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The Prophecy of MICAH is dated as being given "in the days of JOTHAM, AHAZ, and HEZEKIAH, kings of Judah".

MICAH begins, apparently, a year or two before the end of Jotham's reign, Isaiah, in that case, had already been prophesying some seventeen or eighteen years.

By comparing 4. 10 with Isaiah 39. 6, we have another case of similar words occurring in two different prophets; and some, having concluded that one prophet copied from another, have built upon this, certain theories as to dates, &c. But no valid argument can be based on such coincidences: for the simple reason that we are not dealing with the words of the Prophets, but with the words which God spake by them (Heb. 1. 1, &c). Surely God may speak the same message, even in identical words, by two, three, or more of His prophets. If the need were the same, why should not the words be the same?

In this case, the period covered by Micah and Isaiah was almost exactly the same (cp. Mic. 1. 1 with Isa. 1.1; and see Ap. 77). It is no wonder that the circumstances did call for similar utterances, constituting a confirmation of the Word of Jehovah "by the mouth of two or three witnesses". Both were independent, without any idea of "copying" one from the other, as is alleged by the writer in The Encyclopedia Britannica, eleventh (Cambridge) edition, 1910, 1911, vol. xviii, p. 357, who says: "it is impossible that much, if any, of these chapters (Mic. 4-7) can be ascribed to Micah himself". This is said in face of the fact that Jeremiah (26. 16-19) definitely quotes and refers to Micah.

Having regard to Mic. 1. 1, we see he must have been a contemporary of Isaiah for nine-and-twenty, or thirty years (Isaiah continuing for another seventeen or eighteen years if he died in the Manassean persecution. See Ap. 50, p. 68, and Ap. 77). We may thus date Micah as from 632 to 603 B. C.

\[1\] In connection with this we may well compare other passages as follows:—

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The Companion Bible (Condensed): MICAH: Page: 1252
1 The word of the LORD that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, who saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

2 Hear, ye peoples, all of them; hearken, O earth, and her fullness: and let the Lord God be witness against you, the Lord from His holy temple.

3 For behold, the LORD cometh forth out of His place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.

4 And the mountains shall be molten under Him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and all the pieces, and all the idols thereof will be beaten to pieces, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered it of the hire of an harlot, and they shall return to the hire of an harlot.

5 Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, and all the high places of the land of Israel. Whose is the rebellion of Jacob? in it not Samaria's idolatry? and whose are the high places of Judah? is it not Jerusalem's idol altars?

6 Therefore I will make Samaria an heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof.

7 And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered it of the hire of an harlot, and they shall return to the hire of an harlot.

8 Therefore I will lament and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a lamenting like the jackals, and mourning as the owls.

9 For her stroke is incurable; for her stroke is come unto Judah; the stroke of judgment is come unto the gate of My People, even to Jerusalem.

10 Declare ye it not at Gath, in weep-town weep not.


Morasthite: Morashah (v. 15) or Morasheth-gath (v. 14); now Tel Sandahanna, in the Shephelah, or plain, between Judea and Philistia. In the excavations at Sandahanna the ancient name is seen as Marissa. Marissa was a Sidonian colony (cent. 3 B. C.), and was afterward used as the capital of Idumea by the Edomites during the captivity of Judah (see Records of the Past, vol. iv, part x, pp. 291-306).

which he saw. Cp. Isa. 1. 1. Obad. 1. Nah. 1. 1. concerning, &c. This furnishes the subject.
in Dust-house roll thyself in dust.

11 Go into exile, thou inhabitant of *Saphir*, having thy shame naked: not gone out to weep hath the inhabitant of Oouthouse. The trouble of Beth-ezel (Neighbour-town) shall be a useless neighbour .

12 For the inhabitress of Bitter town bitterly grieved for her goods taken from her: but calamity came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem.

13 O thou inhabitress of *Lachish*, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she is the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion: for the rebellion of Israel were found in thee.

14 Therefore shalt thou give up possessions at Moresheth-gath: the houses of False-town shall prove false to the kings of Israel.

15 Yet will I bring the possessor [Assyria] unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah: the nobility of Israel shall flee unto the cave Adullam; as David had done.

16 *Make thee bald, and poll thee for thy delicate sons*; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.

2 Woe to them that devise *iniquity*, and plan *wickedness* upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it exist *in the power of their hand*. And they *covet fields*, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they oppress *a human being* and his house, ... a man and his heritage.

3 Therefore thus saith the LORD; *Behold, against this family do I devise a calamity*, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily: for this time is calamity.

4 In that day shall one *take up a parable against you*, and *lament with a doleful lamentation*, and say, *We be utterly spoiled: he hath changed for the worse* the portion of my People: how hath he removed it from me! *to a heathen* he hath divided our fields.'

5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall divide *your inheritances* by lot in the assembly of the LORD."

6 "Do not sputter," so they sputter: *these false prophets shall not prophesy* as to these doings of Jehovah, saying, *must He put away these suppressers*.

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### Notes

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**MICAH.**
7 O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the Spirit of the LORD straitened? are these His doings? are not My words pleasant saith Jehovah to him that walketh uprightly?

8 Only yesterday My People is risen up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe with the garment from them that pass by securely as men averse from war.

9 The women of My People have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away securely as men averse from war.

10 Arise ye, and depart; for this land is not your rest: because this land is polluted, it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction.

11 If a man walking in the Spirit and falsehood do lie, saying, 'I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink;' he shall even be the witterer of this people.

12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah [in tribulation], as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall be in commotion by reason of the multitude of human beings.

13 One making a breach [the Assyrian] is come up before them: they have broken in, and have passed through the gate, and are gone forth by it into captivity: and their king hath passed through before them, and the LORD at the head of them.

3 And I said, 'Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye judges 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 spread them out, as flesh for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.

4 Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but He will not answer them: He will even hide His face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings."

5 Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make My People go astray, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; but against him that putteth not the olive into his mouth they declare crusade.

6 "Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divide; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God."

8 But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.

10 They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with deceit.

11 The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, "Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us."
12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become ruins, and the mountain of the house [Moriah and the Temple] as a height of a jungle.

4 But at the end of the days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD [Moriah and the Temple] shall be established [abidingly] in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and peuples shall flow unto it.  And many nations shall go, and say, "Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths:" for the law [as contained in the Pentateuch] shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  And He shall rule among many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into scythes: and nations shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.  But they shall dwell every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.

5 For all peoples will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

6 In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that is lame, and I will gather out her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted; and I will make her that was lame a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.  And thou, O tower of the flock [Bethlehem], the strong hold [citadel] of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the former dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.  Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee like a woman in travail: for pangs have taken thee; why dost thou cry out aloud? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee like a woman in travail.

10 Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for meanwhile before that time shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go far as to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee as a kinsman from the hand of thine enemies.

9 why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee like a woman in travail.
11 Meanwhile also **many nations** are gathered against thee, that say, "Let her be defiled, and let our eyes look upon Zion."

12 But **they know not the plans** of the LORD, neither understand they His counsel [with regard to themselves]: that **He** shall gather them as the sheaves into the **threshing floor**.

13 Arise and **thresh as oxen**, O daughter of Zion: for **I** will make thine **horn iron**, and **I** will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and **thou shalt devote** their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto **THE LORD** of the whole earth.

5 Meanwhile **thou shall have sore tribulation for thy sins**, thou daughter of affliction: the enemy [the Assyrian] hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the **ruler of Israel** with a **scepter** upon the cheek.

2 **But thou**, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be **too little to rank among the districts** of Judah, yet out of thee shall **He** come forth for me That is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from **everlasting**.  

3 Therefore will he give them up, **until the time** that **she** which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the **sons** of Israel.

4 And **He** [the Shepherd of Israel] shall stand and **shepherd** in the strength of Jehovah, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His **Elohim**; and **Israel his flock** shall abide [in everlasting security]: for now **he** shall **be great** unto the ends of the earth.

5 And **this great Shepherd of Israel** shall be the peace, when the **Assyrian** shall come into our land: and **when he shall tread in our palaces**, **then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men**.

6 And they shall **eat up** the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the **passes** thereof: thus shall **He deliver us** from the Assyrian, **when He cometh into our land**, and **when he treadeth within our borders**.

7 And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a **night mist** from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, that tarryeth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men.

8 And the remnant of Jacob **shall be among the Gentiles** in the midst of **many peoples** as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, andareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

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11 Now = Meanwhile: as in v. 10; 5. 1. Referring to the then immediately impending hostility. **many nations**. Cp. Isa. 33. 3. Lam. 2. 16. Obad. 11-13.  
yeye. So some codices, with two early printed editions, Aram., Syr., and Vulg.: but Heb. text reads "eyes". Cp. Ps. 54. 3.

12 **they know not**. Cp. Isa. 55. 8. Jer. 29. 11. **thoughts** = purposes, or plans: i.e. for Israel in purging him of idolatry by his tribulation. **counsel** = with regard to themselves. The reason follows. **for** = or, that. **floor** = threshing-floor.


I will. Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg. read "thou shalt".  


5. 1 Now = Meanwhile: as in 4. 10, 11. Showing that 5. 1 relates to the interval between the then present time and "that day" of 4. 1, 6.  

**gather thyself**, &c.: **or, thou shalt have sore tribulation [for thy sins]**, thou daughter of affliction. **he** = i.e. the enemy. The Assyrian us. The prophet includes himself. **the judge**. Or, the then ruler (cp. 1 Kings 22. 24. Lam. 3. 30; 4. 20; 5. 8, 12), who would thus be the type of the Messiah (Matt. 27. 30).

rod = sceptre. Heb. shebet = the club (of defence), as in 7. 14; hence, of office; not matheh; the rod or staff (of support), as in 6. 9. See note on Ps. 23. 4.

2 But thou. This marks out the Structure. Cp. 4. 8 with 5. 2. Quoted in Matt. 2. 5, 6. John 7. 42.

Beth-lehem Ephratah. The full name given, as in Gen. 35. 19, thus connecting Gen. 35. 21 with Mic. 4. 8.

little = too little [to rank among]. Cp. 1 Cor. 1. 27-29.

thousands = districts (1 Sam. 23. 23). Like our old English divisions, called "hundreds". Cp. Ex. 18. 25. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 18. 25).

**come forth**. Note the difference between Heb. here (yatzu) and bo' = come unto, in Zech. 9. 9. All the events between these two make up the period we call "the first Advent", and thus are typical of the "second Advent", the coming forth being 1 Thess. 4. 16, and the coming unto being 1 Thess. 5. 2, 3, and 2 Thess. 2. 8: the former being in grace, the latter in judgment. A similar period may elapse in the antitypical comings as in the typical comings of 5. 2, and Zech. 9. 9.


3 until the time: i.e. the end of the "meanwhile" (v. 1).

she which travaileth. Cp. 4. 9, 10,- above. and note there; also John 16. 21, 22, and Rev. 12. 1-6. **children = sons**.


they. Israel. His flock. **shall abide**. In everlasting security.

shall He be great. **He**.Ps. 22. 27; 72. 8; 98. 1. Isa. 49. 5, 7; 52. 13. Zech. 9. 10. Luke 1. 32. Rev. 11. 15.

5 this Man, &c. = this [great Shepherd of Israel]. Cp. Ps. 72. 7. Isa. 9. 6, 7. Zech. 9. 10. **Assyrian**. This is emphatic in Heb. when. &c. Cp. Isa. 7. 20 8. 7-10; 37. 31-36.


seven shepherds ... men. When that time comes the meaning of this will be seen. **men**. Heb. 'adam. Ap. 14. I.

6 waste = eat up. **the land of Nimrod.** Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 10. 8-10). Ap. 92. The name occurs elsewhere only in 1 Chron. 1. 10.

7 as a dew, &c. = i.e. the then ruler (Deut. 32. 2, the same verbal idiom). Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II. 

9 Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.

10 "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots: And I will cut off sorceries out of thine hands; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers:

11 And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds: before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

12 And I will cut off sorceries out of thine hands, and thou shalt have no more soothsayers:

13 Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy pillars out of the midst of thee: and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands.

14 And I will tear down thine Asherahs out of the midst of thee: so will I destroy thine idols.

15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the nations, such as they have not heard."

6 Hear ye now what the LORD saith; "Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

2 Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

3 O My People, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? answer against Me.

4 For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of bondage; and sent before thee 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 unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteous acts of the LORD.

6 Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my iniquity, and my firstborn for the sin of my soul?

8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love grace, and to walk humbly with thy God?

9 The LORD's voice crieth unto the inhabitants of the city, of a year old. Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 9. 3). Ap. 92

7 Will . . . shall I . . . Fig. Erotesia. Ap. 6. transgression = rebellion, insubordination.

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MICAH.

7. 6.

(And such as would have true safety will regard Thy name: hear ye the staff, and Him Who hath appointed the chastisement.)

10. Are there yet the treasures of lawlessness in the house of the lawless, and the scant measure of abominable?

11. Shall I count her [the wicked city] pure with the lawless balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?

12. For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

13. Therefore also will I make thee sick in smiting thee, in making thee desolate because of thy sins.

14. Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thy dissatisfaction shall remain in thee; and thou shalt take possession, but shalt not deliver; and that which thou deliverest will I give up to the sword.

15. Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.

16. For the statutes of Omri are strictly kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels; that I should make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof an hissing: therefore ye shall bear the reproach of My People.

7. Woe is me! for 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 desired the firstripe fruit.

2. The gracious man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among mankind: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net.

3. That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh for a reward, and the judge judgeth for a bribe; and the great man, he uttereth the mischief of his soul: so the prince and the judge weave it together.

4. The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of punishment foretold by the watchman and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity.

5. Put ye no faith in a friend, neither put ye no confidence in a guide: keep the openings of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.

6. For the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man’s enemies are the men of his own house.

4. The day of thy watchmen. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6: i.e. the day [of punishment] foretold by thy watchmen.


7 Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

8 Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy:  ô when I fall [into calamity], I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me.

9 I will bear the punishment of the LORD, because I have Ô sinned against Him, until He plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: He will bring me forth to the light, and I shall look unto His righteous vindication.

10 So shall she who had been mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, "Where is the LORD thy God?" mine eyes shall Ô look unto her: now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets.

11 In the day that thy walls are to be built, in that day shall the boundary become extended.

12 In that day also one shall come home even to thee from Ô Assyria, and from the cities of Matzor [Egypt], and from the fortress even to the Euphrates, and from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain.

13 But first Ô the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.

14 Then Micah prayed, and said: Ô Jehovah shepherd Thou Thy People with Thy Ô rod, the flock of Thine heritage, dwell thou [the flock] alone in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the age-past times.

15 Ô According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt Ô will I shew unto him marvellous things.

16 The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall Ô lay their hand upon their mouth, and their ears shall be deaf.

17 They shall Ô lick the dust like a serpent, they shall come quaking of their fastnesses like Ô worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of Thee.

18 Who Ô is a God like unto Thee, That Ô pardoneth perverseness, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retaineth not His anger for ever, because He delighteth in grace.

19 He Ô will turn again, He will have compassion upon us; He will subdue our Ô perverseness; and Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

20 Ô Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and Ô grace to Abraham, which Thou hast Ô sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

7:11-20. CONSOLATION.

15-17. Subjugation of Israel's enemies.
18-20. Pardon.