

CHAPTER 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.

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.

3 For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.

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.

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?

6 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.

7 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.

8. 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.

9 For her wound *is* incurable; for it is come unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of my people, *even* to Jerusalem.

10 ¶ Declare ye *it* not at Gath, weep ye not at all: in the house of Aphrah roll thyself in the dust.

11 Pass ye away, thou inhabitant of Saphir, having thy shame naked: the inhabitant of Zaanan came not forth in the mourning of Bethazel; he shall receive of you his standing.

12 For the inhabitant of Maroth

waited carefully for good: but evil came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem.

13 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.

14 Therefore shalt thou give presents to Moreshethgath: the houses of Achzib *shall be* a lie to the kings of Israel.

15 Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah: he shall come unto Adullam the glory of Israel.

16 Make thee bald, and poll thee for thy delicate children; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.

CHAPTER 2

WOE to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.

2 And they covet fields, and take *them* by violence; and houses, and take *them* away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

3 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, against this family do I

devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily: for this time *is* evil.

4 ¶ In that day shall *one* take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, *and* say, We be utterly spoiled: he hath changed the portion of my people: how hath he removed *it* from me! turning away he hath divided our fields.

5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD.

6 Prophecy ye not, *say they to them that* prophecy: they shall not prophecy to them, *that* they shall not take shame.

7 ¶ O *thou that art* named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the LORD straitened? *are* these his doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly?

8 Even of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe with the garment from them that pass by securely as men averse from war.

9 The women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever.

10 Arise ye, and depart; for this

is not *your* rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy *you*, even with a sore destruction.

11 If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, *saying*, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

12 ¶ I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of *the multitude of men*.

13 The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head of them.

CHAPTER 3

AND I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; *Is it* not for you to know judgment?

2 Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;

3 Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones,

and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.

4 Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.

5 ¶ Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.

6 Therefore night *shall be* unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for *there is* no answer of God.

8 ¶ But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor

judgment, and pervert all equity.

10 They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.

11 The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, *Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.*

12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed *as* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

CHAPTER 4

BUT in the last days it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

3 ¶ And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat

their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

4 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make *them* afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken *it*.

5 For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

6 In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted;

7 And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

8 ¶ And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? *is there* no king in thee? *is thy counsellor* perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.

10 Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go *even* to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

11 Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion.

12 But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.

13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Micah was a contemporary of Isaiah, and prophesied during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. Jotham and Hezekiah were good kings who helped the nation, but Ahaz was a wicked man who sold the nation into idolatry. Thus the great prophet Micah saw his nation go through both good and bad times.

The Book of Micah is composed of three sermons preached to the people, and each message begins with the word, “Hear.” The theme of chapters 1 and 2 is the coming judgment of God. God had spoken to Micah and warned him that the sins of the people were so great that He must send judgment. He names the capital cities—Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, the Southern Kingdom; and Samaria, the capital of Israel, the Northern Kingdom (chapter 1). In fact, in his first message, Micah names twelve cities and points out their sins, which were polluting the whole nation.

In chapter 1:5 God names the sin of idolatry that was being committed by the people. They insisted on worshipping the works of their own hands.

In chapter 2:1 we see the sin of covetousness. The people were not only covetous, but used illegal means to get what they wanted. Verse 2 says they used fraud, threats, and violence. The rich took advantage of the poor, and the rulers did not follow the Word of God.

Micah’s heart was broken when he heard the awful message of judgment from God. He wept and mourned, then he sent a personal message to each of

the wicked cities, warning them that the day of God’s wrath was imminent. The people reacted to Micah’s warnings by trying to stop him from preaching. But Micah continued to preach as the Spirit of God compelled him to do. He knew the people did not want to hear his preaching; they preferred that of their drunken false prophets who lived as wickedly as they did.

In chapter 4 Micah’s preaching turns from judgment to hope. His message is one of hope for future peace on the earth, with righteousness reigning supreme. He explains in our reading tomorrow that peace would be a reality because the Deliverer would come.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

“When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden” (Proverbs 28:12).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 29: For today’s memory verses, follow instructions on page 7.

BIRTHDAY TODAY

WILLIE RUTH SLOCUM

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

520 B.C.

WORK WAS RECOMMENCED ON THE TEMPLE.

EVENING STAR DAILY BIBLE

The Temple in the Old Testament is a very interesting thing. As we mentioned yesterday, I have been to the Temple site and stood there with awe as I remembered the Bible accounts of the building and rebuilding of the Temple.

The Temple in the New Testament age is something different. Many people have the idea that the Temple in the New Testament age is the church building. This is not so. The New Testament Temple is the body of the Christian. In I Corinthians 3:16 we find, *“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”* So, since our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, let us today dedicate them to cleanliness. Let us dedicate them to the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us follow the admonition of the apostle who said, *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”* (Romans 12:1)

1869
THE DATE OF THE GOLD PANIC IN NEW YORK.

1957
TROOPS WERE SENT TO LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

President Eisenhower sent troops to Little Rock, Arkansas, because of the race problems there.

1955
PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK.

GOLD STAR MOTHERS DAY.

A Gold Star Mother is a mother who has lost someone on the battlefields in the wars of our nation. I'm thinking now of mothers who have given their sons for our country. May God bless these dear mothers today.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1883
NATIONAL BLACK CONVENTION MET in Louisville, Kentucky.

1953
TAKE A GIANT STEP, DRAMA BY PLAYWRIGHT LOUIS PETERSON, OPENED ON BROADWAY.

1957
PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ORDERED FEDERAL TROOPS TO LITTLE ROCK, ARK., to prevent interference with school integration at Central High School.

1957
PRESIDENT MADE NATIONWIDE TV AND RADIO ADDRESS to explain why troops were sent to Little Rock.

1957
SOLDIERS OF 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION ESCORTED NINE BLACK STUDENTS to Central High school.

1962
U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS ORDERED BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF MISSISSIPPI TO ADMIT MEREDITH to the university or be held in contempt.

1977
JOHN T. WALKER INSTALLED AS THE FIRST BLACK BISHOP of the Episcopal diocese of Washington.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION: PROPHETIC DETAILS OF CHRIST'S DEATH

(Assignment 29)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

Identified with a rich man in His death (712 B.C.)

() Isaiah 53:9

And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence neither was any deceit in his mouth. (Fulfilled—Matthew 27:57-60)

Beaten and spit upon (700 B.C.)

() Isaiah 50:6

I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. (Fulfilled—Matthew 26:67)

Silent in His own defense (712 B.C.)

() Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. (Fulfilled—Matthew 27:12-14)

Condemned on the basis of a false testimony (1000 B.C.)

() Psalms 35:11

False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not. (Fulfilled—Matthew 26:59)

His Body resurrected and saw no corruption (1000 B.C.)

() Psalms 16:10

For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. (Fulfilled—Acts 2:27-32)