

Fall 2022

Minor Prophets (Amos, Hosea, Jonah, Micah)

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Chapter 1

(1) The words of Amos {burdensome},^a who was among the herdsmen 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.^b

(2) And he said, The LORD {Jehovah} will roar from Zion, and speak His voice from Jerusalem; and the homes of the shepherds will mourn, and the top of Carmel will wither.

(3) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; For three sins of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron:

(4) But I will send a fire into the house of Hazeal, which will devour the palaces of Benhadad.

(5) I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off those who live in the plain of Aven, and he who holds the sceptre from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria will go into captivity to Kir, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(6) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; For three sins of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver *them* up to Edom:

(7) But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which will devour its palaces:

(8) And I will cut off those who live in Ashdod, and he who holds the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn My hand against Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines will perish, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(9) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; For three sins of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and did not remember the brotherly covenant:

(10) But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which will devour its palaces.

1:1a - Amos {עמוס} - burdensome

1:1b - in the days of Uzziah king of the southern kingdom of Judah, 2 years before the earthquake - Uzziah was 16 when he began his reign in the 27th year of Jeroboam#2's reign over Israel 3319 A.H./C-723 B.C. - he reigned for 52 years to 3371 A.H./C-671 B.C. - Jeroboam's reign lasted 41 years -we have no record as to when the earthquake itself took place. The northern kingdom of Israel fell to the Assyrians in 3406 A.H. - 35 years after Uzziah's death. The southern kingdom of Judah would be conquered by Babylon 114 years after the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel. See [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(11) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; For three sins 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, and his anger tore continually, and he kept his wrath {anger} forever:

(12) But I will send a fire upon Teman, which will devour the palaces of Bozrah.

(13) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; For three sins of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border:

(14) But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it will devour its palaces, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind:

(15) And their king will go into captivity, he and his princes together, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 2

(1) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; For three sins of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime:

(2) But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it will devour the palaces of Kerioth: and Moab will die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet:

(3) And I will cut off the judge from its midst, and will kill all its princes with him, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(4) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; For three sins of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*; because they have despised the law of the LORD {Jehovah}, and have not kept His commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the manner their forefathers have walked:

(5) But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it will devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

(6) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; For three sins of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes;

(7) Who pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the humble: and a man and his father will go in to the *same* maid, to profane My holy Name:

(8) And they lay *themselves* down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned *in* the house {temple} of their god.

(9) Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height *was* like the height of the cedars, and he *was* strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.

(10) Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.

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(11) And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. *Is this not so*, O you children of Israel? says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(12) But you gave the Nazarites wine to drink;^a and commanded the prophets, saying, Do not prophesy.

(13) Indeed, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed *that is* full of sheaves.

(14) Therefore the flight will perish from the swift, and the strong will not strengthen his force, neither will the mighty deliver himself:

(15) Neither will he stand who handles the bow; and *he who is* swift of foot will not deliver *himself*: neither will he who rides the horse deliver himself.

(16) And *he who is* courageous among the mighty will flee away naked in that day, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 3

(1) Hear this word that the LORD {Jehovah} 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 sins.

(3) Can two walk together, except they are in agreement?

(4) Will a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he has taken nothing?

(5) Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no bait *is set* for him? will *one* take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all?

(6) Will a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? will there be evil in a city, and the LORD {Jehovah} has not done *it*?

(7) Surely the Lord GOD {Jehovah} will do nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

(8) The lion has roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD {Jehovah} has spoken, who can but prophesy?

(9) Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and see the great tumults in its midst, and the oppressed in its midst.

(10) Because they do not know to do right, says the LORD {Jehovah}, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces.

(11) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; *There will be* an adversary even all around the land; and he will bring down your strength from you, and your palaces will be spoiled.

(12) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; As the shepherd takes out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so the children of Israel will be taken out who live in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus *in* a couch.

2:12a - the Nazarites were not allowed to drink wine or strong drink. Num. 6:1-3

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(13) Listen, and testify in the house of Jacob, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, the God of hosts {armies; multitudes},^a

(14) That in the day that I will visit the sins of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Bethel: and the horns of the altar will be cut off, and fall to the ground.

(15) And I will strike the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory will perish, and the great houses will have an end, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 4

(1) Hear this word, you cattle of Bashan, who *are* in the mountains of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

(2) The Lord GOD {Jehovah} has sworn by His holiness, that, indeed, the days will come upon you, that He will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks.

(3) And you will go out at the breaches, every *cow at that which is* before her; and you will cast *them* into the palace, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(4) Come to Bethel, and commit sin; at Gilgal multiply sin; and bring your sacrifices every morning, *and* your tithes after three years:

(5) And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim *and* publish the free offerings: because this pleases you, O you children of Israel, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(6) And I also have given you 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 {Jehovah}.

(7) And also I have withheld the rain from you, when *there were* yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece upon which it did not rain withered.

(8) So two *or* three cities wandered to one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(9) I have stricken you with blasting {hot wind; judgment} and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmer worm devoured *them*: yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(10) I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men I have killed with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stench of your camps to come up to your nostrils: yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(11) I have overthrown *some* of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,^a and you were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

3:13a - LORD of hosts - Jehovah sabaoth {יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת} - Lord of armies or multitudes

4:11a – Sodom and Gomorrah – Gen. 19:24

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(12) Therefore this is what I will do to you, O Israel: *and* because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel.

(13) Because, indeed, He Who formed the mountains, and created the wind, and declared to man His thoughts, Who made the morning darkness, and treads upon the high places of the earth, The LORD {Jehovah}, The God of hosts {armies}, is His Name.

Chapter 5

(1) Listen to this word which I take up against you, *even* a loud cry, O house of Israel.

(2) The virgin of Israel has fallen; she will rise no more: she is forsaken upon her land; *there is* no one to raise her up.

(3) Because this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; The city that went out *by* a thousand will leave one hundred, and that which went forth *by* one hundred will leave ten, to the house of Israel.

(4) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says to the house of Israel, Seek Me, and you shall live:

(5) But do not seek Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and do not pass to Beersheba: because Gilgal will surely go into captivity, and Bethel will come to nothing.

(6) Seek the LORD {Jehovah}, and you will live; lest He break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour *it*, and *there be* no one to quench *it* in Bethel.

(7) You who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth,

(8) *Seek Him* Who makes the seven stars {constellation Pleiades}^a and Orion, and turns the shadow of death into the morning, and makes the day dark with night: Who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD {Jehovah} is His Name:

(9) Who strengthens the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled will come against the fortress.

(10) They hate him who rebukes in the gate, and they despise him who speaks uprightly.

(11) Since therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and you take from him burdens of wheat: you have built houses of carved stone, but you will not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you will not drink wine from them.

(12) Because I know your many sins and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate *from their right*.

5:8a - seven stars -the constellation Pleiades - see Job 9:9

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(13) Therefore the prudent will keep silence in that time; because it is an evil time.

(14) Seek good, and not evil, that you may live: and so the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of hosts {armies; multitudes}, will be with you, as you have spoken.

(15) Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gates: it may be that the LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {armies; multitudes} will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

(16) Therefore the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the Lord, says this; Wailing *will be* in all streets; and they will say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they will call the gardener to mourning, and those who are skillful of loud cries to bitter tears.

(17) And in all vineyards *will be* crying: because I will pass through you, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(18) Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD {Jehovah}! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD {Jehovah} is darkness, and not light.

(19) As if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a snake bit him.

(20) *Shall* not the day of the LORD {Jehovah} *be* darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

(21) I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

(22) Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept *them*: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

(23) Take away from Me the noise of your songs; because I will not hear the melody of your musical instruments.

(24) But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

(25) Have you offered to Me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?

(26) But you have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which you made to yourselves.

(27) Therefore I will cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, says the LORD {Jehovah}, Whose Name is The God of hosts {armies; multitudes}.

Chapter 6

(1) Woe to those who *are* at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, *who are* named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!

(2) Pass to Calneh, and see; and from there go to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: are *they* better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?

(3) You who put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near;

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(4) Who lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall;

(5) Who chant to the sound of the musical instruments, *and* invent for themselves instruments of music, like David;

(6) Who drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

(7) Therefore now they will go captive with the first who go captive,^a and their banquet that they feasted at will be removed.

(8) The Lord GOD {Jehovah} has sworn by Himself, says the LORD {Jehovah} the God of hosts {armies; multitudes}, I hate the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore I will deliver up the city with all who are in it.

(9) And it will come to pass, if there remains ten men in one house, that they will die.

(10) And a man's uncle will take him up, and he who burns him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and will say to him who *is* by the sides of the house, *Are there yet any* with you? and he will say, No. Then he will say, Hold your tongue: because we may not make mention of the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(11) Because, indeed, the LORD {Jehovah} commands, and He will strike the great house with holes, and the little house with cracks.

(12) Shall horses run upon the rock? will *one* plow *there* with oxen? because you have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock:

(13) You who rejoice in a thing of nothing, who say, Have we not taken to ourselves horns by our own strength?

(14) But, indeed, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, says the LORD {Jehovah} the God of hosts {armies; multitudes}; and they will afflict you from the entering in of Hemath to the river of the wilderness.

Chapter 7

(1) So the Lord GOD {Jehovah} has shown me; and, indeed, He formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, indeed, *it was* the latter growth after the king's mowings.

(2) And it came to pass, *that* when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD {Jehovah}, forgive, I beg You: by whom shall Jacob arise? because he *is* small.

(3) The LORD {Jehovah} repented for this: *It shall not be*, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

6:7a - the northern kingdom of Israel will go captive before the southern kingdom of Judah

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(4) So the Lord GOD {Jehovah} has shown me: and, indeed, the Lord GOD {Jehovah} called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and ate up a part.

(5) Then said I, O Lord GOD {Jehovah}, cease, I beg You: by whom shall Jacob arise? because he is small.

(6) The LORD {Jehovah} repented for this: **This also shall not be**, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(7) So He showed me: and, indeed, the Lord stood upon a wall *made* by a plumb line,^a with a plumb line in His hand.

(8) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, **Amos, what do you see?** And I said, A plumb line. Then the Lord said, **Indeed, I will set a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more:**

(9) **And the high places of Isaac will be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel will be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.**

(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 bear all his words.

(11) Because Amos says, Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely be led away captive out of their own land.

(12) Also Amaziah said to Amos, O you seer, go, flee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:

(13) But do not prophesy again any more at Bethel: because it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court.

(14) Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah, I *was* no prophet, neither *was* I a prophet's son; but I *was* a herdsman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit:

(15) And the LORD {Jehovah} took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, **Go, prophesy to My people Israel.**

(16) **Now therefore listen to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}: You say, Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not drop your words against the house of Isaac.**

(17) **Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Your wife will be a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters will fall by the sword, and your land will be divided by line; and you will die in a polluted land: and Israel will surely go into captivity out of his land.**

7:7a - plumb line - a line with a weight on the end for determining how true to vertical a wall is see Is. 28:17

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Chapter 8

(1) So the Lord GOD {Jehovah} has shown me: and indeed a basket of summer fruit.

(2) And He said, Amos, What do you see? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, The end has come upon My people of Israel; I will not again pass by them anymore.

(3) And the songs of the temple will be howlings in that day, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}: *there will be* many dead bodies in every place; they will cast *them* forth with silence.

(4) Hear this, O you who swallow up the needy, even to cause the poor of the land to fail,

(5) Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath {Saturday}, that we may set forth wheat,^a making the ephah {measure} small, and the shekel {price} great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

(6) That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; *yes*, and sell the waste of the wheat?

(7) The LORD {Jehovah} has sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works.

(8) Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn who lives in it? and it will rise up wholly as a flood; and it will be cast out and drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt.

(9) And it will come to pass in that day, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day:

(10) And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into loud cries; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all waists, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning for an only *son*, and its end as a bitter day.

(11) Indeed, the days are coming, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD {Jehovah}:

(12) And they will wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they will run back and forth to seek the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, and will not find *it*.

(13) In that day the fair virgins and young men will faint for thirst.

(14) Those who swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Your god, O Dan, lives; and, The manner of Beersheba lives; even they will fall, and never rise up again.

8:5a - the time for worship of the Lord has become a nuisance to them

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Chapter 9

(1) I saw the Lord standing upon the altar: and He said, Strike the ledge of the door, that the posts may shake: and cut them in the head, all of them; and I will kill the last of them with the sword: he who flees of them will not flee away, and he who escapes of them will not be delivered.

(2) Though they dig into hell, there My hand shall take them; though they climb up to heaven, there I will bring them down:

(3) And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out from there; and though they are hidden from My sight in the bottom of the sea, there I will command the snake, and he will bite them:

(4) And though they go into captivity before their enemies, there I will command the sword, and it will kill them: and I will set My eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

(5) And the Lord GOD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} is He Who touches the land, and it will melt, and all who live in it will mourn: and it will rise up wholly like a flood; and will be drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt.

(6) *It is* He Who writes His stories in the heaven,^a and has founded His troop in the earth; He Who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD {Jehovah} is His Name.

(7) *Are you not* as children of the Ethiopians to Me, O children of Israel? says the LORD {Jehovah}. Have I not brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?

(8) Indeed, the eyes of the Lord GOD {Jehovah} are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; except I will not completely destroy the house of Jacob, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(9) Because, indeed, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, as *corn* is sifted in a strainer, yet not the least grain will fall upon the earth.

(10) All the sinners of My people will die by the sword, who say, The evil will not overtake nor prevent {go before} us.

(11) In that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up its holes; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

9:6a - the Lord gave the sun and the moon and the stars to portray His gospel to all the earth. Gen. 1:14; Romans chapter 1 - See Witness of the Stars by E.W. Bullinger See "The Heavens Declare The Glory of God – God's Plan of Redemption in the Stars" at www.TheWordNotes.com

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(12) That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen {nations}, who are called by My Name, says the LORD {Jehovah} Who does this.

(13) Indeed, the days are coming, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that the plowman will overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; and the mountains will drop sweet wine, and all the hills will melt.

(14) And I will bring again the captivity of My people of Israel, and they will build the waste cities, and live in *them*; and they will plant vineyards, and drink their wine; they will also make gardens, and eat their fruit.

(15) And I will plant them upon their land, and they will no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, says the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

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Chapter 1

(1) Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah {dove}^a the son of Amittai,^b saying,
 (2) **Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; because their wickedness has come up before Me.**
 (3) But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD {Jehovah}, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid its fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD {Jehovah}.
 (4) But the LORD {Jehovah} sent out a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken.
 (5) Then the mariners were afraid, and every man cried to his god, and cast forth the cargo that *was* in the ship into the sea, to lighten *it*. But Jonah had gone down into the inside of the ship; and he lay down, and was fast asleep.
 (6) So the captain of the ship came to him, and said to him, What do you mean, O sleeper? arise, call upon your God, perhaps God will think of us, that we not perish.
 (7) And everyone said to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil *has* come upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

(8) Then they said to him, Tell us, we ask you, for whose cause this evil *has come* upon us; What is your occupation? and where have you come from? what is your country? and of what people *are* you?
 (9) And he said to them, I *am* a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of heaven, Who has made the sea and the dry *land*.
 (10) Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, Why have you done this? Because the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD {Jehovah}, 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? because the sea was becoming more and more stormy.
 (12) And he said to them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; then the sea will be calm for you: because I know that for my sake this great storm *is* upon you.
 (13) Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring *it* to the land; but they could not: because the sea grew more and more stormy against them.
 (14) Therefore they cried to the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, We beg You, O LORD {Jehovah}, we beg You, do not let us perish for this man's life, and do not lay upon us innocent blood: because You, O LORD {Jehovah}, have done as it pleased You.

1:1a - Jonah {יִנְיָ} – dove

1:1b – Jonah son of Amittai – II Ki. 14:25

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(15) So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.

(16) Then the men feared the LORD {Jehovah} exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the LORD {Jehovah}, and made vows.

(17) Now the LORD {Jehovah} had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Chapter 2

(1) Then Jonah prayed to the LORD {Jehovah} his God out of the fish's belly,

(2) And said, I cried because of my affliction to the LORD {Jehovah}, and He heard me; out of the belly of hell I cried, and You heard my voice.

(3) Because You had cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods encompassed me: all Your breakers and Your waves passed over me.

(4) Then I said, I am cast out of Your sight; yet I will look again towards Your holy temple.

(5) The waters encompassed me, *even* to the soul: the depth closed all around me, the weeds were wrapped around my head.

(6) I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* around me forever: yet You have brought up my life from corruption, O LORD {Jehovah} my God.

(7) When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD {Jehovah}: and my prayer came in to You, into Your holy temple.

(8) Those who observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

(9) But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* which I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(10) And the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry *land*.

Chapter 3

(1) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jonah the second time, saying,

(2) *Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the preaching that I tell you.*

(3) So Jonah arose, and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city of three days' journey {about 55 to 60 miles; 88 to 96 km. around}.^a

(4) And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey^b {to about the center of the city}, and he cried, and said, Yet in forty days, and Nineveh will be overthrown.

3:3a - 3 days journey - i.e. to walk around - one of the largest, if not the largest cities of its day - some estimate about 55 to 60 miles to walk around

3:4b - entered into the city a day's journey which based on the above numbers would have been about the center of the city.

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(5) So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

(6) Because word came to the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid aside his robe, and covered *himself* with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

(7) And he caused *it* to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything: let them not feed, nor drink water:

(8) But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God: yes, let everyone turn from his evil way, and from the violence that *is* in their hands.

(9) Who can tell *if* God will turn and repent, and turn away from His fierce anger, that we not perish?

(10) And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that He had said that He would do to them; and He did not do *it*.

Chapter 4

(1) But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

(2) And he prayed to the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, I ask You, O LORD {Jehovah}, *was* this not what I said, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before to Tarshish: because I knew that You *are* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and You repent of the evil.

(3) Therefore now, O LORD {Jehovah}, I beg You, take my life from me; because *it is* better for me to die than to live.

(4) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said, **Do you have reason to be angry?**

(5) So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made for himself a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, until he might see what would become of the city.

(6) And the LORD {Jehovah} God prepared a gourd, and caused *it* to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the gourd.

(7) But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it struck the gourd so that it withered.

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(8) And it came to pass, when the sun arose, that God prepared a strong east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, so that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, *It is better for me to die than to live.*

(9) And God said to Jonah, *Do you have reason to be angry for the gourd?* And he said, I have reason to be angry, *even to death.*

(10) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said, *You had pity on the gourd, for which you had not labored, neither caused it to grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:*

(11) *And should I not spare Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than a hundred-twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?*

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Chapter 1

(1) The word of the LORD {Jehovah} that came to Hosea {deliverer},^a the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.^b

(2) The beginning of the word of the LORD {Jehovah} by Hosea. And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Hosea, Go, take to yourself a wife of prostitution and children of prostitution: because the land has committed great prostitution, departing from the LORD {Jehovah}.

(3) So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; who conceived, and gave birth to him a son.

(4) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to him, Call his name Jezreel {God will scatter};^c because in yet a little *while*, I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

(5) And it will come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel {God will scatter}.

(6) And she conceived again, and gave birth to a daughter. And God said to him, Call her name Loruhamah {no mercy};^d because I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.

(7) But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD {Jehovah} their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

(8) Now when she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived, and gave birth to a son.

(9) Then God said, Call his name Loammi {not My people};^e because you *are not My people*, and I will not be your God.

1:1a - Hosea {הושע} - deliverer

1:1b - Uzziah's reign ends [3371 A.H./C-671 B.C.] after reign of 52 years- See Is. 6:1

Jotham's reign ends [3386 A.H./C-656 B.C.] after reign of 16 years

Ahaz reign ends [3402 A.H./C-640 B.C.] after reign of 16 years]

Hezekiah co-reigns with his father Ahaz [3400 A.H./C-642 B.C.] 2 years

Hezekiah begins sole reign upon death of his father [3402 A.H./C-640 B.C.] -

- 4 years before end of Northern Kingdom of Israel - 118 years before

captivity of Southern Kingdom of Judah - See Isaiah 1:1

See Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

1:4c - Jezreel {יזרעאל} - God will sow or scatter - When Assyria conquered Israel in 3406 A.H./C-636 B.C. - the northern kingdom of Israel was literally scattered all over the known world by the Assyrians, who normally took people from conquered areas and re-settled them far away from each other to prevent future rebellions.

1:6d - Loruhamah {לא רחמה} - no mercy

1:9e - Loammi {לא עמי} - not My people

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(10) Yet the number of the children of Israel will be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it will come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said to them, *You are* not My people, *there* it shall be said to them, *You are* the sons of the living God.

(11) Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel^f will be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they will come up out of the land: because great *will be* the day of Jezreel.^g

Chapter 2

(1) Say to your brothers, Ammi {My people};^a and to your sisters, Ruhamah {obtained mercy}.^b

(2) Plead with your mother, plead: because she *is* not My wife, neither *am* I her Husband: let her therefore put away her prostitution out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;

(3) Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and kill her with thirst.

(4) And I will not have mercy upon her children; because they *are* the children of prostitution.

(5) Because their mother has played the prostitute: she who has conceived them has done shamefully: because she said, I will go after my lovers, who give *me* my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.

(6) Therefore, indeed, I will hedge up your way with thorns, and make a wall, that she will not find her paths.

(7) And she will follow after her lovers, but she will not overtake them; and she will seek them, but will not find *them*: then she will say, I will go and return to my first husband; because then *it was* better for me than now.

(8) But she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, *which* they prepared for Baal.

(9) Therefore I will return, and take away My corn in its time, and My wine in its season, and will recover My wool and My flax *given* to cover her nakedness.

(10) And now I will uncover her nakedness in the sight of her lovers, and no one shall deliver her out of My hand.

(11) I will also cause all her joy to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths {Saturdays}, and all her solemn feasts.

1:11f - children of Judah - the southern kingdom of Judah which actually consisted of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin - the children of Israel - the northern kingdom of Israel which consisted of the other ten tribes of Israel which came to be known as the Lost Tribes of Israel. -- Following the death of king Solomon, Israel was split into the two kingdoms.

1:11g - the day of Jezreel {God will disperse} - known in the New Testament as the Second Coming of the Lord on the day of Armageddon at the end of Daniel's last seven years known at the time of Jacob's - see 1:4

2:1a - Ammi {עמי} - My people

2:1b - Ruhamah {רחמה} - obtained mercy

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(12) And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, of which she has said, These *are* my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

(13) And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, in which she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(14) Therefore, indeed, I will lure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably to her.

(15) And I will give her her vineyards from there, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

(16) And it shall be at that day, says the LORD {Jehovah}, *that* you shall call Me Ishi {my Husband};^c and shall no more call me Baali {my Baal}.^d

(17) Because I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

(18) And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of heaven, and *with* the crawling things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will cause them to lie down safely.

(19) And I will wed you to Myself forever; yes, I will wed you to Myself in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving kindness, and in mercies.

(20) I will even wed you to Myself in faithfulness: and you will know the LORD {Jehovah}.

(21) And it will come to pass in that day, I will hear, says the LORD {Jehovah}, I will hear the heavens, and they will hear the earth;

(22) And the earth will hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they will hear Jezreel.

(23) And I will sow her to Myself in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her who had not obtained mercy; and I will say to *those who were* not My people, *You are* My people; and they will say, *You are* my God.

Chapter 3

(1) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, Go again, love a woman who is loved by *her* friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD {Jehovah} towards the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love bottles of wine.

2:16c - Ishi {אִישׁי} - my husband

2:16d - Baali {בַּעְלִי} - my Baal - a pagan deity

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(2) So I bought her for myself for fifteen pieces of silver,^a and for one and a half homers of barley {about 9 bushels or 80 gal.; 222L.}:

(3) And I said to her, You shall live for me many days; you shall not play the prostitute, and you shall not be for another man: so I will also be for you.

(4) Because the children of Israel shall live many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image,^b and without an ephod {priestly robe},^c and without family idol:^d

(5) Afterward the children of Israel will return, and seek the LORD {Jehovah} their God, and David their king; and will fear the LORD {Jehovah} and His goodness in the latter days.

Chapter 4

(1) Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, you children of Israel: because the LORD {Jehovah} has a controversy with those who live in the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

(2) By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out {against the Lord's commandments}, and murders are everywhere.

(3) Therefore the land will mourn, and everyone who lives in it will die, with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of heaven; yes, the fish of the sea also will be taken away.

(4) Yet let no man strive with, nor reprove another: because your people are as those who strive with the priest.

(5) Therefore you will fall in the day, and the prophet also will fall with you in the night, and I will destroy your mother.

(6) My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you will be no priest to Me: since you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.

(7) As they were increased, so they sinned against Me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.

(8) They enjoy the sin of My people, and they set their hearts on their evil.

3:2a - 15 pieces of silver - according to Ex. 21:32 the common price for a slave was 30 pieces of silver. A homer = 10 ephahs = 222 liters = 6.25 bushels so - 1 1/2 homers was about 9 bushels or about 80 gallons. - see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#). Gomer apparently left Hosea and returned to prostitution. Probably due to her indebtedness, she was now being sold as a slave. Female slaves were commonly stripped naked for public auction. Hosea now goes and buys her back for a little more than half the price of a normal slave. Apparently, she, like Israel, is no longer attractive enough to sell for the normal price. Hosea demonstrates God's love for Israel by buying his wife back from slavery in spite of her infidelity and unattractiveness.

3:4b - image - handmade god

3:4c - ephod - priestly robe

3:4d - teraphim {תִּרְפִּים} - family idol

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(9) And it will be the same for the people and the priests: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them according to their deeds.

(10) Because they will eat, and not have enough: they will commit prostitution, and will not increase: because they have quit taking heed of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(11) Prostitution and wine and new wine take away the heart.

(12) My people ask counsel at their wooden idols, and their staff declares to them: because the spirit of prostitution has caused *them* to err, and they have gone prostituting leaving their God.

(13) They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because its shadow *is* good: therefore your daughters will commit prostitution, and your spouses will commit adultery.

(14) I will not punish your daughters when they commit prostitution, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: because they themselves are separated with prostitutes, and they sacrifice with prostitutes: therefore the people *who* do not understand will fall.

(15) Though you, Israel, play the prostitute, *yet* do not let Judah take offense; and do not come to Gilgal, neither go up to Bethaven, nor swear, The LORD {Jehovah} lives.

(16) Because Israel slides back as a backsliding heifer: now the LORD {Jehovah} will feed them as a lamb in a large place.

(17) Ephraim *is* joined to idols: let him alone.

(18) Their drink is sour: they have committed prostitution continually: her rulers shamefully make love, admit it.

(19) The wind has bound her up in her wings, and they will be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

Chapter 5

(1) Hear this, O priests; and listen, you house of Israel; and pay attention, O house of the king; because judgment *is* towards you, because you have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor.^a

(2) And the revolvers are profound to make slaughter, though I *have been* a rebuker of them all.

(3) I know Ephraim,^b and Israel is not hid from Me: because now, O Ephraim, you commit prostitution, *and* Israel is defiled.

(4) They will not constrain their deeds to turn to their God: because the spirit of prostitution *is* in their midst, and they have not known the LORD {Jehovah}.

(5) And the pride of Israel testifies to his face: therefore Israel and Ephraim will fall in their evil deeds; Judah also will fall with them.

5:1a - Mizpah and Tabor were places of worship which defiled God's laws and have not taught His ways

5:3b - Ephraim - another name for the northern kingdom of Israel - see Hosea 7:1

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(6) They will go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD {Jehovah}; but they will not find *Him*; He has withdrawn Himself from them.

(7) They have dealt treacherously against the LORD {Jehovah}: because they have given birth to illegitimate children: now a month will devour them with their portions.

(8) Blow the cornet in Gibeah, *and* the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud *at* Bethaven, after you, O Benjamin.

(9) Ephraim will be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel I have made known that which will surely be.

(10) The princes of Judah were like those who remove the boundaries:^c *therefore* I will pour out My wrath {anger; judgment} upon them like water.

(11) Ephraim *is* oppressed *and* broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment.

(12) Therefore I *will be* to Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness.

(13) When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah *saw* his wound, then Ephraim went to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet he could not heal you, nor cure you of your wound.

(14) Because I *will be* to Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, *even* I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and no one will rescue *him*.

(15) I will go *and* return to My place, until they acknowledge their offense, and seek My face: in their affliction they will seek Me early.

Chapter 6

(1) Come, and let us return to the LORD {Jehovah}: because He has torn, and He will heal us; He has stricken, and He will bind us up.

(2) After two days He will revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we will live in His sight.

(3) Then we will know, *if* we continue to know the LORD {Jehovah}: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He will come to us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain to the earth.

(4) O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? because your goodness *is* as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goes away.

(5) Therefore I have cut *them* down by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of My mouth: and your judgments *are as* the light *that* goes forth.

(6) Because I desired mercy, and not sacrifice;^a and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

(7) But they like men have sinned against the covenant: there they have dealt treacherously against Me.

(8) Gilead *is* a city of those who do evil, *and is* polluted with blood.

5:10c - those who remove boundaries - boundaries were markers which showed where one person's property started and another's ended. Those who removed boundaries were guilty of stealing land that did not belong to them.

6:6a - mercy - Mat. 5:7; Mat. 9:13; Mat. 12:7

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(9) And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder in the way by consent: because they commit shameful acts.

(10) I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel: there is the prostitution of Ephraim, Israel is defiled.

(11) Also, O Judah, he has set a harvest for you, when I returned the captivity of My people.

Chapter 7

(1) When I would have healed Israel, then the evil of Ephraim was uncovered, and the wickedness of Samaria: because they commit falsehood; and the thief comes inside, *and* the troop of robbers spoils outside.

(2) And they do not consider in their hearts *that* I remember all their wickedness: now their own deeds have come upon them; they are before My face.

(3) They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.

(4) They *are* all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, *who* ceases from raising after he has kneaded the dough, until it is leavened.

(5) In the day of our king the princes have made *him* sick with bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.

(6) Because they have made their hearts ready like an oven, while they lie in wait: their baker sleeps all the night; in the morning it burns as a flaming fire.

(7) They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings are fallen: *there is* no one among them who calls to Me.

(8) Ephraim, he has mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.

(9) Strangers have devoured his strength, and he does not know *it*: yes, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he does not know.

(10) And the pride of Israel testifies to his face: and they do not return to the LORD {Jehovah} their God, nor for all this do they seek Him.

(11) Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.

(12) When they shall go, I will spread My net upon them; I will bring them down as the birds of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation has heard.

(13) Woe to them! because they have fled from Me: destruction to them! because they have sinned against Me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against Me.

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(14) And they have not cried to Me with their hearts, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, *and* they rebel against Me.

(15) Though I have bound *and* strengthened their arms, yet they imagine mischief against Me.

(16) They return, *but* not to the most High: they are like a deceitful bow: their princes will fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this *will be* their derision in the land of Egypt.

Chapter 8

(1) *Put* the trumpet to your mouth. *He will come* as an eagle against the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, because they have sinned against My covenant, and turned away from My law.

(2) Israel will cry to me, My God, we know You.

(3) Israel has cast off *the thing that is good*: the enemy will pursue him.

(4) They have set up kings, but not by Me: they have made princes, and I did not know *it*: of their silver and their gold they have made for themselves idols, that they may be cut off.

(5) Your calf, O Samaria, has cast *you* off; My anger is kindled against them: how long *will it be* before they attain to innocence?

(6) Because it was also from Israel: the workman made it; therefore it is not God: but the calf of Samaria^a will be broken in pieces.

(7) Because they have sown the wind, and they will reap the whirlwind: it has no stalk: the bud will yield no meal: if it happens that it does yield, the strangers will swallow it up.

(8) Israel is swallowed up: now they shall be among the Gentiles {non-Jews; nations} as a vessel in which *is* no pleasure.

(9) Because they have gone up to Assyria, a wild donkey alone by himself: Ephraim has hired lovers.^b

(10) Yes, though they have hired among the nations, now I will gather them, and they will sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes.

(11) Because Ephraim has made many altars to sin, altars will be to him to sin.

(12) I have written to him the great things of My law, *but* they were counted as a strange thing.

(13) They sacrifice meat *for* the sacrifices of My offerings, and eat *it*; *but* the LORD {Jehovah} does not accept them; now He will remember their evil deeds, and visit their sins: they will return to Egypt.

(14) Because Israel has forgotten his Maker, and builds temples; and Judah has multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it will devour its palaces.

8:6a – calf of Samaria – I Ki. 12:28; Ex. 32:4

8:9b - unlike normal prostitutes who charge for their services, Israel pays men to make love to her

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Chapter 9

(1) Do not rejoice, for joy, O Israel, as *other* people: because you have gone prostituting away from your God, you have loved a reward upon every corn floor.

(2) The floor and the wine press will not feed them, and the new wine will fail in her.

(3) They shall not live in the LORD's {Jehovah's} land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean *things* in Assyria.

(4) They will not offer wine *offerings* to the LORD {Jehovah}, neither will they be pleasing to Him: their sacrifices *will be* to them as the bread of mourners; all who eat of it will be polluted: because their bread for their soul will not come into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(5) What will you do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of the LORD {Jehovah}?

(6) Because, indeed, they are gone because of destruction: Egypt will gather them up, Memphis will bury them: the pleasant *places* for their silver, nettles will possess them: thorns *will be* in their tabernacles.

(7) The days of visitation have come, the days of payment have come; Israel will know *it*: the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad, because the multitude of your evil deeds, and the great hatred.

(8) The watchman of Ephraim *was* with My God: *but* the prophet is a trap of a fowler {bird trapper}^a in all his ways, *and* hatred in the house {temple} of his God.

(9) They have deeply corrupted *themselves*, as in the days of Gibeah: *therefore* He will remember their evil deeds, He will visit their sins.

(10) I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the first ripe in the fig tree at her first time: *but* they went to Baalpeor, and separated themselves to *that* shame; and *their* abominations were according as they loved.

(11) *As for* Ephraim, their glory will fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception.

(12) Though they bring up their children, yet I will cause them to mourn for them, *that there will not be* a man *left*: yes, woe also to them when I depart from them!

(13) Ephraim, as I saw Tyrus, *is* planted in a pleasant place: but Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer.

(14) Give them, O LORD {Jehovah}: what will You give? give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.

(15) All their wickedness *is* in Gilgal: because there I hated them: for the wickedness of their deeds I will drive them out of My house {temple}, I will love them no more: all their princes *are* revolvers.

9:8a - a fowler is a person who traps birds to sell

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(16) Ephraim is stricken, their root is dried up, they will bear no fruit: yes, though they bring forth, yet I will kill *even* the beloved *fruit* of their womb.

(17) My God will cast them away, because they did not listen to Him: and they will be wanderers among the nations.

Chapter 10

(1) Israel is an empty vine, he brings forth fruit to himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he has increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.

(2) Their heart is divided; now they will be found faulty: He will break down their altars, He will spoil their images.

(3) Because now they will say, We have no king, because we did not fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah}; what then should a king do to us?

(4) They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant: therefore judgment springs up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.

(5) Those who live in Samaria will fear because of the calves of Bethaven: because its people will mourn over it, and its priests *who* rejoiced on it, because its glory has departed from it.

(6) It will be also carried to Assyria *for* a present to king Jareb: Ephraim will receive shame, and Israel will be ashamed of his own counsel.

(7) *As for* Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water.

(8) The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, will be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle will come up on their altars; and they will say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

(9) O Israel, you have sinned from the days of Gibeah: there they stood: the battle in Gibeah against the children of evil deeds did not overtake them.

(10) *It is* in My desire that I should punish them; and the people will be gathered against them, when they will bind themselves in their two furrows.

(11) And Ephraim *is as* a heifer *that is* taught, *and* loves to tread out *the* corn; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah will plow, *and* Jacob will break his clods.

(12) Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow {unsown} ground: because *it is* time to seek the LORD {Jehovah}, until He comes and rains righteousness upon you.

(13) You have plowed wickedness, you have reaped evil; you have eaten the fruit of lies: because you trusted in your own way, in the multitude of your mighty men.

(14) Therefore a storm will arise among your people, and all your fortresses will be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Betharbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces upon *her* children.

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(15) So Bethel will do to you because of your great wickedness: in a morning the king of Israel will be completely cut off.

Chapter 11

- (1) When Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and called My son out of Egypt.^a
- (2) As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed to Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.
- (3) I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they did not know that I healed them.
- (4) I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as those who take off the yoke on their jaws, and I gave to them food.
- (5) He will not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian will be his king, because they refused to return.
- (6) And the sword will stay on his cities, and will consume his branches, and devour *them*, because of their own counsels.
- (7) And My people are bent to backsliding from Me: though they called them to the most High, no one at all would exalt *Him*.
- (8) How shall I give you up, Ephraim? *how* shall I deliver you, Israel? how shall I make you as Admah?^b *how* shall I set you as Zeboim?^c My heart has turned inside Me, My desire to change My judgments are kindled together.

(9) I will not execute the fierceness of My anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: because I *am* God, and not man; the Holy One in your midst: and I will not enter into the city.

- (10) They will walk after the LORD {Jehovah}: He will roar like a lion: when He roars, then the children will tremble from the west.
- (11) They will tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will place them in their houses, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (12) Ephraim encircles me with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah still rules with God, and is faithful with the saints.

Chapter 12

- (1) Ephraim feeds on wind, and follows after the east wind: he daily increases lies and desolation; and they make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt.
- (2) The LORD {Jehovah} has also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his deeds He will pay him.
- (3) He took his brother by the heel in the womb,^a and by his strength he had power with God:
- (4) Yes, he had power over the angel, and prevailed:^b he wept, and made requests to Him: he found Him *in* Bethel, and there He spoke with us;

11:1a – out of Egypt I called My Son – Mat. 2:15
11:8b - Admah - earthy - a place near the dead
11:8c - Zeboim - gazelles - a place in Palestine
12:3a – Gen. 25:26
12:4b – Gen. 32:24-30

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(5) Even the LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {multitudes; armies}; the LORD {Jehovah} is his memorial.

(6) Therefore turn to your God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on your God continually.

(7) *He is* a merchant, the balances of deceit *are* in his hand: he loves to oppress.

(8) And Ephraim said, Yet I have become rich, I have found my own substance: *in* all my labors they will find no evil in me that *is* sin.

(9) And I *Who am* the LORD {Jehovah} your God from the land of Egypt will yet cause you to live in tabernacles {tents}, as in the days of the solemn feast.

(10) I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used parables, by the ministry of the prophets.

(11) *Is there* evil in Gilead? surely they are vanity: they sacrifice bulls in Gilgal; yes, their altars *are* as heaps in the furrows of the fields.

(12) And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept *sheep*.^c

(13) And by a prophet the LORD {Jehovah} brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet he was preserved.

(14) Ephraim provoked *Him* to anger most bitterly: therefore he shall leave his blood upon himself, and his reproach his Lord shall return to him.

Chapter 13

(1) When Ephraim spoke trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died.

(2) And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, *and* idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men who sacrifice kiss the calves.

(3) Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passes away, as the chaff *that* is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney.

(4) Yet I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} your God from the land of Egypt, and you shall know no god but Me: because *there is* no saviour besides Me.

(5) I knew you in the wilderness, in the land of great drought.

(6) According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore they have forgotten Me.

(7) Therefore I will be to them as a lion: as a leopard by the way I will observe *them*:

(8) I will meet them as a bear *that is* bereaved of *her cubs*, and will tear the muscle of their hearts, and there I will devour them like a lion: the wild beast will tear them.

(9) O Israel, you have destroyed yourself; but in Me *is* your help.

12:12c – Gen. 29:18f

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(10) I will be your King: where in all your cities *is any other* who may save you? and your judges of whom you said, Give me a king and princes?

(11) I gave you a king in My anger, and took *him* away in My wrath {anger; judgment}.

(12) The evil of Ephraim *is* bound up; his sin *is* hidden.

(13) The sorrows of a woman in child birth shall come upon him: he *is* an unwise son; because he should not stay long in *the place of* the birth of children.

(14) I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be your plagues; O grave, I will be your destruction: repentance will be hidden from My eyes.

(15) Though he is fruitful among *his* brothers, an east wind will come, the wind of the LORD {Jehovah} will come up from the wilderness, and his spring will become dry, and his fountain will be dried up: he will spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels.

(16) Samaria will become desolate; because she has rebelled against her God: they will fall by the sword: their infants will be dashed in pieces, and their pregnant women will be ripped up.

Chapter 14

(1) O Israel, return to the LORD {Jehovah} your God; because you have fallen because of your evil deeds.

(2) Take with you words, and turn to the LORD {Jehovah}: say to Him, Take away all evil, and receive *us* graciously: so we will give the calves {sacrifices} of our lips {praise}.

(3) Asshur will not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, *You are* our gods: because in You the fatherless find mercy.

(4) I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: because My anger is turned away from him.

(5) I will be as the dew to Israel: he will grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

(6) His branches will spread, and his beauty will be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.

(7) Those who live under His shadow will return; they will revive *as* the corn, and grow as the vine: its scent *will be* as the wine of Lebanon.

(8) Ephraim *will say*, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard *him*, and observed him: I *am* like a green fir tree. From Me your fruit is found.

(9) Who *is* wise, and he will understand these *things*? prudent, and he will know them? because the ways of the LORD {Jehovah} *are* right, and the just will walk in them: but the sinners will fall in them.

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Chapter 1

(1) The word of the LORD {Jehovah} that came to Micah {who is like Jehovah}^a the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah,^b which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

(2) Listen, all you people; Listen, O earth, and all who are in it: and let the Lord GOD {Jehovah} be witness against you, the Lord from His holy temple.

(3) Because, indeed, the LORD {Jehovah} comes forth out of His place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.

(4) And the mountains will be molten under Him, and the valleys will be split, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place.

(5) All this is because of the sin of Jacob, and because of 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 a heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down its stones into the valley, and I will uncover its foundations.

(7) And all its graven images will be beaten to pieces, and all its gifts will be burned with the fire, and all its idols I will lay desolate: because she gathered *it* by the hire of a prostitute, and they will return to the hire of a prostitute.

(8) Therefore I {Micah}^c will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls.

(9) Because her wound is incurable; because it has come to Judah; he has come to the gate of my people, *even* to Jerusalem.

(10) Do not declare it at Gath, do not weep at all: in the house of Aphrah roll yourself in the dust.

(11) Pass away, those of you who live in Saphir, having your shame naked: those who live in Zaanan did not come forth in the mourning of Beth-ezel; he will receive of you his standing.

(12) Because those who lived in Maroth waited carefully for good: but evil came down from the LORD {Jehovah} to the gate of Jerusalem.

1:1a - Micah {מִיכָה} - who is like JAH [short for Jehovah]

1:1b - reigns of Jotham the tenth king of Judah (good son of Uzziah) reigned for 16 years from 3371 A.H./C-671 B.C. to 3386 A.H./C-656 B.C. , Ahaz (evil king) reigned 16 years from 3386 A.H./C-656 B.C. to 3402 A.H./C-640 B.C. Hezekiah (good king) reigned from 3402 A.H./C-640 B.C [four years before the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel to the Assyrians] to 3430 A.H./C-612 B.C. -- The southern kingdom of Judah would fall to the Babylonians in 3520 A.H./C-522 B.C.- See [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

1:8c - Micah will howl and weep ... because of the Lord's judgment upon the northern kingdom of Israel by the Assyrians and the future judgment of the southern kingdom of Judah

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(13) O you who live in Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she is the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion: because the sins of Israel were found in you.

(14) Therefore you shall give presents to Moresheth-gath: the houses of Achzib *shall be* a lie to the kings of Israel.

(15) Yet I will bring an heir to you, O you who live in Mareshah: he will come to Adullam the glory of Israel.

(16) Make yourself bald, and cut off your hair for your delicate children; enlarge your baldness as the eagle; because they have gone into captivity from you.

Chapter 2

(1) Woe to those who devise sin, and think up evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practice 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 this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, against this family I devise an evil, from which you shall not remove your necks; neither shall you go proudly: because this time *is* evil.

(4) In that day *one* will take up a parable against you, and lament with a mournful cry, *and* say, We are completely spoiled: He has changed the portion of my people: how He has removed *it* from me! turning away He has divided our fields.

(5) Therefore you will have no one who will cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(6) Do not prophesy, *they say to those who* prophesy: they shall not prophesy to them, *that* they will not take shame.

(7) O *you who are* named the house of Jacob, is the Spirit of the LORD {Jehovah} limited? *are* these His doings? do not My words do good to him who walks uprightly?

(8) Even of late My people have risen up as an enemy: you pull off the robe with the clothing from those who pass by securely as men who were opposed to war.^a

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

(10) Arise, and depart; because this *is* not *your* rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy *you*, even with a terrible destruction.

(11) If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood lies, *saying*, I will prophesy to you of wine and of strong drink; he will even be the prophet of this people.

(12) I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of you; 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 will make great noise because of the great number of men.

2:8a – God’s people robbed innocent travelers who were at peace and did nothing to provoke them

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(13) The breaker has come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and have gone out by it: and their king will pass before them, and the LORD {Jehovah} on their head.

Chapter 3

(1) And I said, Hear, I ask you, O heads of Jacob, and you 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 they shall cry to the LORD {Jehovah}, but He will not hear them: He will even hide His face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves badly in what they do.

(5) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says concerning the prophets who cause My people to err, who bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and He who does not put *words* into their mouths, they even prepare war against Him.

(6) Therefore night *will be* upon you, so that you will not have a vision; and it will be dark to you, so that you will not divine; and the sun will go down over the prophets, and the day will be dark over them.

(7) Then the seers will be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yes, they will all cover their lips; because *there is* no answer from God.

(8) But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD {Jehovah}, and of judgment, and of might, to declare to Jacob his sin, and to Israel his sin.

(9) Hear this, I ask you, you heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, who hate judgment, and pervert all equity {fairness}.

(10) They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with sin.

(11) Its leaders judge for reward, and its priests teach for hire, and its prophets divine for money: yet they will lean upon the LORD {Jehovah}, and say, *Is not* the LORD {Jehovah} among us? no 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 {temple} as the high places of the forest.

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Chapter 4

(1) But in the last days it will come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} will be established in the top of the mountains, and it will be exalted above the hills; and people will flow into it.

(2) And many nations will come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD {Jehovah}, and to the house {temple} of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: because the law shall go forth from Zion, and the word of the LORD {Jehovah} from Jerusalem.

(3) And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations far away; and they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation will not lift up a sword against nation, neither will they learn war anymore.^a

(4) But every man will sit under his vine and under his fig tree; and no one will make *them* afraid: because the mouth of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies} has spoken *it*.

(5) Because all people will walk everyone in the name of his god, but we will walk in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} our God forever and ever.

(6) In that day, says the LORD {Jehovah}, I will assemble her who is lame, and I will gather her who is driven out, and her whom I have afflicted;

(7) And I will make her who is lame a remnant, and her who was cast far away a strong nation: and the LORD {Jehovah} will reign over them in mount Zion from that time forth, even forever.

(8) And you, O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, to you it shall come, even the first dominion {rule; authority}; the kingdom will come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

(9) Now why do you cry out aloud? *is there* no king in you? has your counselor perished? because pain has come upon you as a woman in child birth.

(10) Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in child birth: because now you shall go forth out of the city, and you shall live in the field, and you shall go *even* to Babylon; there you will be delivered; there the LORD {Jehovah} will redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

(11) Now also many nations are 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 {Jehovah}, neither do they understand His counsel: because He will gather them as the sheaves into the floor.

4:3a - Is. 2:4

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(13) Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: because I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hooves brass: and you shall beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain to the LORD {Jehovah}, and their substance to the Lord of the whole earth.

Chapter 5

(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 upon the cheek.

(2) But you, Bethlehem Ephrath, *though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of you shall He come forth to Me *Who is* to be Ruler in Israel; Whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting.^a

(3) Therefore He will give them up, until the time *that* she who has pains of child birth has brought forth: then the remnant of His brothers will return to the children of Israel.

(4) And He shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD {Jehovah}, in the majesty of the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} His God; and they will live: because now He will be great to the ends of the earth.

(5) And this *Man* shall be the peace, when the Assyrian comes into our land: and when he treads in our palaces, then we shall raise against him seven shepherds, and eight princes.

(6) And they will waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in its entrances: so He will deliver us from the Assyrian, when he comes into our land, and when he treads within our borders.

(7) And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD {Jehovah}, as the showers upon the grass, that does not wait for man, nor waits for the sons of men.

(8) And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles {non-Jews; nations} in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he goes through, both treads down, and tears in pieces, and no one can deliver.

(9) Your hand will be lifted up upon your adversaries, and all your enemies will be cut off.

(10) And it will come to pass in that day, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that I will cut off your horses out of your midst, and I will destroy your chariots:

(11) And I will cut off the cities of your land, and throw down all your strongholds:

(12) And I will cut off witchcrafts out of your hand; and you will have no *more* soothsayers:

(13) Your graven images also I will cut off, and your standing images out of your midst; and you will no more worship the work of your hands.

5:2a - Mat. 2:6

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(14) And I will pluck up your groves out of your midst: so I will destroy your cities.
(15) And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen {ungodly nations}, such as they have not heard.

Chapter 6

(1) Hear now what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Arise, contend before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

(2) Hear, O mountains, the LORD's {Jehovah's} controversy, and you strong foundations of the earth: because the LORD {Jehovah} has a controversy with His people, and He will plead with Israel.

(3) O My people, what have I done to you? and in what have I wearied you? testify against Me.

(4) Because I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of servants; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

(5) O My people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim to Gilgal;^a that you may know the righteousness of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(6) With what shall I come before the LORD {Jehovah}, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?

(7) Will the LORD {Jehovah} be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my sin, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

(8) He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what the LORD {Jehovah} requires of you, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?^b

(9) The LORD's {Jehovah's} voice cries to the city, and *the man of wisdom* will see your name: hear the rod, and Who has appointed it.

(10) Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure *that is* abominable?

(11) Shall I count *them* pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?

(12) Because its rich men are full of violence, and those who live in it have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

(13) Therefore I will also make *you* sick in striking you, in making *you* desolate because of your sins.

(14) You shall eat, but not be satisfied; and your casting down *will be* in the midst of you; and you will take hold, but will not deliver; and *that* which you deliver I will give up to the sword.

6:5a - Num. 22

6:8b - what God requires

{33} Micah

(15) You shall sow, but you will not reap; you shall tread the olives, but you will not anoint yourself with oil; and sweet wine, but will not drink wine.

(16) Because the laws of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and you walk in their counsels; that I should make you a desolation, and those who live there a hissing: therefore you shall bear the reproach of My people.

Chapter 7

(1) Woe is me! Because I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: *there is* no cluster to eat: my soul desires the first ripe fruit.

(2) The good *man* has perished out of 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 do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asks, and the judge asks for a bribe; and the great *man*, he speaks his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up.

(4) The best of them *is* as a brier: the most upright *is sharper* than a thorn hedge: the day of your watchmen *and* your visitation comes; now their perplexity shall be.

(5) Do not trust in a friend, do not put confidence in a guide: keep the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your bosom.

(6) Because the son dishonors the father, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies *are* the men of his own house.

(7) Therefore I will look to the LORD {Jehovah}; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

(8) Do not rejoice against me, O my enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD {Jehovah} *will be* a light to me.

(9) I will bear the indignation of the LORD {Jehovah}, because I have sinned against Him, until He pleads my cause, and executes judgment for me: He will bring me forth to the light, *and* I will see His righteousness.

(10) Then *she who is* my enemy will see *it*, and shame will cover her who said to me, Where is the LORD {Jehovah} your God? my eyes will see her: now she will be trodden down as the mire {mud} of the streets.

(11) *In* the day that your walls are to be built, *in* that day the decree will be far removed.

(12) *In* that day *also* he shall come even to you from Assyria, and *from* the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and *from* mountain to mountain.

(13) Nevertheless the land shall be desolate because of those who live in it, because of the fruit of their deeds.

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(14) Feed Your people with Your rod, the flock of Your heritage, who live alone *in* the woods, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed *in* Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.

(15) According to the days of Your coming out of the land of Egypt I will show to him marvelous *things*.

(16) The nations will see and be confounded at all their might: they will lay *their* hand upon *their* mouth, their ears will be deaf.

(17) They shall lick the dust like a snake, they will move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they will be afraid of the LORD {Jehovah} our God, and will fear because of you.

(18) Who is a God like You, Who pardons sin, and passes by the sin of the remnant of His heritage? He does not keep His anger forever, because He delights *in* mercy.

(19) He will turn again, He will have compassion upon us; He will subdue our sins; and You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

(20) You will perform the truth to Jacob, *and* the mercy to Abraham, which You have sworn to our forefathers from the days of old.