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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 Now gather yourself in troops, O daughter of troops: they have laid siege against us / Micah says Babylon began their assault; after years of continued decline in the faithless house of Judah, Babylon was fast advancing; and the capital was scrambling, it was in disarray – the prophet's futile call to gather the troops, was to no purpose, since the people rejected the Covenant of God:

with a rod they will strike the judge of **Israel on the cheek** / with each phrase, we learn layers of a prophecy... not just a single event; but one foreshadowing when Messiah would come; some suggest this judge of Israel is the newest vassal king Zedekiah subjugated by Babylon; complaint had been made that judges were corrupt and took bribes, and this disgrace came justly upon them for abusing their power --MH.

Whatever the truth, God himself will sort it out; He is still in charge.

New prophecy:

² But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah / **beth = house + **lehem** = bread; and Ephrathah = **fruitful****; it was the birthplace of king David; it would be the birthplace of the Son of David, the Messiah of God: Jesus the Christ. One day, Jesus -- the Bread of life... would come, and Roman soldiers would cruelly smite Him on the cheek – little did they know, or could they even conceive: that He was also the Judge of the world;

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But you, Bethlehem... too little to be among the clans of Judah / perhaps, smaller than Amboy or Vesta Minnesota; can anything good come from Nazareth? or Bethlehem? Such a highly unlikely place to imagine that the greatest, most influential person ever to walk this planet... came from that little place,

from you will go forth for Me One who will govern Israel; His going forth is from old, from everlasting / longer than the earth has been around.

³ **So, He will abandon** / Micah says, He will give them up? **who is given up? Judah? Israel?**

until the time when she who is in labor gives birth / for about 400 years, God would be silent; due to their faithless whoring – **Judah** who learned from **Ephraim** and **Manasseh**: **3 faithless shepherds** Zechariah told us about. They would be temporarily expelled from the land, abandoned to their captives, until the Lord himself came and checked out the situation firsthand. And that ends this prophecy of Messiah coming the first time in great humility... to substitute His life for ours, paying a price we could not pay:

New prophecy:

and the rest of his brothers will return to the people of Israel / the Lord says, a remnant will return; which most clearly points to the last days; when the time of the Gentiles comes to a close.

New prophecy:

⁴ **And He will arise and Shepherd in the strength of the Lord,**

and in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God / He began pastoring His people, when He came the first time. Jesus, the night that He was betrayed, said, many more things I want to tell you, but you cannot carry them now – **John 16**; and even after ascending into heaven; and sending His Spirit; Luke simply tells us, writing what Jesus began to do and teach-- **Acts 1**: end of another prophecy.

New prophecy:

And they will dwell secure / only at Messiah's second coming in power and great glory will that occur:

New prophecy:

for now, He will be great to the ends of the earth / for now, He is the only Nemesis; from the rising of the sun, to its setting -- He is the only real Archenemy of the corrupt world governments.

⁵ **And He will be their peace** / for now, He will be the peace of His people; but He can multi-task; for now, He will also be the terror of the heartless, lawless world... until they are completely destroyed.



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New prophecy:

When the **Assyrian** comes to our **land**: and when he **tramples in our palaces**? History records under **Titus the roman**, it was Assyrian mercenaries who sacked Jerusalem. Is there a final Assyrian who is coming to do his destructive design against God's people? Is this **antichrist**?

then we will raise against him **seven shepherds**, and **eight principal men** / from the Jamison, Fausset and Brown Commentary, suggesting the use of: **seven** and **eight**, is an idiom for: **full and sufficient**. Oh that there were 7000 shepherds and 8000 anointed men and women from Adam's race... who rise up against him – God knows how many are needed; and He knows who will do what part.



6 They will shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod at its entrances / they will make full and sufficient inroads into the land of rebel Nimrod against our God – the living God who intervenes in the lives of His people even today; don't you want to be part of the Delta Force incursion into the rebel territory? Sign up with the Lord; tell Him what Isaiah told Him, **here am I, send me**.

and He / Christ our Messiah, who is our peace... **will deliver us from the Assyrian, when he / the JackAssyrian; the last pimple of an Antichrist comes to our land, and tramples within our borders**.

New prophecy:

7 Then the remnant of Jacob will be among many nations, like dew from the Lord, like showers on the grass / a small part of God's people -- anointed men and women in the last days... will be quietly yet busily planting and watering; needing the water of life, crystal clear, refreshing, not muddy and corrupt; silently falling throughout the world,

which delays not for man, which waits not for the sons of men / no committee meeting needed; no feasibility report to vote on first; God's people know the water of God's word is most powerful, they just share it, they don't rely on human assistance and aids; they rely on God's gracious word; freely it was given; freely it will be received.

8 And the remnant of Jacob will be among the Gentiles in the midst of many nations like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among the flocks of sheep which, when it goes through both tread down and tear in pieces / others who are God's people – fearless shepherds in the last days... will be courageous to roar God's most powerful word; boldly throughout the world gone wild; be it in the forest or for the flock,

and there is none to deliver / the power of God's word breaks down and completely destroys its intended target; this prophecy says, the people of God – sooner or later... will certainly triumph over the world, the flesh... and that fool, the father of lies.

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⁹ Your hand will be lifted up over your adversaries, and all your enemies will be cut off / you will have the upper hand, you will gain the advantage over your foes; and though some are destroyed, others will become your friends.

¹⁰ And in that day / the 6th Day of the Lord; it will be the dreaded and terrifying day... of God's wrath; when He comes in power and great glory with a rod of iron, to settle scores, says **the Lord**,

I will cut off your horses from among you and will destroy your chariots: / gone, all their finest military might, provided by tax payer dollars; will be destroyed – be they the roman CIA, DOJ; army, navy, air force or marines; along with all the others, including their murderous, moderate rebels.

¹¹ and I will cut off the cities of your land, and throw down all your strongholds / gone, all the wasted centers over-populated with fools in rebellion to the living God, destroyed:

¹² I will cut off sorceries from your hand; and you will have no more fortune tellers / gone, all the demonically inspired peddlers; all the pharmacologists: and all the pharma drug and dope dealers creating more clients, never creating cures; cashing in on the gullibility of mankind; all... will be destroyed:

¹³ and I will cut off your graven images, and your pillars from among you / gone, all the merchants of idolatry; all the manufacturers and makers of manmade hocus pocus, and Jesus-junk and churchy-crap: starting with the romans, but including all their whoring wannabes and faithless aspirants. Can you imagine, in all these centuries... not one saint, including Mary... ever heard a single prayer made to them;

and you will bow down no more to the work of your hands.

¹⁴ I will root out your Asherah images from among you: and destroy your cities / gone, all of it completely and totally destroyed.

¹⁵ And in anger and wrath, I will execute vengeance on the nations which did not obey.

In other words: [God's Covenant to His people](#)... given on Mount Sinai, was not a literary exercise to see if He could write with one finger; but to see who could read and do it... who would take Him up on His promises for a long and blessed life here on earth.

And again, it makes you want to shout: glory!

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