



JUSTICE SERVED

Micah 2 | God of Justice Series



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MICAH 1:6-7A

6 “Therefore I will make Samaria a heap of rubble,
a place for planting vineyards.

I will pour her stones into the valley
and lay bare her foundations.

7 All her idols will be broken to pieces;
all her temple gifts will be burned with fire;
I will destroy all her images. (NIV®)

MICAH 1:16

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. (NIV®)

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Israel
NORTHERN
KINGDOM

★
SAMARIA

★
JERUSALEM

Judah
NORTHERN
KINGDOM

722 BC
ASSYRIANS
2 Kings 17

606 BC
597 BC
586 BC
BABYLONIANS
2 Kings 24-25





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- Judah's sin - Unjust seizure of the most vulnerable's land and homes. (1-2, 8-9)

EXODUS 20:17

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. (NIV®)

1 KINGS 21:2-3

2 Ahab said to Naboth, “Let me have your vineyard to use for a vegetable garden, since it is close to my palace. In exchange I will give you a better vineyard or, if you prefer, I will pay you whatever it is worth.”

3 But Naboth replied, “The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my ancestors.” (NIV®)



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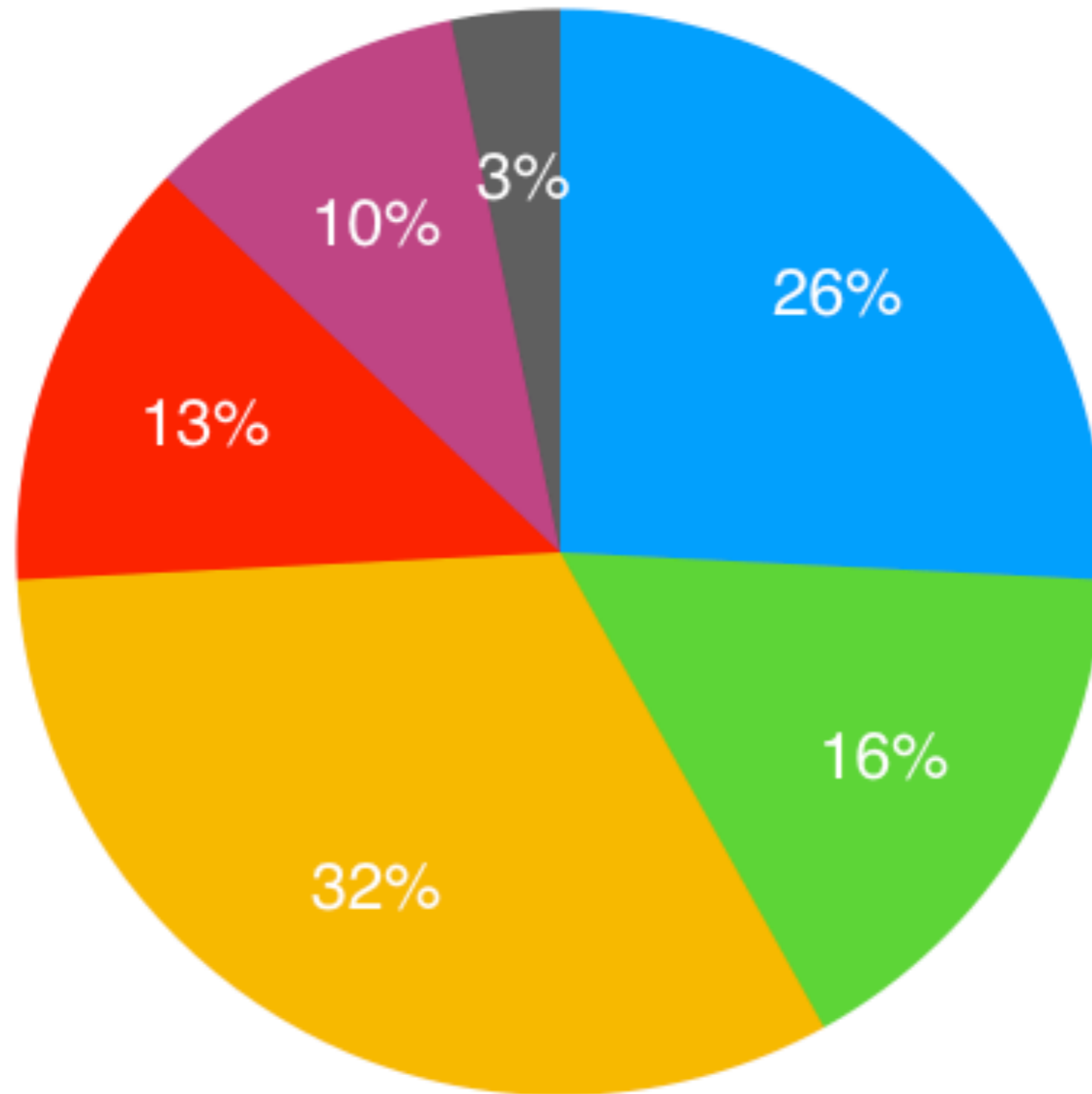
“My work with the poor and the incarcerated has persuaded me that the opposite of poverty is not wealth; the opposite of poverty is justice. Finally, I’ve come to believe that the true measure of our commitment to justice, the character of our society, our commitment to the rule of law, fairness, and equality cannot be measured by how we treat the rich, the powerful, the privileged, and the respected among us. The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored, the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned.”



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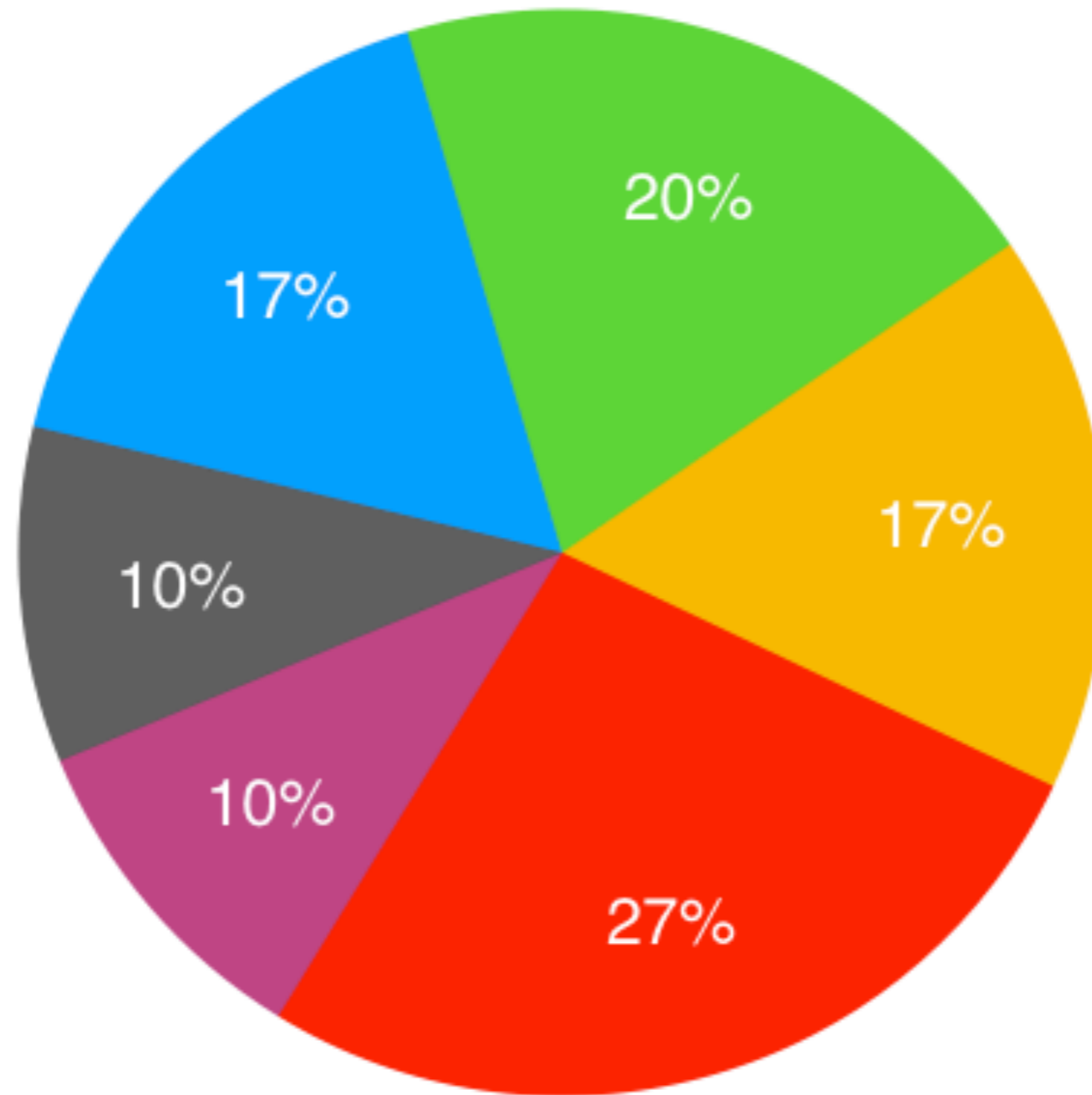
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- God's judgment - Those who steal land will lose their land. (3-5)

What's an idol our culture worships?



- Cellphones/Social Media (8)
- Success/Money/Power (10)
- Individualism/Self (3)
- Fame/Beauty (5)
- Comfort (4)
- Patriotism (1)

What's an injustice our culture commits?



- Abortion (5)
- Not caring for the poor and needy (6)
- Mistreatment of the other—the disabled, weak, and outsider (5)
- Racism, bigotry, prejudice (8)
- Profit over people, national debt (3)
- Not putting Jesus/God first (3)



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DID CHRISTIANITY CAUSE THE CRASH? THE ATLANTIC

The plan was to send officers to guest-speak at church-sponsored “wealth-building seminars” [...] and dazzle the participants with the possibility of a new house. They would tell pastors that for every person who took out a mortgage, \$350 would be donated to the church, or to a charity of the parishioner’s choice. “They wouldn’t say, ‘Hey, Mr. Minister. We want to give your people a bunch of subprime loans,’” [a loan officer] told me. “They would say, ‘Your congregants will be homeowners! They will be able to live the American dream!’”



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- Judah's sin - Rejecting God's message and messenger. (6, 11)
- God's judgment - Loss of the temple and exile. (7, 10)



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- Hope restored - The Lord will gather his people and lead them home. (12-13)