

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 6 Part 6²



Here is where I left off yesterday:

Zechariah 8:8

⁸ I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be **my people**, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as **their God.**”

God is “our God.” We are His people. Let’s move into the rest of the chapter and see what other indictments and sentences He speaks of concerning His people.

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Micah 6:9-16 New International Version

Israel’s Guilt and Punishment

⁹ Listen! The LORD is calling to the city—
and to fear your name is wisdom—

“Heed the rod and the One who appointed it.”^[a]

Since the footnote says the meaning of the phrase “appointed it” is uncertain, I want to see what the Hebrew actually says to see if I can draw my own conclusions.

Actually, it’s sometimes quite interesting to discern how translators come up with their translations from the original language. I have a leg up on discerning it from the Greek, not because I’m scholarly trained but “intuitively” familiar since Greek was my first language (or broken English peppered with lots of Greek).

But here is the Hebrew phrase on this Scripture.

See if you can discern how to translate it.

CLV

The voice of Yahweh, it is calling to the city, And sagacity, it shall ⁷fear His ^{~c9}Name. Hear the rod and the One ⁶Who appointed it.

וְיָמִי	מִטֵּה	שְׁמֹעוּ	שִׁמְךָ	יִרְאֶה	וְתוֹשִׁיָּהּ	יִקְרָא	לְעִיר	יְהוָה	קוֹל	6:9
u-mi	mte	shmou	shm-k	irae	u-thushie	iqra	l-oir	ieue	qul	
and-who?	rod	hear-you ^[p] !	name-of-you	he-shall-see	and-reality	he-is-calling	to-the-city	Yahweh	voice-of	
								:	יְעִדָּהּ	
								:	iod-e	
									he-appointed-her	

Footnotes

- a. **Micah 6:9** The meaning of the Hebrew for this line is uncertain.
- b. **Micah 6:10** An ephah was a dry measure.
- c. **Micah 6:13** Or *Therefore, I will make you ill and destroy you; / I will ruin*
- d. **Micah 6:14** The meaning of the Hebrew for this word is uncertain.
- e. **Micah 6:14** Or *You will press toward birth but not give birth, / and what you bring to birth*
- f. **Micah 6:16** Septuagint; Hebrew *scorn due my people*

Ok. Not that I know anything about Hebrew but let me give this a stab.

“And-who? rod hear you! Name-of-you he-shall-see and-reality he-is-calling to city Yahweh voice-of he-appointed-her”

The best I can discern is that “the rod” which is spoken to as if it has personhood, is told:

- **He (God) appointed her.**
- **It’s intent is to call for the city to come to “Reality”**
- **Perhaps “name of you he shall see” means whoever is suffering from the rod will see that indeed, it is coming from the Lord.**
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I like the thought that I’m thinking may be being referred to her. The “rod of God” helps bring the city to “Reality.” Here are few alternate translations.

KJ21

The LORD’S voice crieth unto the city (and the man of wisdom shall see Thy name): “Hear ye the rod and who hath appointed it!

ASV

The voice of Jehovah crieth unto the city, and *the man of* wisdom will see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.

AMP

The voice of the LORD shall call to the city [of Jerusalem]— And it is sound wisdom to heed [solemnly] *and* fear Your name [with awe-filled reverence]; “Hear, O tribe [the rod of punishment]. Who has appointed its time?

AMPC

The voice of the Lord calls to the city [Jerusalem]—and it is sound wisdom to hear *and* fear Your name—Hear (heed) the rod and Him Who has appointed it.

BRG

The LORD’S voice crieth unto the city, and *the man of* wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.

CSB

The voice of the LORD calls out to the city (and it is wise to fear your name): “Pay attention to the rod and the one who ordained it.

CEB

The voice of the LORD calls out to the city; wisdom appears when one fears your name. Hear, tribe, and who appointed her!

CJB

The voice of *ADONAI!* He calls to the city — and it is wisdom to fear your name — “Listen to the rod and to him who commissioned it.

I am the LORD, and it makes sense to respect my power to punish. So listen to my message for the city of Jerusalem:

Pay attention to the “rod of God” is the implication. Learn from it. It helps bring you back to God’s Reality.

¹⁰ Am I still to forget your ill-gotten treasures, you wicked house,

and the short ephah,^[b] which is accursed?

¹¹ Shall I acquit someone with dishonest scales, with a bag of false weights?

God hates deceptive scales. He is quite loquacious about it in other Scriptures.

g. **Micah 6:10** An ephah was a dry measure.

It is about a half a bushel, which is dry measure, containing 8 gallons or 4 pecks.

what is a bushel at DuckDuckGo

Lev 19:35	Pr 11:1	Hosea 12:7	Amos 8:5
³⁵ "Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight or quantity.	The LORD detests dishonest scales, but accurate weights find favor with him.	⁷ The merchant uses dishonest scales and loves to defraud.	⁵ saying, "When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?"—skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales,

Wow. There is an interesting phrase---“boosting the price.” Wow. Capitalism is all about supply and demand, and when coupled with greed, we get nightmarish prices for things like medicines.

¹² Your rich people are violent;

your inhabitants are liars
and their tongues speak deceitfully.

(CLV) Mic 6:12

^w Its rich men, they are full of wrong, And its dwellers^l, they speak falsehood, And their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

**People don't speak the truth. We speak falsehood and deceit. What is "falsehood"?
What is deceit?**

Falsehood	Deceit
<p>H8267 sheqer sheh'-ker</p> <p>from H8266 - to cheat, i.e. be untrue (usually in words).</p> <p>an untruth; by implication, a sham (often adverbial).</p>	<p>H7423 rmiyah rem-ee-yaw'</p> <p>from H7411 - to hurl; specifically, to shoot; figuratively, to delude or betray (as if causing to fall).</p> <p>remissness, treachery.</p>

¹³ Therefore, I have begun to destroy you,
to ruin^[c] you because of your sins.
¹⁴ You will eat but not be satisfied;
your stomach will still be empty.^[d]
You will store up but save nothing,
because what you save^[e] I will give to the sword.
¹⁵ You will plant but not harvest;
you will press olives but not use the oil,
you will crush grapes but not drink the wine.
¹⁶ You have observed the statutes of Omri
and all the practices of Ahab's house;
you have followed their traditions.
Therefore I will give you over to ruin
and your people to derision;
you will bear the scorn of the nations.^[f]

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For **whosoever hath, to him** shall be given, and he shall have more abundance:
but **whosoever hath** not, from **him** shall be taken away even that he **hath**. Matthew 13:12
What a timeless truth.