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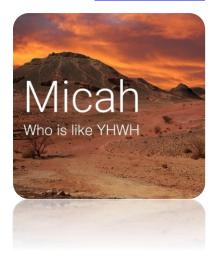
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In chapter one, the prophet asked:

What is the transgression of Jacob? / what is their sin? Is it not Samaria?

and what is the high place of Judah? / what is their height of hypocrisy? Is it not Jerusalem?

The people long ago rejected the Covenant of blessing God made with them at Sinai. Micah starts at Samaria and Jerusalem – the 2 capitals where the people have not lived up to their God-given names: Israel = ruled by God; and Judah = praise of God: so they both will learn a lesson, but it won't be there: **Samaria**, the 10 northern tribes of **Israel**.



led by Ephraim – they were **NOT** Jewish, they would first go into Assyrian captivity (modern day northern Syria): then to another place promised to King David -- 2 Samuel 7; carrying with them the birthright promises given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob -- who were NOT Jewish; someday we will learn that important lesson. Hosea says where Israel goes, they will be known as the children of the Living God -Hosea 1. Check out: The Promises of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

By the way, orthodox Jewish people, are too late with the issue of building a 3rd Temple; Messiah came the first time just as Daniel wrote - Daniel 9. Isaiah tells us the future messianic kingdom, includes a **tent:** a very temporary shelter, where the Lord will instruct His people – Isaiah 4. Zechariah tells us, the Branch will build it. Too bad people don't read what the prophets wrote; and prefer their traditions. In Jerusalem, if you can't see past all the idolatrous junk that clutters up every street, then you missed why some still walk in darkness and have no light. Thanks to the Lord God, not all living there are stumbling around:

¹ It will happen, in the last days / and there are only 3 last Days left on the Lord's Calendar; 3 Days of equal importance to Passover and Pentecost; 3 work Days of the Lord, Moses also told us about when Messiah comes again in power and great glory; 3 Days fulfilled by Him,

in the last days, the mountain of the household / in Hebrew: bayit... meaning people; not a building of brick or stone; the word is first used when God speaks to Noah and says, you and your house come into the ark - Genesis 7. And Noah wasn't knocking down walls and doors and going to drag those things into the ark before the great flood came to wash away all mankind; he was asked to get his family.



in the last days, the mountain of the household of the Lord will be established as the highest of the mountains / Zechariah tells us the Messiah, when He gets here will make sure where His family of brothers and sisters gather...it will be the highest, most elevated place of any gathering.

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Wherever God's people meet always brings our FatherGod much joy! Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity - Psalm 133.

and it will be lifted up above the hills; and nations will flow to it / in the previous chapter, Micah spoke of corrupt rulers, priests and prophets, all shallow hirelings, half-heartedly going through the motions; who did not take to heart what the prophets told them; resulting with a flood of curses replacing their presumed blessings, leaving them destroyed and destitute; dragged off to captivity in Babylon. But God will always have the last word, as He watches over His faithful... who truly love Him and keep His commands.

² And many nations will come, and say, Come, let us go to the mountain of the Lord, to the household of the God of Jacob; that He teach us His ways, and that we walk in His ways / there will be a steady stream from many nations, that will actually do what He teaches.

For from Zion / from the city of David; where the flock gathers, will go forth the law; the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

³ He will judge between many nations; and will decide disputes for strong nations far away; and they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation will not lift a sword against nation, nor will they learn war any more.

The final govt, which will be smashing and destroying until the whole world is broken, will no longer exist. Those roman surrogates who peddled fear of Russia – fear of the second largest community of Christians; who marketed the art of war... they are without a job; they were lunch for a bunch of birds. When Messiah comes on the 7th Day of the Lord, the terrible 6th Day will be over; though its devastation will linger for 7 months as the world that exists finally wakes up, including sleepy churchianity who lost their first love, or preferred their hocus pocus traditions; or thought they were rich and needed nothing - leaving the Lord outside knocking – what will it be like? God intentionally left it beyond description. What we do know is:

nor will they learn war any more. / which means, at that time, we will finally put away the primary Bill of Rights, Article 1, freedom to worship; and Article 2, freedom to carry guns...no longer needed.

- ⁴ But each will sit under his vine and under his fig tree / they will be at peace, and not be ill-treated; no one will make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.
- ⁵For all nations might walk each in the name of its god; but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.
- ⁶ In that day, declares the Lord, I will assemble the lame, and gather the outcasts, and those whom I had afflicted / the Lord intends to gather a whole bunch of stragglers;
- ⁷I will make the lame a remnant, and those outcasts a strong nation: and the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forever / He will build them up; because He is a Good Coach; and He is the Good Pastor; which makes you want to shout: Hallelujah!

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⁸ And you, O watchtower of the flock, O hill of the daughter of Zion, the former kingdom will come to you, the daughter of Jerusalem / the kingdom of David will be restored; Messiah will come; the prophet said no more king of Judah, until He comes whose right it is to reign - Ezekiel 21.

So, hearing these prophecies of future hope... Micah asks:

⁹ For now why do you cry aloud? Is there no King in you? Has your Counselor perished, that agony has seized you like a woman in labor? / you sound like wimps; Isaiah said, all flesh is like grass; the grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever – Isaiah 40.

Micah did not prohibit the grieving, but he says to those who turned from God, get back to reality:

¹⁰ Writhe and groan, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in labor, for now you go from the city, to dwell in the field / to live in the open, brutal and defenseless countryside; and go to Babylon.

There you will be rescued; there the Lord will redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

Next... these verses look forward, to the last battle, the great Armageddon that will gather:

- ¹¹Now many nations are assembled against you, who say, let her be defiled, let our eyes gaze on Zion / this time the lawless nations are sure they can destroy her completely.
- ¹² But they do not know the thoughts of the Lord; they do not understand His plan / and what is the Lord's plan? Well, don't interrupt Micah:

He has gathered them as the sheaves to the threshing floor / these united nations of fools... shouting whatever they shout; cannot imagine that they are only coming... to be chopped down.

¹³ Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I give you horns of iron, and give you hoofs hard as bronze: to pulverize many people: to devote their spoils to the Lord; giving their wealth to the Lord of the whole earth. This moment calls out for a joyous song, doesn't it?

Check out: Our Brothers and Sisters Around The World Singing GOD'S Praise:



We are grateful to God that the Saudi govt has preserved the Mountain of Moses.

Three Days Are Still On His Calendar

God of Wonders

Every Praise

JESUS it is YOU