternate between prophecies of doom and prophecies of hope. My interest will be to see where the message rises above the literal things being spoken of, and becomes a message about Christ. There’s one in Micah 2.

Let me just quote it: I will bring them together like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture; the place will throng with people.¹³ The One who breaks open the way will go up before them; they will break through the gate and go out. Their King will pass through before them, the LORD at their head.” **Can you see Jesus in this one? I think I can.**

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So what do you think of the fact that God can prophesy “doom” and “hope” in the same breath? Does that seem incongruous in light to the revelation of Jesus?

Paul didn't think so. Look at how he summarizes the same concept.

Romans 11:22

New International Version

²² Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.

As the NIV Study Bible continues, the theme is:

- **Divine Judgment**
- **Deliverance**

God is how to hate:

- **Idolatry**
- **Injustice**
- **Rebellion**
- **Empty ritualism**

Micah 3:8

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⁸ But as for me, I am filled with power,
with the Spirit of the LORD,
and with justice and might,
to declare to Jacob his transgression,
to Israel his sin.

Notice what the “power” given by the Spirit of the LORD gives Micah---the ability to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

What’s the difference between those two?

Transgression	Sin
<p>H2403 chatta'ah khat-taw-aw'</p> <p>from H2398 - chata' khaw-taw'properly, to miss</p> <p>an offence (sometimes habitual sinfulness), and its penalty, occasion, sacrifice, or expiation; also (concretely) an offender.</p>	<p>H6588 pasha` peh'-shah</p> <p>from H6586 - to break away (from just authority), i.e. trespass, apostatize, quarrel</p> <p>a revolt (national, moral or religious).</p>

The Spirit empowers prophets with so many things. Prophets were Spirit-filled messengers.

Isaiah 48:16	Isaiah 61:1
<p>⁶“Come near me and listen to this: “From the first announcement I have not spoken in secret; at the time it happens, I am there.” And now the Sovereign LORD has sent me, endowed with his Spirit.</p>	<p>The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,</p> <p>Footnotes</p> <p>a. Isaiah 61:1 Hebrew; Septuagint <i>the blind</i></p>

So the Spirit empowers all these good words. But the Spirit empowers us to declare transgression and sin. God does delight in pardoning the penitent also.

Micah 7:18-19 NIV	CLV version
<p>¹⁸ Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.</p> <p>¹⁹ You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.</p>	<p>18 ^aWho is an El like ^{wt}You, bearing with depravity, And passing over transgression, for the remnant of His allotment? He does not ^chold fast His anger for the future, For He ^ddelights in benignity.</p> <p>19 He shall have compassion on us ^{lrt}again; He shall subdue our depravities. And You shall fling into the shadowy depths of the sea all ⁷our [~]sins.</p>

The NIV study notes say “When God takes away sin’s guilt so that it does not condemn us he also takes away it’s power to rule over us.

Ps 19:13	Ro 6:14
<p>¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.</p>	<p>¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.</p>
<p>Moreover, keep back Your servant from arrogancies; Let them not ^lrule ⁱover me. Then I shall be flawless, And I will be innocent ^fof ^{mn}great transgression.</p>	<p>We, then, were entombed together with Him through ^abaptism into ^adeath, that, even as Christ was roused ^ofrom among the dead through the glory of the Father, thus we ^dalso should be walking in newness of life.</p>

So there are some sins that are “willful” and “arrogancies.”

Finally, the prophet declares that Zion will have greater glory in the future than ever before.

Micah 4:1-2	Note
<p>In the last days the mountain of the LORD’s temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above</p>	<p>The prophecy here goes beyond the immediate situation. Even though the temple in Jerusalem is</p>

<p>the hills, and peoples will stream to it.</p> <p>² Many nations will come and say,</p> <p>“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.”</p> <p>The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.</p>	<p>destroyed, in the Zion of the future it will restored in even a grander styles to become the worship and learning center for all nations.</p>
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The Davidic kingdom, though it seems to come to an end, will reach greater heights through the coming of the Messianic deliverer.

Micah 5:1-4	Micah 1:2	Micah 3:8-12	Micah 6:2, 6-8	Micah 7:18-20
<p>Marshal your troops now, city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel’s ruler on the cheek with a rod.</p> <p>² “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans^(b) of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”</p>	<p>² Hear, you peoples, all of you, listen, earth and all who live in it, that the Sovereign LORD may bear witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple.</p>	<p>⁸ But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression, to Israel his sin.</p> <p>⁹ Hear this, you leaders of Jacob, you rulers of Israel, who despise justice and distort all that is</p>	<p>² “Hear, you mountains, the LORD’s accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the LORD has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel. ⁶ With what shall I come before the LORD</p>	<p>¹⁸ Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show</p>

<p>³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.</p> <p>⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.</p>		<p>right; ¹⁰ who build Zion with bloodshed, and Jerusalem with wickedness.</p> <p>¹¹ Her 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 upon us."</p> <p>¹² Therefore because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple hill a</p>	<p>and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD requi</p>	<p>mercy. ¹⁹ You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. ²⁰ You will be faithful to Jacob, and show love to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our ancestors in days long ago</p>
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