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# Amos

## Chapter 1

### Judgments on Israel's Neighbors

1 The words of Amos, who was among the sheep breeders of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

2 And he said:

“The Lord roars from Zion, And utters His voice from Jerusalem;  
The pastures of the shepherds mourn, And the top of Carmel withers.”

### Judgment on the Nations

3 Thus says the Lord:

“For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment,  
Because they have threshed Gilead with implements of iron.

4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, Which shall devour the palaces of Ben-Hadad.

5 I will also break the gate bar of Damascus, And cut off the inhabitant from the Valley of Aven,  
And the one who [a]holds the scepter from [b]Beth Eden. The people of Syria shall go captive to Kir,”  
Says the Lord.

6 Thus says the Lord:

“For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment,  
Because they took captive the whole captivity To deliver them up to Edom.

7 But I will send a fire upon the wall of Gaza, Which shall devour its palaces.

8 I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, And the one who holds the scepter from Ashkelon;  
I will turn My hand against Ekron, And the remnant of the Philistines shall perish,”  
Says the Lord God.

9 Thus says the Lord:

“For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment,  
Because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, And did not remember the covenant of brotherhood.

10 But I will send a fire upon the wall of Tyre, Which shall devour its palaces.”

11 Thus says the Lord:

“For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment,  
Because he pursued his brother with the sword, And cast off all pity;

His anger tore perpetually, And he kept his wrath forever.

12 But I will send a fire upon Teman, Which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.”

13 Thus says the Lord:

“For three transgressions of the people of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment,  
Because they ripped open the women with child in Gilead, That they might enlarge their territory.  
14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, And it shall devour its palaces,  
Amid shouting in the day of battle, And a tempest in the day of the whirlwind.  
15 Their king shall go into captivity, He and his princes together,”  
Says the Lord.

## Chapter 2

### Judgment on Israel

Thus says the Lord: “For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment,  
Because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to lime.

2 But I will send a fire upon Moab, And it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth;  
Moab shall die with tumult, With shouting and trumpet sound.

3 And I will cut off the judge from its midst, And slay all its princes with him,”  
Says the Lord.

### Judgment on Judah

4 Thus says the Lord:

“For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment,  
Because they have despised the law of the Lord, And have not kept His commandments.  
Their lies lead them astray, Lies which their fathers followed.

5 But I will send a fire upon Judah, And it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.”

### Judgment on Israel

6 Thus says the Lord:

“For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment,  
Because they sell the righteous for silver, And the poor for a pair of sandals.

7 They [a]pant after the dust of the earth which is on the head of the poor,  
And pervert the way of the humble. A man and his father go in to the same girl,  
To defile My holy name.

8 They lie down by every altar on clothes taken in pledge, And drink the wine of [b]the condemned in the house  
of their god.

9 “Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, Whose height was like the height of the cedars,  
And he was as strong as the oaks; Yet I destroyed his fruit above  
And his roots beneath.

10 Also it was I who brought you up from the land of Egypt, And led you forty years through the wilderness,  
To possess the land of the Amorite.

11 I raised up some of your sons as prophets, And some of your young men as Nazirites.  
Is it not so, O you children of Israel?” Says the Lord.

12 “But you gave the Nazirites wine to drink, And commanded the prophets saying,  
‘Do not prophesy!’

13 “Behold, I am [c]weighed down by you, As a cart full of sheaves [d]is weighed down.

14 Therefore [e]flight shall perish from the swift, The strong shall not strengthen his power,  
Nor shall the mighty [f]deliver himself;  
15 He shall not stand who handles the bow, The swift of foot shall not [g]escape,  
Nor shall he who rides a horse deliver himself.  
16 The most [h]courageous men of might Shall flee naked in that day," Says the Lord.

### Chapter 3

#### authority of the Prophet's Message

1 Hear this word that the Lord has spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying:

2 "You only have I known of all the families of the earth; Therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities."

3 Can two walk together unless they are agreed?

4 Will a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey? Will a young lion [a]cry out of his den, if he has caught nothing?

5 Will a bird fall into a snare on the earth, where there is no [b]trap for it? Will a snare spring up from the earth, if it has caught nothing at all?

6 If a [c]trumpet is blown in a city, will not the people be afraid? If there is calamity in a city, will not the Lord have done it?

7 Surely the Lord God does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

8 A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken! Who can but prophesy?

#### Punishment of Israel's Sins

9 "Proclaim in the palaces at [d]Ashdod, And in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say:

'Assemble on the mountains of Samaria; See great tumults in her midst, And the [e]oppressed within her.

10 For they do not know to do right,' Says the Lord, 'Who store up violence and [f]robbery in their palaces.' "

11 Therefore thus says the Lord God: "An adversary shall be all around the land;  
He shall sap your strength from you, And your palaces shall be plundered."

12 Thus says the Lord:

"As a shepherd [g]takes from the mouth of a lion Two legs or a piece of an ear,

So shall the children of Israel be taken out Who dwell in Samaria—

In the corner of a bed and [h]on the edge of a couch!

13 Hear and testify against the house of Jacob," Says the Lord God, the God of hosts,

14 "That in the day I punish Israel for their transgressions, I will also visit destruction on the altars of Bethel;  
And the horns of the altar shall be cut off And fall to the ground.

15 I will [i]destroy the winter house along with the summer house; The houses of ivory shall perish,  
And the great houses shall have an end," Says the Lord.

### Chapter 4

#### God's Punishments Have Not Reformed Israel

1 Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, who are on the mountain of Samaria, Who oppress the poor, Who crush the needy, Who say to [a]your husbands, "Bring wine, let us drink!"

2 The Lord God has sworn by His holiness: "Behold, the days shall come upon you

When He will take you away with fishhooks, And your posterity with fishhooks.

3 You will go out through broken walls, Each one straight ahead of her,  
And you will [b]be cast into Harmon," Says the Lord.

4 "Come to Bethel and transgress, At Gilgal multiply transgression; Bring your sacrifices every morning, Your tithes every three [c]days.

5 Offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, Proclaim and announce the freewill offerings; For this you love, You children of Israel!" Says the Lord God.

Israel Did Not Accept Correction

6 "Also I gave you [d]cleanness of teeth in all your cities, And lack of bread in all your places;  
Yet you have not returned to Me," Says the Lord.

7 "I also withheld rain from you, When there were still three months to the harvest. I made it rain on one city, I withheld rain from another city. One part was rained upon, And where it did not rain the part withered.

8 So two or three cities wandered to another city to drink water, But they were not satisfied;  
Yet you have not returned to Me," Says the Lord.

9 "I blasted you with blight and mildew. When your gardens increased, Your vineyards, Your fig trees,  
And your olive trees, The locust devoured them; Yet you have not returned to Me," Says the Lord.

10 "I sent among you a plague after the manner of Egypt; Your young men I killed with a sword,  
Along with your captive horses; I made the stench of your camps come up into your nostrils;  
Yet you have not returned to Me," Says the Lord.

11 "I overthrew some of you, As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, And you were like a firebrand plucked  
from the burning; Yet you have not returned to Me," Says the Lord.

12 "Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel; Because I will do this to you, Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!"

13 For behold, He who forms mountains, And creates the [e]wind, Who declares to man what [f]his thought is,  
And makes the morning darkness, Who treads the high places of the earth— The Lord God of hosts is His  
name.

## Chapter 5

### A Lament for Israel

1 Hear this word which I take up against you, a lamentation, O house of Israel:

2 The virgin of Israel has fallen; She will rise no more. She lies forsaken on her land; There is no one to raise  
her up.

3 For thus says the Lord God: "The city that goes out by a thousand Shall have a hundred left,  
And that which goes out by a hundred Shall have ten left to the house of Israel."

### A Call to Repentance

4 For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel: "Seek Me and live;

5 But do not seek Bethel, Nor enter Gilgal,

Nor pass over to Beersheba; For Gilgal shall surely go into captivity,  
And Bethel shall come to nothing.  
6 Seek the Lord and live, Lest He break out like fire in the house of Joseph,  
And devour it, With no one to quench it in Bethel—  
7 You who turn justice to wormwood, And lay righteousness to rest in the earth!”

8 He made the Pleiades and Orion; He turns the shadow of death into morning  
And makes the day dark as night; He calls for the waters of the sea  
And pours them out on the face of the earth; The Lord is His name.  
9 He [a]rains ruin upon the strong, So that fury comes upon the fortress.

10 They hate the one who rebukes in the gate, And they abhor the one who speaks uprightly.  
11 Therefore, because you [b]tread down the poor And take grain [c]taxes from him,  
Though you have built houses of hewn stone, Yet you shall not dwell in them;  
You have planted [d]pleasant vineyards, But you shall not drink wine from them.  
12 For I know your manifold transgressions And your mighty sins:  
Afflicting the just and taking bribes; Diverting the poor from justice at the gate.  
13 Therefore the prudent keep silent at that time, For it is an evil time.

14 Seek good and not evil, That you may live;  
So the Lord God of hosts will be with you, As you have spoken.  
15 Hate evil, love good; Establish justice in the gate.  
It may be that the Lord God of hosts Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

#### The Day of the Lord

16 Therefore the Lord God of hosts, the Lord, says this: “There shall be wailing in all streets,  
And they shall say in all the highways, ‘Alas! Alas!’  
They shall call the farmer to mourning, And skillful lamenters to wailing.  
17 In all vineyards there shall be wailing, For I will pass through you,”  
Says the Lord.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! For what good is the day of the Lord to you?  
It will be darkness, and not light.  
19 It will be as though a man fled from a lion, And a bear met him!  
Or as though he went into the house, Leaned his hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him!  
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?

21 “I hate, I despise your feast days, And I do not savor your sacred assemblies.  
22 Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them,  
Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings.  
23 Take away from Me the noise of your songs, For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments.  
24 But let justice run down like water, And righteousness like a mighty stream.

25 “Did you offer Me sacrifices and offerings In the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?  
26 You also carried [e]Sikkuth[f] your king  
And Chiun, your idols,  
The star of your gods,

Which you made for yourselves.

27 Therefore I will send you into captivity beyond Damascus,”

Says the Lord, whose name is the God of hosts.

## Chapter 6

### Warnings to Zion and Samaria

1 Woe to you who are at ease in Zion,

And trust in Mount Samaria,

Notable persons in the chief nation,

To whom the house of Israel comes!

2 Go over to Calneh and see;

And from there go to Hamath the great;

Then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms?

Or is their territory greater than your territory?

3 Woe to you who put far off the day of doom,

Who cause the seat of violence to come near;

4 Who lie on beds of ivory,

Stretch out on your couches,

Eat lambs from the flock

And calves from the midst of the stall;

5 Who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments,

And invent for yourselves musical instruments like David;

6 Who drink wine from bowls,

And anoint yourselves with the best ointments,

But are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

7 Therefore they shall now go captive as the first of the captives,

And those who recline at banquets shall be removed.

8 The Lord God has sworn by Himself,

The Lord God of hosts says:

“I abhor the pride of Jacob,

And hate his palaces;

Therefore I will deliver up the city

And all that is in it.”

9 Then it shall come to pass, that if ten men remain in one house, they shall die. 10 And when [a]a relative of the dead, with one who will burn the bodies, picks up the [b]bodies to take them out of the house, he will say to one inside the house, “Are there any more with you?”

Then someone will say, “None.”

And he will say, “Hold your tongue! For we dare not mention the name of the Lord.”

11 For behold, the Lord gives a command: He will break the great house into bits,  
And the little house into pieces.

12 Do horses run on rocks? Does one plow there with oxen?

Yet you have turned justice into gall, And the fruit of righteousness into wormwood,

13 You who rejoice over [c]Lo Debar, Who say, "Have we not taken [d]Karnaim for ourselves  
By our own strength?"

14 "But, behold, I will raise up a nation against you, O house of Israel,"

Says the Lord God of hosts; "And they will afflict you from the entrance of Hamath  
To the Valley of the Arabah."

## Chapter 7

### Vision of the Locusts

1 Thus the Lord God showed me: Behold, He formed locust swarms at the [a]beginning of the late crop;  
indeed it was the late crop after the king's mowings. 2 And so it was, when they had finished eating the grass  
of the land, that I said:

"O Lord God, forgive, I pray! Oh,[b] that Jacob may stand, For he is small!"

3 So the Lord relented concerning this. "It shall not be," said the Lord.

### Vision of the Fire

4 Thus the Lord God showed me: Behold, the Lord God called [c]for conflict by fire, and it consumed the great  
deep and devoured the [d]territory. 5 Then I said:

"O Lord God, cease, I pray! Oh, that Jacob may stand,  
For he is small!"

6 So the Lord relented concerning this. "This also shall not be," said the Lord God.

### Vision of the Plumb Line

7 Thus He showed me: Behold, the Lord stood on a wall made with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand.

8 And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?"

And I said, "A plumb line."

Then the Lord said:

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line In the midst of My people Israel;

I will not pass by them anymore.

9 The [e]high places of Isaac shall be desolate, And the [f]sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste.

I will rise with the sword against the house of Jeroboam."

### Amaziah's Complaint

10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against  
you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to [g]bear all his words. 11 For thus Amos has said:

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

And Israel shall surely be led away captive

From their own land.'

12 Then Amaziah said to Amos:

“Go, you seer!

Flee to the land of Judah.

There eat bread,

And there prophesy.

13 But never again prophesy at Bethel,

For it is the king’s [h]sanctuary,

And it is the royal [i]residence.”

14 Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah:

“I was no prophet,

Nor was I a son of a prophet,

But I was a sheepbreeder

And a tender of sycamore fruit.

15 Then the Lord took me [j]as I followed the flock,

And the Lord said to me,

‘Go, prophesy to My people Israel.’

16 Now therefore, hear the word of the Lord:

You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel,

And do not [k]spout against the house of Isaac.’

17 “Therefore thus says the Lord:

‘Your wife shall be a harlot in the city;

Your sons and daughters shall fall by the sword;

Your land shall be divided by survey line;

You shall die in a defiled land;

And Israel shall surely be led away captive

From his own land.’ ”

## Chapter 8

### Vision of the Summer Fruit

1 Thus the Lord God showed me: Behold, a basket of summer fruit. 2 And He said, “Amos, what do you see?”

So I said, “A basket of summer fruit.”

Then the Lord said to me:

“The end has come upon My people Israel;

I will not pass by them anymore.

3 And the songs of the temple

Shall be wailing in that day,”

Says the Lord God—

“Many dead bodies everywhere,

They shall be thrown out in silence.”

4 Hear this, you who [a]swallow up the needy,  
And make the poor of the land fail,

5 Saying:

“When will the New Moon be past,  
That we may sell grain?  
And the Sabbath,  
That we may [b]trade wheat?  
Making the ephah small and the shekel large,  
Falsifying the scales by deceit,  
6 That we may buy the poor for silver,  
And the needy for a pair of sandals—  
Even sell the bad wheat?”

7 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

“Surely I will never forget any of their works.

8 Shall the land not tremble for this,  
And everyone mourn who dwells in it?

All of it shall swell like [c]the River,

Heave and subside

Like the River of Egypt.

9 “And it shall come to pass in that day,” says the Lord God,

“That I will make the sun go down at noon,

And I will darken the earth in [d]broad daylight;

10 I will turn your feasts into mourning,

And all your songs into lamentation;

I will bring sackcloth on every waist,

And baldness on every head;

I will make it like mourning for an only son,

And its end like a bitter day.

11 “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord God,

“That I will send a famine on the land,

Not a famine of bread,

Nor a thirst for water,

But of hearing the words of the Lord.

12 They shall wander from sea to sea,

And from north to east;

They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord,

But shall not find it.

13 “In that day the fair virgins

And strong young men

Shall faint from thirst.

14 Those who swear by the [e]sin of Samaria,

Who say,  
'As your god lives, O Dan!  
And, 'As the way of Beersheba lives!  
They shall fall and never rise again."

## Chapter 9

### The Destruction of Israel

1 I saw the Lord standing by the altar, and He said:

"Strike the [a]doorposts, that the thresholds may shake,  
And break them on the heads of them all.  
I will slay the last of them with the sword.  
He who flees from them shall not get away,  
And he who escapes from them shall not be delivered.

2 "Though they dig into [b]hell,  
From there My hand shall take them;  
Though they climb up to heaven,  
From there I will bring them down;

3 And though they hide themselves on top of Carmel, From there I will search and take them;  
Though they hide from My sight at the bottom of the sea, From there I will command the serpent, and it shall bite them;

4 Though they go into captivity before their enemies, From there I will command the sword,  
And it shall slay them. I will set My eyes on them for harm and not for good."

5 The Lord God of hosts, He who touches the earth and it melts,  
And all who dwell there mourn; All of it shall swell like [c]the River,  
And subside like the River of Egypt.

6 He who builds His layers[d] in the sky, And has founded His strata in the earth;  
Who calls for the waters of the sea, And pours them out on the face of the earth—  
The Lord is His name.

7 "Are you not like the [e]people of Ethiopia to Me, O children of Israel?" says the Lord.  
"Did I not bring up Israel from the land of Egypt, The Philistines from Caphtor,[f]  
And the Syrians from Kir?"

8 "Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are on the sinful kingdom, And I will destroy it from the face of the earth;  
Yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob," Says the Lord.

9 "For surely I will command, And will [g]sift the house of Israel among all nations,  
As grain is sifted in a sieve; Yet not the smallest [h]grain shall fall to the ground.

10 All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, Who say, 'The calamity shall not overtake nor confront us.'

### Israel Will Be Restored

11 "On that day I will raise up The [i]tabernacle of David, which has fallen down,  
And [j]repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins,

And rebuild it as in the days of old;

12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom,[k] And all the Gentiles who are called by My name,” Says the Lord who does this thing.

13 “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; The mountains shall drip with sweet wine, And all the hills shall flow with it.

14 I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them.

15 I will plant them in their land, And no longer shall they be pulled up From the land I have given them,” Says the Lord your God.

# Jonah

## Chapter 1

### Jonah’s Disobedience

1 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.” 3 But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

### The Storm at Sea

4 But the Lord [a]sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up.

5 Then the mariners were afraid; and every man cried out to his god, and threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten [b]the load. But Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep.

6 So the captain came to him, and said to him, “What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish.”

7 And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this trouble has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. 8 Then they said to him, “Please tell us! For whose cause is this trouble upon us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?”

9 So he said to them, “I am a Hebrew; and I fear [c]the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.”

### Jonah Thrown into the Sea

10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, “Why have you done this?” For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them. 11 Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you that the sea may be calm for us?”—for the sea was growing more tempestuous.

12 And he said to them, "Pick me up and [d]throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest is because of me."

13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to return to land, but they could not, for the sea continued to grow more tempestuous against them. 14 Therefore they cried out to the Lord and said, "We pray, O Lord, please do not let us perish for this man's life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for You, O Lord, have done as it pleased You." 15 So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. 16 Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the Lord and took vows.

## Chapter 2

### Jonah's Prayer and God's Answer

1 Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the fish's belly. 2 And he said:

"I cried out to the Lord because of my affliction, And He answered me.

"Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice.

3 For You cast me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas,

And the floods surrounded me; All Your billows and Your waves passed over me.

4 Then I said, 'I have been cast out of Your sight; Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.'

5 The waters surrounded me, even to my soul; The deep closed around me;

Weeds were wrapped around my head.

6 I went down to the [a]moorings of the mountains; The earth with its bars closed behind me forever;

Yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O Lord, my God.

7 "When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord;

And my prayer went up to You, Into Your holy temple.

8 "Those who regard worthless idols Forsake their own [b]Mercy.

9 But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving;

I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord."

10 So the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

## Chapter 3

### Jonah Preaches at Nineveh

1. Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you." 3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, [a]a three-day journey in extent. 4 And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

### The People of Nineveh Believe

5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. 6 Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe,

covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes. 7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his [b]nobles, saying,

Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water. 8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. 9 Who can tell if God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish?

10 Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

## Chapter 4

### Jonah's Anger and God's Kindness

4 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. 2 So he prayed to the Lord, and said, "Ah, Lord, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm. 3 Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live!"

4 Then the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

5 So Jonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city. There he made himself a shelter and sat under it in the shade, till he might see what would become of the city. 6 And the Lord God prepared a [a]plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be shade for his head to deliver him from his misery. So Jonah [b]was very grateful for the plant. 7 But as morning dawned the next day God prepared a worm, and it so damaged the plant that it withered. 8 And it happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah's head, so that he grew faint. Then he wished death for himself, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

9 Then God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

And he said, "It is right for me to be angry, even to death!"

10 But the Lord said, "You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which [c]came up in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left—and much livestock?"

# Micah

## Chapter 1

### Judgment on Israel and Judah

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 concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

## The Coming Judgment on Israel

2 Hear, all you people! Listen, O earth, and all that is in it!

Let the Lord God be a witness against you, The Lord from His holy temple.

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

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

5 All this is for the transgression of Jacob 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 a heap of ruins in the field, Places for planting a vineyard;

I will pour down her stones into the valley, And I will uncover her foundations.

7 All her carved images shall be beaten to pieces, And all her pay as a harlot shall be burned with the fire;

All her idols I will lay desolate, For she gathered it from the pay of a harlot,

And they shall return to the pay of a harlot.”

## Mourning for Israel and Judah

8 Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked;

I will make a wailing like the jackals And a mourning like the ostriches,

9 For her wounds are incurable. For it has come to Judah;

It has come to the gate of My people— To Jerusalem.

10 Tell it not in Gath, Weep not at all;

In [a]Beth Aphrah Roll yourself in the dust.

11 Pass by in naked shame, you inhabitant of [b]Shaphir; The inhabitant of [c]Zaanan does not go out.

Beth Ezel mourns; Its place to stand is taken away from you.

12 For the inhabitant of [d]Maroth [e]pined for good, But disaster came down from the Lord

To the gate of Jerusalem.

13 O inhabitant of Lachish, Harness the chariot to the swift steeds (She was the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion), For the transgressions of Israel were found in you.

14 Therefore you shall give presents to [f]Moresbeth Gath; The houses of Achzib[g] shall be a lie to the kings of Israel.

15 I will yet bring an heir to you, O inhabitant of Mareshah; The glory of Israel shall come to Adullam.[i]

16 Make yourself bald and cut off your hair, Because of your precious children;

Enlarge your baldness like an eagle, For they shall go from you into captivity.

## Chapter 2

### Woe to Evildoers

1 Woe to those who devise iniquity, And [a]work out evil on their beds!

At morning light they practice it, Because it is in the power of their hand.

2 They covet fields and take them by violence, Also houses, and seize them.

So they oppress a man and his house, A man and his inheritance.

3 Therefore thus says the Lord:

“Behold, against this family I am devising disaster, From which you cannot remove your necks;  
Nor shall you walk haughtily, For this is an evil time.

4 In that day one shall take up a proverb against you, And lament with a bitter lamentation, saying:  
‘We are utterly destroyed! He has changed the heritage of my people;  
How He has removed it from me! To a turncoat He has divided our fields.’ ”

5 Therefore you will have no [d]one to determine boundaries by lot In the assembly of the Lord.

Lying Prophets

6 “Do not prattle,” you say to those who [e]prophesy. So they shall not prophesy [f]to you;  
[g]They shall not return insult for insult. 7 You who are named the house of Jacob:  
“Is the Spirit of the Lord restricted? Are these His doings?  
Do not My words do good To him who walks uprightly?”

8 “Lately My people have risen up as an enemy— You pull off the robe with the garment  
From those who trust you, as they pass by, Like men returned from war.

9 The women of My people you cast out From their pleasant houses;  
From their children You have taken away My glory forever.

10 “Arise and depart, For this is not your rest;  
Because it is defiled, it shall destroy, Yes, with utter destruction.

11 If a man should walk in a false spirit And speak a lie, saying,  
‘I will [h]prophesy to you [i]of wine and drink,’ Even he would be the prattler of this people.

Israel Restored

12 “I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel;  
I will put them together like sheep of [j]the fold, Like a flock in the midst of their pasture;  
They shall make a loud noise because of so many people.

13 The one who breaks open will come up before them; They will break out,  
Pass through the gate, And go out by it; Their king will pass before them, With the Lord at their head.”

Chapter 3

Wicked Rulers and Prophets

1 And I said: “Hear now, O heads of Jacob,  
And you rulers of the house of Israel: Is it not for you to know justice?  
2 You who hate good and love evil; Who strip the skin from [a]My people,  
And the flesh from their bones;

3 Who also eat the flesh of My people, Flay their skin from them,  
Break their bones, And chop them in pieces  
Like meat for the pot, Like flesh in the caldron.”

4 Then they will cry to the Lord, But He will not hear them;  
He will even hide His face from them at that time, Because they have been evil in their deeds.

5 Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets Who make my people stray;

Who chant [b]"Peace" [c]While they chew with their teeth,  
But who prepare war against him Who puts nothing into their mouths:  
6 "Therefore you shall have night without [d]vision, And you shall have darkness without divination;  
The sun shall go down on the prophets, And the day shall be dark for them.  
7 So the seers shall be ashamed, And the diviners abashed;  
Indeed they shall all cover their lips; For there is no answer from God."

8 But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord, And of justice and might,  
To declare to Jacob his transgression And to Israel his sin.

9 Now hear this, You heads of the house of Jacob  
And rulers of the house of Israel, Who abhor justice  
And [e]pervert all equity,

10 Who build up Zion with bloodshed And Jerusalem with iniquity:

11 Her heads judge for a bribe, Her priests teach for pay,  
And her prophets divine for [f]money. Yet they lean on the Lord, and say,  
"Is not the Lord among us? No harm can come upon us."

12 Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed like a field,  
Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, And the mountain of the [g]temple  
Like the bare hills of the forest.

#### Chapter 4

##### The Lord's Reign in Zion

1 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days

That the mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains,  
And shall be exalted above the hills; And peoples shall flow to it.

2 Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways,  
And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth,  
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

3 He shall judge between many peoples, And rebuke strong nations afar off;  
They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into [a]pruning hooks;  
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

4 But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, And no one shall make them afraid;  
For the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

5 For all people walk each in the name of his god, But we will walk in the name of the Lord our God  
Forever and ever.

##### Zion's Future Triumph

6 "In that day," says the Lord, "I will assemble the lame,  
I will gather the outcast And those whom I have afflicted;

7 I will make the lame a remnant, And the outcast a strong nation;  
So the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on, even forever.

8 And you, O tower of the flock, The stronghold of the daughter of Zion,  
To you shall it come, Even the former dominion shall come,  
The kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem."

9 Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no king in your midst?  
Has your counselor perished? For pangs have seized you like a woman in [b]labor.  
10 Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion,  
Like a woman in birth pangs. For now you shall go forth from the city,  
You shall dwell in the field, And to Babylon you shall go.  
There you shall be delivered; There the Lord will redeem you  
From the hand of your enemies.

11 Now also many nations have gathered against you, Who say, "Let her be defiled,  
And let our eye look upon Zion."  
12 But they do not know the thoughts of the Lord, Nor do they understand His counsel;  
For He will gather them like sheaves to the threshing floor.

13 "Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion; For I will make your horn iron,  
And I will make your hooves bronze; You shall beat in pieces many peoples;  
I will consecrate their gain to the Lord, And their substance to the Lord of the whole earth."

## Chapter 5

### The Messiah Will Be Born at Bethlehem

1 Now gather yourself in troops, O daughter of troops;  
He has laid siege against us; They will strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek.

### The Coming Messiah

2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,  
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel,  
Whose goings forth are from of old, From [a]everlasting."

3 Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth;  
Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel.

4 And He shall stand and feed[b] His flock In the strength of the Lord,  
In the majesty of the name of the Lord His God; And they shall abide,  
For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth;

5 And this One shall be peace.

### Judgment on Israel's Enemies

When the Assyrian comes into our land, And when he treads in our palaces,  
Then we will raise against him Seven shepherds and eight princely men.

6 They shall [c]waste with the sword the land of Assyria, And the land of Nimrod at its entrances;  
Thus He shall deliver us from the Assyrian, When he comes into our land  
And when he treads within our borders.

7 Then the remnant of Jacob Shall be in the midst of many peoples,  
Like dew from the Lord, Like showers on the grass,  
That [d]tarry for no man Nor [e]wait for the sons of men.

8 And the remnant of Jacob Shall be among the Gentiles,  
In the midst of many peoples, Like a lion among the beasts of the forest,  
Like a young lion among flocks of sheep, Who, if he passes through,

Both treads down and tears in pieces, And none can deliver.

9 Your hand shall be lifted against your adversaries, And all your enemies shall be [f]cut off.

10 “And it shall be in that day,” says the Lord, “That I will cut[g] off your horses from your midst  
And destroy your chariots.

11 I will cut off the cities of your land And throw down all your strongholds.

12 I will cut off sorceries from your hand, And you shall have no soothsayers.

13 Your carved images I will also cut off, And your sacred pillars from your midst;  
You shall no more worship the work of your hands;

14 I will pluck your [h]wooden images from your midst; Thus I will destroy your cities.

15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury On the nations that have not [i]heard.”

## Chapter 6

### God Pleads with Israel

1 Hear now what the Lord says:

“Arise, plead your case before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice.

2 Hear, O you mountains, the Lord’s complaint, And you strong foundations of the earth;  
For the Lord has a complaint against His people, And He will [a]contend with Israel.

3 “O My people, what have I done to you? And how have I wearied you?  
Testify against Me.

4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage;  
And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O My people, remember now What Balak king of Moab counseled,  
And what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, From [b]Acacia Grove to Gilgal,  
That you may know the righteousness of the Lord.”

6 With what shall I come before the Lord, And bow myself before the High God?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old?

7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, [c]The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you  
But to do justly, To love [d]mercy,  
And to walk humbly with your God?

### Punishment of Israel’s Injustice

9 The Lord’s voice cries to the city— Wisdom shall see Your name:

“Hear the rod! Who has appointed it?

10 Are there yet the treasures of wickedness In the house of the wicked,  
And the short measure that is an abomination?

11 Shall I count pure those with the wicked scales, And with the bag of deceitful weights?

12 For her rich men are full of violence, Her inhabitants have spoken lies,  
And their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

13 “Therefore I will also make you sick by striking you, By making you desolate because of your sins.  
14 You shall eat, but not be satisfied; [e]Hunger shall be in your midst.  
You may carry some away,[f] but shall not save them; And what you do rescue I will give over to the sword.

15 “You shall sow, but not reap; You shall tread the olives, but not anoint yourselves with oil;  
And make sweet wine, but not drink wine.

16 For the statutes of Omri are kept; All the works of Ahab’s house are done;  
And you walk in their counsels, That I may make you a [g]desolation,  
And your inhabitants a hissing. Therefore you shall bear the reproach of [h]My people.”

## Chapter 7

### Sorrow for Israel’s Sins

1 Woe is me! For I am like those who gather summer fruits,  
Like those who glean vintage grapes; There is no cluster to eat  
Of the first-ripe fruit which my soul desires.

2 The faithful[a] man has perished from the earth, And there is no one upright among men.  
They all lie in wait for blood; Every man hunts his brother with a net.

3 That they may successfully do evil with both hands— The prince asks for gifts,  
The judge seeks a bribe, And the great man utters his evil desire;  
So they scheme together.

4 The best of them is like a brier; The most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge;  
The day of your watchman and your punishment comes; Now shall be their perplexity.

5 Do not trust in a friend; Do not put your confidence in a companion;  
Guard the doors of your mouth From her who lies in your bosom.

6 For son dishonors father, Daughter rises against her mother,  
Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; A man’s enemies are the men of his own household.

7 Therefore I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation;  
My God will hear me.

### Israel’s Confession and Comfort

8 Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; When I fall, I will arise;  
When I sit in darkness, The Lord will be a light to me.

9 I will bear the indignation of the Lord, Because I have sinned against Him,  
Until He pleads my case And executes justice for me.  
He will bring me forth to the light; I will see His righteousness.

10 Then she who is my enemy will see, And shame will cover her who said to me,  
“Where is the Lord your God?” My eyes will see her;  
Now she will be trampled down Like mud in the streets.

11 In the day when your walls are to be built, In that day [b]the decree shall go far and wide.

12 In that day they[c] shall come to you From Assyria and the [d]fortified cities,  
From the [e]fortress to [f]the River, From sea to sea,  
And mountain to mountain.

13 Yet the land shall be desolate Because of those who dwell in it,  
And for the fruit of their deeds.

God Will Forgive Israel

14 Shepherd Your people with Your staff, The flock of Your heritage,  
Who dwell [g]solitarily in a woodland, In the midst of Carmel;  
Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, As in days of old.

15 “As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt, I will show [h]them wonders.”

16 The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; They shall put their hand over their mouth;  
Their ears shall be deaf.

17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent; They shall crawl from their holes like [i]snakes of the earth.  
They shall be afraid of the Lord our God, And shall fear because of You.

18 Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity  
And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage?

He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy.[j]

19 He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities.

You will cast all [k]our sins Into the depths of the sea.

20 You will give truth to Jacob And [l]mercy to Abraham,  
Which You have sworn to our fathers From the days of old.