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Introduction

† Micah opens with a clear declaration that God is about to act in judgment, not in some distant future, but in their own time.

† This chapter is rooted in real history, dealing with Samaria first, then Judah, showing that God holds both kingdoms accountable.

† From the fulfilled perspective, this judgment began in stages, Assyria fell on Samaria in 722 BC, and later Babylon came

against Judah, all exactly as God said.

Micah 1:1

The word of the Lord that came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw regarding Samaria and Jerusalem.

† This sets the timeframe clearly, during the reigns of real kings, showing this prophecy is anchored in history, not symbolic of a distant age.

† Samaria represents the northern kingdom, and Jerusalem the southern kingdom, both under judgment.

† This confirms that prophecy was directed to that generation, not ours, matching the pattern seen throughout the prophets.

Micah 1:2

Hear, you peoples, all of you; Listen, earth and all it contains, And let the Lord God be a witness against you, The Lord from His holy temple.

† God calls all people to witness, but the focus is still on Israel and Judah, showing the seriousness of the judgment.

† The Lord Himself stands as witness, meaning their guilt is undeniable.

† This matches the covenant pattern where heaven and earth are called as witnesses against Israel.

Micah 1:3-4

For behold, the Lord is coming out from His place. He will come down and tread on the high places of the earth.

The mountains will melt under Him And the valleys will be split, Like wax before the fire, Like water poured down a steep place.

† This is covenant judgment language, not literal mountains melting, but describing the collapse of nations and systems.

† Similar language is used throughout the prophets to describe the fall of kingdoms, showing it's symbolic of judgment, not the

end of the physical world.

† God coming down refers to His intervention in history through armies like Assyria and Babylon.

Micah 1:5

All this is for the rebellion of Jacob And for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the rebellion of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what is the high place of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem?

† The cause of judgment is clearly stated, sin and rebellion.

† Samaria led the northern kingdom into idolatry, and Jerusalem followed with its own corruption.

† This removes any confusion, this is about their covenant failure in that generation.

Micah 1:6-7

Therefore I will make Samaria a heap of ruins in the open country, Planting places for a vineyard. I will pour her stones down into the valley And expose her foundations.

All of her idols will be smashed, All of her earnings will be burned with fire, And all of her images I will make desolate; For she collected them from a prostitute's earnings, And to the earnings of a prostitute they will return.

† This was fulfilled when Assyria destroyed Samaria in 722 BC, exactly as described.

† Archaeology confirms Samaria was reduced to ruins, matching this prophecy.

† The destruction of idols shows God was judging false worship directly.

Micah 1:8-9

Because of this I must mourn and wail, I must go barefoot and naked; I must make a lament like the jackals And a mourning like the ostriches.

For her wound is incurable, For it has come to Judah; It has

reached the gate of my people, Even to Jerusalem.

† Micah mourns because the judgment spreads from Samaria to Judah.

† This shows the progression of judgment, first Israel, then Judah.

† The phrase incurable wounds shows that their rebellion had reached a point of no return.

Micah 1:10-12

Do not tell it in Gath, Weep not at all. At Beth-le-aphrah roll yourself in the dust.

Go on your way, inhabitant of Shaphir, in shameful nakedness. The inhabitant of Zaanan does not escape. The mourning of Beth-ezel: He will take from you its support.

For the inhabitant of Maroth Becomes weak waiting for good, Because a calamity has come down from the Lord To the gate of Jerusalem.

† These towns are listed to show how widespread the destruction would be.

† Each location represents real suffering, proving this is not symbolic prophecy.

† The judgment reaches Jerusalem, confirming Judah will not escape.

Micah 1:13-16

Harness the chariot to the team of horses, You inhabitant of Lachish, She was the beginning of sin To the daughter of Zion, Because in you Were found the rebellious acts of Israel.

Therefore you will give parting gifts On behalf of Moresheth-gath; The houses of Achzib will become a deception To the kings of Israel.

Moreover, I will bring on you The one who takes possession, O inhabitant of Mareshah. The glory of Israel Will enter Adullam. Make yourself bald and cut off your hair, Because of the children of your delight; Extend your baldness like the eagle,

For they will go from you into exile.

† Lachish is singled out as a key center of corruption, showing how sin spreads through influence.

† The reference to captivity points forward to both Assyrian and Babylonian exiles.

† The call to mourning shows the devastation is complete and unavoidable.

Historical References

† Josephus records the fall of Samaria and the deportation of Israel by Assyria, confirming the fulfillment of Micah's prophecy.

† Eusebius notes the destruction of cities in Judah leading up to Babylon's conquest, aligning with Micah's warnings.

† Archaeological findings at Lachish show destruction layers consistent with Assyrian invasion.

How It Applies To Us Today

† God still judges sin, not through national destruction today, but through spiritual consequences and accountability.

† We see that ignoring God's warnings leads to inevitable results, just as it did for Israel and Judah.

† This reminds us that God keeps His word, both in judgment and in salvation.

† It also shows that prophecy is reliable, what God said happened exactly as He declared.

Q & A Appendix

Q Who was Micah speaking to in this chapter?

A He was speaking to Samaria and Jerusalem, the northern and southern kingdoms, Micah 1:1.

Q Was this judgment future or immediate?

A It was immediate to their generation, fulfilled through Assyria

and later Babylon, Micah 1:6.

Q What caused the judgment?

A The sins and idolatry of Israel and Judah, Micah 1:5.

Q Did this prophecy literally melt mountains?

A No, it uses symbolic language for national collapse, as seen throughout prophetic judgment passages.

Q How do we know this was fulfilled?

A Historical records and archaeology confirm the destruction of Samaria and Judah, Micah 1:6-7.

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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