

20. Micah - Miykah

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1:1 The word of YAHWEH that came to Micah The Morasthite
in the days of Yotam, Ahaz, Hizkiyah, kings of Yahudah,
which he saw concerning Shomeron and Yerushalaim.

Micah means who is like YAHWEH.

1:2 Listen attentively, peoples, all of them!
Pay attention, earth, and all that is in it!
Then Sovereign YAHWEH will exist as a witness against you,
YAHWEH, from His set apart Temple!

1:3 Indeed behold!
YAHWEH is coming out from His place!
And He will come down!
And He will tread upon the high places of the earth!

1:4 And the mountains will melt beneath Him!
And the valleys will split themselves open
like wax before the face of the fire,
like waters pouring down a steep slope!

1:5 All this is on account of the rebellion of Ya'akob
and on account of the offenses of the house of Yisra'el!
What is the rebellion of Ya'akob?
Is it not Shomeron?
And what are the high places of Yahudah?
Are they not *at* Yerushalaim?

1:6 Then I will establish Shomeron
as a rubbish heap in the open country,
as plantings of a vineyard!
And I will pour out her stones in the valley!
And I will expose her foundations!
1:7 And all her carved images will be hammered into pieces!
And all her wages *of prostitution* will be burned with fire!
And all her idols will be set as refuse!
Because she gathered *them* from the wages of a prostitute
even to the wages of a prostitute they will return!"

1:8 For this reason I lament and I wail.
I walk barefoot and naked.
I make a wailing like jackals
and a mourning like the daughters of defiled birds
1:9 because her wounds are incurable,
because it has come as far as Yahudah!
It has come as far as the gate of My people,
as far as Yerushalaim!

1:10 Do not declare it in Gath!
Weep not at all in Bet Aphrah!
Roll yourself in the dust!

Bet Aphrah means House of Dust.

1:11 Pass over for your sake,
you who are dwelling in Saphir, shamefully naked!
Those dwelling at Tza'anah have not gone out.
The lamentation of Bet Ha'etzel
has taken from you its support.

Saphir means beautiful.
Tza'anah means sheep pasture.
Bet Ha' Etzel means House of The Nearness.

1:12 Indeed those dwelling at Maroth waited for goodness,
but badness has come down from YAHWEH Himself **nx**
to the gate of Yerushalaim.

1:13 Harness the chariot to the horse,
you who are dwelling in Lachish!
(She was the beginning of offense
to the daughter of Tziyon.)
because in you were discovered
the rebellions of Yisra'el!
1:14 For this reason
you are to give parting gifts *of divorce*
concerning Moresheth Gath.
The houses of Achzib are as treachery to the kings of Yisra'el.

Achzib means deception.

1:15 Yet I will cause an heir to come to you,
you who are dwelling at Mareshah.
The glory of Yisra'el will come as far as Adullam.

Mareshah means summit.
Adullam - meaning is uncertain.

1:16 Make yourself bald!
And cut off your hair concerning the children of your delight!
Enlarge your baldness like an eagle
because they will be exiled from you!

Chapter 2

2:1 Woe to those devising mischief
and preparing to do harm upon their beds!
In the light of the morning they act
because it is within the power of their hand.
2:2 And they have coveted fields.
And they have taken them away by force,
and houses, and they have taken them away.
And they have oppressed a man and his household,
even a man and his inheritance.

2:3 For this reason thus said YAHWEH,
"Behold!
I am devising harm upon this family
which you can not remove from your necks!
And you will not walk arrogantly

because this *will be* a bad time!

2:4 In that day one will lift up a proverb concerning you.
And he will lament a lamentation.
He will say, "We have been ravaged, ravaged!
The allotted portion of My people
He has caused to be changed!
How He has caused mine to be removed
for the sake of returning our fields to be divided!"
2:5 For this reason you will have for you
one to cast a line by lot in the assembly of YAHWEH.

2:6 You are not to speak by inspiration.
They are not to speak by inspiration.
For the sake of these,
reproaches will not be turned back!

2:7 Has the house of Ya'akob said,
'Has The Divine Nature of YAHWEH been cut off?
Are not these His doings?'

Are My words not pleasing with the one walking uprightly?

2:8 But lately My people have risen as an enemy.
You strip from in front of a garment a robe
from those passing by you securely,
those returning from battle.
2:9 The women of My people
you have driven from their pleasant houses.
From their children you have removed my magnificence
to eternity.

2:10 Get up and go!
Indeed this is not your resting place!
On account of defilement it is corrupt!
And the damage is unsettling!

2:11 If a man walking after wind and falsehood has lied,
he has spoken to you for the sake of wine and of strong drink,
then he will be the one speaking by inspiration to this people!

2:12 Surely I will gather Ya'akob, all of you!
Surely I will gather the remnant of Yisra'el!
I will place them together like sheep of a sheepfold,
like a flock in the midst of their pasture,
They will make noise because of human beings.
2:13 The one breaking out will go up before their faces.
And they will pass through the gate.
And they will go out by it.
And their king will pass over before their faces.
And YAHWEH *will be* at their head!"

Chapter 3

3:1 And I said,
"Listen attentively now, leaders of Ya'akob,
and you rulers of the house of Yisra'el!
Is it not for you to know right judgment *itself* **תא**,
3:2 you who are hating good and loving bad,
who are stealing the skin and the flesh from upon their bones,
3:3 and who have eaten the flesh of My people,
and stripped their skin from upon them,
and have broken their bones *themselves* **תא**,
and have spread them out
like what is put into a pot,
even like flesh in the midst of a cauldron?"

3:4 Then they will cry out to YAHWEH.
He will not answer they *themselves* **תא**!
And He will hide His face from them at that time,
on account of the badness of their actions!"

3:5 Thus said YAHWEH
concerning the prophets who are leading astray
my people *themselves* **תא**,
those biting with their teeth,
and have called out, 'Shalom!'
and who have not given *food* for their mouths,
but have set him apart for battle (or, as a foe).
3:6 For this reason it will be night to you,
without vision,
and darkness to you,
without divination!
The sun will go down upon the prophets!
And the day will be darkened upon them!
3:7 And the seers will be ashamed!
And the diviners will be confounded!
And they will cover over their lips, all of them,
because there is no answer *from* The Elohim!

3:8 However, I am truly filled with power,
with The Divine Nature of YAHWEH *itself* **תא**,
and with judgment,
and with strength
for the sake of declaring
to Ya'akob his rebellion
and to Yisra'el his offense!

3:9 Listen attentively now to this,
heads of the house of Ya'akob
and rulers of the house of Yisra'el,
those abhorring right judgment
and perverting everything *itself* **תא** that is just,
3:10 those building Tziyon with bloodshed
and Yerushalaim with injustice!
3:11 Her heads judge according to a bribe,

and Her priests teach according to *their* wages,
and her prophets divine according to a price.
But they lean upon YAHWEH for the sake of saying,
'Is not YAHWEH in our midst?
Harm will not come upon us.'

3:12 For this reason,
because of you,
Tziyon iwill be a plowed field,
and Yerushalaim will be a rubbish heap,
and the mountain of The House
as a brush covered high place!

Chapter 4

4:1 But it will exist in the latter days!
The mountain of The House of YAHWEH
will be established as the head of the mountains.
And it will be exalted more than the hills.
And peoples will stream upon it.
4:2 And many nations will come.
And they will say,
'Come!
And we will go up to the mountain of YAHWEH,
even to The House of The Elohim of Ya'akob!
And He will teach us concerning His ways.
A we will walk in His paths.'

Indeed from Tziyon instruction will go forth,
and the word of YAHWEH from Yerushalaim!

<p><i>torah</i> - a precept or a statute. Instruction. There is no article with this word. It is not "The Torah", but rather, instruction in general.</p>
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4:3 And He will judge between many peoples!
And He will cause reproof
for the sake of mighty nations as far as far away!
And they will hammer their swords to plowshares
and their spears to pruning hooks!
A nation will not lift up a sword against a nation!
And they will not learn war any longer!

4:4 And each man will sit beneath his vine
or beneath his fig tree.
And a man will not be caused to tremble!

Indeed the mouth of YAHWEH of Assemblies has spoken!

4:5 Indeed all the peoples walk,
each man in the name of his deity.
But we ourselves will walk
in the Name of YAHWEH, our Elohim to eternity,
even forever!

4:6 "In that day,"

- An Utterance of YAHWEH. -

"I will gather the lame!

And I will assemble those having been driven out
and those whom I have caused to be afflicted!

4:7 And I will establish the lame themselves **nn** as a remnant
and those driven out as a strong nation!

And YAHWEH will reign over them on Mount Tziyon
from now and even until eternity!

4:8 And you yourself **nn**, Migdal Eder,

fortress of the daughter of Tziyon,
as far as you it will come!

And the dominion of the former kingdom will come
to the daughter of Yerushalaim!"

4:9 Now why do you shout loudly?

Is there no king among you?

Has your counsellor perished?

Indeed pain has seized you like one giving birth!

4:10 Writhe in pain and give birth, daughter of Tziyon,
like a woman giving birth!

Indeed now you will go forth from the city!

And you will dwell in the open country!

And you will go as far as to Babel!

There you will be delivered!

There YAHWEH will redeem you
from the hand of your enemies!

4:11 And now many nations will be gathered against you,
those who who are saying,

'Let her be defiled!'

And, 'Let our eyes look at Tziyon!'

4:12 But they themselves

do not know the intentions of YAHWEH!

And they do not understand His counsel!

Indeed He has gathered them
like sheaves to the threshing floor!

4:13 "Arise and thresh, daughter of Tziyon!

Indeed I have established your horn as iron
and your hooves I have established as copper!

And you will crush many peoples!

And I will cause their unjust gain to be devoted to YAHWEH,
and their wealth to The Sovereign of the whole earth!

Chapter 5

5:1 (H 4:14) Now gather yourselves in raiding roops,
daughter of raiding roops!

A siege has been nestablished against us!

With a rod they will strike upon the cheek
the One Himself **אני** Who is judging Yisra'el.

Chapter 5 starts here in the Hebrew text

5:2 (H 5.1) And you yourself **אני**,

Bet Lehem Ephrathah,

you who exist as few among the thousands of Yahudah,

from you will come forth to Me

One for the sake of existing as ruler in Yisra'el!

And His origins are from ancient times,

from days eternal!"

Bet Lehem Ephratah means House bearing fruitful food/bread. The term, *lechem* means either food or bread. Bread is often used as a generic term for food and does not always refer simply to bread.

5:3 (H 5.2) For this reason He will give them up
until the time she who is giving birth has given birth
and the remnant of His kindred return
to the children of Yisra'el!

5:4 (H 5.3) Then He will stand up!

And He will shepherd with the power of YAHWEH,

in the majesty of the name YAHWEH, His Elohim!

And they will settle down!

Indeed now He will become great

as far as the extremities of the earth!

5:5 (H 5.4) And *with* this One peace will exist!

When Ashshur comes into our land
and when he treads in our fortresses
then we will cause to stand up against him
seven shepherds and eight leaders of human beings!

5:6 (H 5.5) And they will shepherd

the land of Ashshur *itself* **אני** with a sword,

and the land of Nimrod *itself* **אני** at its entrances!

And He will deliver *us* from Ashshur

when he comes into our land

and when he treads within our borders!

5:7 (H 5.6) And the remnant of Ya'akob

will exist in the midst of many peoples,

like dew from YAHWEH *Himself* **אני**,

like showers upon the grass

which do not wait for the sake of a human being

nor linger for the children of human beings.

5:8 (H 5.7) And the remnant of Ya'akob

will exist among the nations in the midst of many peoples,

like a lion among the animals of a forest,

like a young lion among flocks of sheep,

who if he passed over

then he will trample down
and he will tear in pieces.
And no would be delivering *from him!*

5:9 (H 5.8) Lift up your hand over your adversaries!
And all your enemies will be cut off.
5:10 (H 5.9) "And it will exist in that day!"
- An Utterance of YAHWEH. -
"And I will cut off your horses from your midst!
And I will cause your chariots to perish!
5:11 (H 5.10) And I will cause to be cut off
the cities of your land!
And I will tear down all your fortresses!
5:12 (H 5.11) And I will cause sorceries
to be cut off from your hands!
And fortune tellers will not exist for you!
5:13 (H 5.12) And I will cause to be cut off
your carved images and your idolatrous pillars from your midst!
And you will no longer bow down to the work of your hands!
5:14 (H 5.13) And I will tear out your asherim from your midst!
And I will cause your cities to be destroyed!
5:15 (H 5.14) And I will take vengeance
with anger and with wrath
upon the nations *themselves* **nx**
who will not listen attentively!"

Chapter 6

6:1 Listen attentively now
to what *itself* **nx** YAHWEH is saying!
"Get up!
Contend with the mountains *themselves* **nx**!
And let the hills listen attentively to your voice!
6:2 Listen attentively mountains
to the contention *itself* **nx** of YAHWEH,
even you enduring foundations of the earth,
because YAHWEH's controversy is with His people!
And He Himself will convict Yisra'el!

6:3 "My people, what have I done to you?
And how have I caused you to be weary?
Answer Me!

6:4 Indeed I caused you to come up from the land of Egypt!
And from the house of bondage I ransomed you!
And I sent before your faces Moshe *himself* **nx**,
Aharon, and Miryam!

6:5 My people, remember now what Balak,
king of Mo'ab, counselled,
and what Bil'am, son of Be'or, answered *he himself* **nx**
from Shittim to as far as Gilgal,
for the sake of knowing the justice of YAHWEH!"

6:6 With what will I meet YAHWEH,
Shall I bow down toward The Exalted One, The Elohim?
Shall I meet Him with olahs, with year old calves?
6:7 Will YAHWEH be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my rebellion,
the fruit of my body for the offense of my life?

6:8 He has declared to you, human being, what is good!
And what does YAHWEH seek from you
except to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your Elohim?

6:9 The voice of YAHWEH calls out to the city.
And pragmatic wisdom will see Your Name!
"Listen attentively to The Rod
and to Him who has appointed it!
6:10 There still exists a house of wrong,
storehouses of moral wrong,
and an abhorringly short measure!"
6:11 Will I be innocent with wrong balances,
or with a bag of deceitful weights?
6:12 Indeed her rich are filled with violence!
And those dwelling in her have spoken lies!
And their tongue is deceitful in their mouths!

6:13 And even I Myself will cause you to be sick,
striking you,
causing you to be laid waste,
on account of your offenses!
6:14 You yourself **nx** will eat.
But you will not be satisfied!
And your excrement will be in your midst!
And you will set *things* back.
But you will not cause it to be saved!
And what you save I will give to the sword!
6:15 You yourself **nx** will sow.
But you will not reap!
You yourself **nx** will tread the olives.
But you will not anoint yourselves with the oil!
And *you will make* new wine.
But you will not drink wine!

6:16 Even the rules of Omri themselves are protected,
and all the deeds of the house of Ahab.
And you walk in their counsels
in order that I might set you yourself **nx** as a desolation
and those dwelling in you as a derision!
And the reproach of My people you will bear!"

Chapter 7

7:1 Woe to me!

Indeed I am like gatherings of summer fruit,
like gleanings of a grape harvest!
There is no cluster for the sake of eating.
My life has desired the first ripe fruit.

7:2 The kind one has perished from the earth
and there is no one just among men!
Everyone lies in ambush for the sake of blood.
A man hunts his brother himself ~~him~~ with a net.

7:3 Both hands are on what is bad
for the sake of doing it well.
The leader and the judge ask for a bribe.
And the mighty man speaks of the desire of his life.
Then they blend them together.
7:4 The best of them is like a prickly brier.
The best of the just is like a thorn from a hedge.

The day of those watching over you,
those held accountable for you, has come!
Now their bewilderment will exist!

7:5 Do not have trust in a friend!
Do not have confidence in a close companion!
Protect the doors of your mouth
from the one lying down on your chest!

7:6 Indeed a son will be despising a father!
A daughter will rise up against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law!
The enemies of a man
will be the men of his own household!

7:7 But I myself will keep watch with YAHWEH!
I will wait for The Elohim of my deliverance!
My Elohim will listen attentively to me!

7:8 You will not rejoice concerning me, my enemy,
when I have fallen!
I will stand up!
When I sit in darkness
YAHWEH is a light for my sake!

7:9 I will bear the indignation of YAHWEH
when I have offended against Him
until whenever He pleads my case.
And He will make my proper judgment.
He will bring me forth into the light.
I will look upon His justice!

7:10 And my enemy will see me.

And shame will cover her,
the one saying to me,
'Where is YAHWEH, your Elohim?'
My eyes will look on her.
Now she will be as one trampled down like mud in the streets!

7:11 *It will be* the day for building your walls!
That day the limits will be removed!
7:12 That day even to you it will come,
to *those* from Ashshur and the fortified cities of Egypt,
even from the fortress as far as the River Nile,
and from sea to sea,
and from mountain to mountain!

7:13 And the earth will exist as a devastation
on account of those dwelling in it,
from the produce of their actions!

7:14 Shepherd Your people with Your rod,
the flock of Your inheritance,
who are dwelling alone in a forest in the midst of Carmel!
They will feed in Bashan and The Gil'ad as in days of old.

7:15 As in the days of your coming out from the land of Egypt,
I will cause them to see the doing of extraordinary acts!

7:16 The nations will see!
And they will be be ashamed of all their power!
They will place their hand over their mouth!
Their ears will be deaf!
7:17 They will lick the dust like a serpent!
Like the crawling things of the earth
they will be shaken from their holes!
Toward YAHWEH, our Elohim, they will be in dread!
And they will be afraid because of You!"

7:18 Who is an El like You,
removing moral perversity
and passing over on account of rebellion
for the sake of the remnant of His inheritance?
He will not hang onto His anger to eternity!
Indeed He Himself delights in kindness!
7:19 He will return!
He will have compassion on us!
He will trample upon our moral perversities!
And You will cast all our offenses into the depths of the sea!

7:20 You give truth to Ya'akob,
kindness to Abraham,
which You have sworn to our forefathers
from ancient days!