

## **Micah 1**

King James Version (KJV)

(Micah = who is like Yahoveh? No one is like God)

(First 3 chapters are warnings to those that refuse to follow God, the other 4 chapters are consolations. God is angry with His people because of their ceaseless idolatry. Micah was written in the same timeframe as the book of Isaiah. This Book is a second witness to the prophecies in Isaiah)

**1** The word of the LORD that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem. (This book was written to both houses - Judah & Israel)

**2** Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: and let the Lord God be witness against you, the LORD from his holy temple. (This covers all the people of the world)

**3** For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth. (That will happen at the end of this Age, when Jesus returns as Messiah)

(The high places are the places where people worshipped idols and false gods. God will wipe out all idol worship. There will be only one religion during the Millennium. It will be Christianity. It will be led by Jesus Christ; not by men)

NOTE: (There are certain events that cause God to come down to correct us. One event was the tower of Babel. Another will be the widespread perversion of the left, at the end of this Age)

**4** And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place. (This will end this Age and usher in the Millennium. There will be no flesh left. All people will be back in our spiritual bodies – like were during the First Age)

**5** For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? and what are the high places of Judah? are they not Jerusalem? (When God names Jacob, HE is talking to all 12 tribes)

(The transgressions of Jacob are the places of false worship to idols. The transgressions of Israel are Jeroboam's golden calves in Samaria and in Dan)

(The golden calves and all of these high places brought in Ishtar worship, and all other heathen worships of the Canaanite tribes into Israel and Judah. It even went as far as them offering their own children to Moloch by fire – human sacrifice)

(God warned His people not to marry Canaanite people because they would bring their heathen gods into Israel and Judah. And that's exactly what happened) Deuteronomy-7:3

<sup>6</sup>Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof. (Judgment for Samaria = the 10 northern tribes- also called the House of Israel) See Mark-13:1-2

<sup>7</sup>And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered it of the hire of an harlot, and they shall return to the hire of an harlot. (hires = the price of an harlot – prostitution money)

(the graven images - Idol worship, false preachers looking for money and teaching traditions of men instead of God's Word)

(God sees idolatry like we see adultery. Those who worship idols are like those who hire prostitutes, in God's eyes)

<sup>8</sup>Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls. (dragons = jackals – bad translation) (Jackals and owls are scavengers)

<sup>9</sup>For her wound is incurable; for it is come unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem. (he = the enemy; when Nebuchadnezzar took Judah; when the Assyrians took Israel; and future - when antichrist will take Jerusalem and deceive the whole world into worshipping him)

<sup>10</sup>Declare ye it not at Gath, weep ye not at all: in the house of Aphrah roll thyself in the dust. (Gath = the winepress – it stands for judgment; Aphrah = rolling in the dust – a term of degradation)

(There will be weeping at these places when judgment comes upon them)

NOTE: (God always warns the people before He takes action. If they only listened and repented, it could all have been avoided. But people are stubborn. They refuse to obey God, so they get what they deserve)

<sup>11</sup> Pass ye away, thou inhabitant of Saphir, having thy shame naked: the inhabitant of Zaanan came not forth in the mourning of Bethel; he shall receive of you his standing. (Pass ye away - you will be taken away; Saphir= beauty town; Zaanan = pointed; Bethel = House of those who stand beside, like a neighbor town. The neighbor won't stand by you to help you. You will stand alone)

NOTE: (God would have stood by you, but you abandoned Him for idolatry and for the ways of the world)

<sup>12</sup> For the inhabitant of Maroth waited carefully for good: but evil came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem. (Maroth = bitter town) (evil = calamity, disaster – better translation)

(The people were waiting for things to get better. But instead, they got worse and worse)

NOTE: (God is judging these cities and their people. If there are some people in those cities that remain faithful and true to God, He will bless them and protect them from this judgment)

Daniel-3:19-30 (This is a good example of God's protection for His faithful ones. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were unharmed when Nebuchadnezzar had them thrown into the fiery furnace. Jesus appeared with them in the furnace. They walked out unscathed. Their clothes didn't even smell like smoke)

<sup>13</sup> O thou inhabitant of Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she is the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee. (Lachish = horse town)

(It started with Solomon buying horses in Egypt. God told Israel never to do that. Solomon even took heathen wives and brought their idol gods into Jerusalem. It later progressed to Jeroboam's golden calf worship in Samaria. Israel never fully recovered from these sins)

<sup>14</sup> Therefore shalt thou give presents to Moreshethgath: the houses of Achzib shall be a lie to the kings of Israel. (Moreshethgath = possessor of the winepress; Achzib = a lie)

(Lies and false teachings led the 12 tribes into idolatry; and later, to the destruction of their nation)

NOTE: (Western nations, today, have gone from Christianity to secularism, perversion and even into Islam. They are now in jeopardy of losing themselves and their blessings; just like Israel did)

<sup>15</sup> Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah: he shall come unto Adullam the glory of Israel. (Mareshah = the possessor; Adullam = Justice of the people)

<sup>16</sup> Make thee bald, and poll thee for thy delicate children; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee. Deuteronomy -14:1 (It was a sin to shave yourself bald)

(This is all prophecy for the taking of Israel by the Assyrians, and the taking of Judah by Nebuchadnezzar)

(In end times the taker will be antichrist. He will deceive the whole world. They will worship him; thinking that he is Jesus)