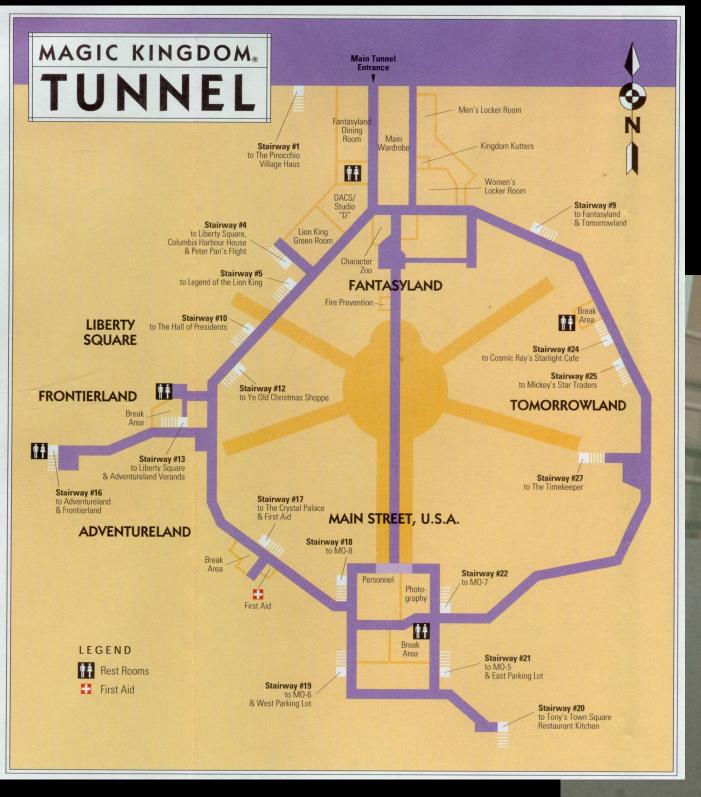
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This Just Got Serious

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Micah 2:1-2 (NIV)

³ Therefore, the LORD says: "I am planning disaster against this people, from which you cannot save yourselves. You will no longer walk proudly, for it will be a time of calamity. ⁴ In that day people will ridicule you; they will taunt you with this mournful song: 'We are utterly ruined; my people's possession is divided up. He takes it from me! He assigns our fields to traitors.' " ⁵ Therefore you will have no one in the assembly of the LORD to divide the land by lot. Micah 2:3-5 (NIV)

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Micah 2:1-2 (NIV)

¹⁰ Am I still to forget your ill-gotten treasures, you wicked house, and the short ephah, which is accursed? 11 Shall I acquit someone with dishonest scales, with a bag of false weights? 12 Your rich people are violent; your inhabitants are liars and their tongues speak deceitfully.

⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

Exodus 19:5-6 (NIV)



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⁴ However, there need be no poor people among you, for in the land the LORD your God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, he will richly bless you, ⁵ if only you fully obey the LORD your God and are careful to follow all these commands lam giving you today.

Deuteronomy 15:4-5 (NIV)



1. Individual generosity

⁷ If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward them.

⁸ Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need.

Deuteronomy 15:7-8 (NIV)

- 1. Individual generosity
- 2. Procedures for running your farms
- ²¹ When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow.

Deuteronomy 24:21 (NIV)

- 1. Individual generosity
- 2. Procedures for running your farms

"'When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the LORD your God.'"

Leviticus 23:22 (NIV)

- 1. Individual generosity
- 2. Procedures for running your farms
- 3. Debt cancellation

¹ At the end of every seven years you must cancel debts.

Deuteronomy 15:1 (NIV)

⁹ Be careful not to harbor this wicked thought: "The seventh year, the year for canceling debts, is near," so that you do not show ill will toward the needy among your fellow Israelites and give them nothing. They may then appeal to the LORD against you, and you will be found guilty of sin.

- 1. Individual generosity
- 2. Procedures for running your farms
- 3. Debt cancellation
- 4. No permanent land ownership

²³ "The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you reside in my land as foreigners and strangers. ²⁴ Throughout the land that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land.

Leviticus 25:23-24 (NIV)

- 1. Individual generosity
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- 3. Debt cancellation
- 4. No permanent land ownership

Therefore, the LORD says:
"I am planning disaster against this people, from which you cannot save yourselves. You will no longer walk proudly, for it will be a time of calamity.

²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.



