

A stylized, light-colored outline of an open book is centered in the background. The book is open, showing two pages, and has a simple, elegant design with a central spine and decorative curves at the top and bottom.

MICAH

Micah 1

“Incomparable Justice”

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even against us?*

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“In the fourth year of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah, king of Israel, Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it, and at the end of three years he took it. In the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. The king of Assyria carried the Israelites away to Assyria and put them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes, ...

“...because they did not obey the voice of the LORD their God but transgressed his covenant, even all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded. They neither listened nor obeyed. In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them.”

- 2 Kings 18:9-13

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“Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria: He shall not come into this city or shoot an arrow there, or come before it with a shield or cast up a siege mound against it. By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come into this city, declares the LORD. For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake and for the sake of my servant David.” And that night the angel of the LORD went out and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians. And when people arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.”

- 2 Kings 19:32-35

“And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and Jonathan his son, 18 and he said it should be taught to the people of Judah; behold, it is written in the Book of Jashar. He said:

“Your glory, O Israel, is slain on your high places!

How the mighty have fallen!

Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon,
lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,
lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult.”

- 2 Samuel 1:17-20

Hebrew Name	Meaning
Beth-le-aphrah	Dust town
Shaphir	Beauty Town
Zaanan	Going forth town
Beth-ezel	Take away town
Maroth	Bitter town
Lachish	Impregnable town
Moresbeth-gath	Bride town
Achzib	Deception town
Mareshah	Possession town

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3. Perfect Justice in Christ

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity ...” 7:18

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.”

- Micah 7:18-20

“He delights in mercy and will not persist in anger. Yet his mercy can be properly understood only if his wrath is also properly understood. Similarly his wrath should not be considered in isolation from his mercy. In the death of Christ both the wrath and mercy of God are revealed.”

- I. Hart, New Dictionary of Biblical Theology

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