## **The books are opened, and the court is seated!January 21, 2024**

## **God does this quite often!**

## ***Mic 6:1 Hear now what the LORD says: “Arise, plead your case before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice. 2 Hear, O you mountains, the LORD’s complaint, And you strong foundations of the earth; For the LORD has a complaint against His people, And He will contend with Israel.***

## **The witnesses are the mountains, hills and foundations of the earth.**

## ***Deut 4:26 “I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not prolong your days in it, but will be utterly destroyed.***

## ***Ezekiel 20:35 “And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face.***

## ***Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the LORD, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow;***

## ***Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.***

## **The case: Because they are a Stiff-necked people, First God reminds them of His love and mercy:**

## ***Micah 6:3 “O My people, what have I done to you? And how have I wearied you? Testify against Me.***

## ***4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage; And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.***

## ***5 O My people, remember now What Balak king of Moab counseled, And what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, From Acacia Grove to Gilgal, That you may know the righteousness of the LORD.”***

## **Don’t you remember who you are?**

## ***Deut 7:6 “For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.***

## ***for you were the least of all peoples; 7 “The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people,***

##  ***8 “but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He SWORE to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.***

## ***9 “Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; 10 “and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face.***

## **This is a very sobering truth… THINK ABOUT IT concerning today’s news.**

## **The Church is the bride of Christ (Jew and Gentile) and Israel is the wife of Jehovah the apple of His eye!**

## ***Zech 2:8 For thus says the LORD of hosts: “He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye. 9 “For surely I will shake My hand against them, and they shall become spoil for their servants. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me.***

## **6 Million jews were killed by Germany in WW2…. 6-8 million Germans died.**

## **Russia has had a long and severe history Of Jewish persecutions, they collaborated with Germany at the beginning of the WW2 and severely persecuted Polish Jews. Twenty million Russians died in WW2… Coincidence?**

## ***Gen 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”* THOSE who are attacking Israel right now**

## **are cursed.**

## **God’s judgements are fair and right!**

## **God wants inward change, not outward change!**

## ***Micah 6:6 With what shall I come before the LORD, And bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old? 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?***

## **NO! He has already shown them!!!!!**

## ***Jer 22:3 ‘Thus says the LORD: “Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the plundered out of the hand of the oppressor. Do no wrong and do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.***

## ***4 “For if you indeed do this thing, then shall enter the gates of this house, riding on horses and in chariots, accompanied by servants and people, kings who sit on the throne of David.***

## ***5 “But if you will not hear these words, I swear by Myself,” says the LORD, “that this house shall become a desolation.” ’ ”***

## ***Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?***

## **They are mocking Gods holiness, and the Gentiles are blaspheming God because of them!**

## **The revealed will of God at this point is the covenant at Sinai and from verse 6:9-16 they are breaking all of the Mosaic Law!**

## **The rod is the Assyrian army**

## ***Mic 6:9 The LORD’s voice cries to the city– Wisdom shall see Your name: “Hear the rod! Who has appointed it?***

## ***10 Are there yet the treasures of wickedness In the house of the wicked, And the short measure that is an abomination?***

## ***11 Shall I count pure those with the wicked scales, And with the bag of deceitful weights? 12 For her rich men are full of violence, Her inhabitants have spoken lies, And their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.***

## ***Lev 19:35 ‘You shall do no injustice in judgment, in measurement of length, weight, or volume. 36 ‘You shall have honest scales, honest weights, an honest ephah, and an honest hin:***

## ***I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.***

## **They did not listen and the full weight of the punishments of Leviticus 26 are to come to them.**

## ***Micah 6:13 “Therefore I will also make you sick by striking you, By making you desolate because of your sins. 14 You shall eat, but not be satisfied; Hunger shall be in your midst. You may carry some away, but shall not save them; And what you do rescue I will give over to the sword.***

## ***15 “You shall sow, but not reap; You shall tread the olives, but not anoint yourselves with oil; And make sweet wine, but not drink wine.***

## ***16 For the statutes of Omri are kept; All the works of Ahab’s house are done; And you walk in their counsels, That I may make you a desolation, And your inhabitants a hissing. Therefore you shall bear the reproach of My people.”***

## **Assyria will do everything that Lev 26 says, remember though about The love of God!**

## ***Lev 26:40 ‘But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me,***

## ***41 and that I also have walked contrary to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept their guilt– 42 then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember; I will remember the land.***

## **AND*!!!!***

## ***Lev 26:44 Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor shall I abhor them, to utterly destroy them and break My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God.***

## ***45 But for their sake I will remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.’ ”***