



**Series: The Minor Prophets**

**Lesson: 26. Micah, pt. 1 – Judgment**

**Marching In**

**Passage: Micah 1**

- **Introduction to Micah**

- **Micah**

- Prophet from Moresheth
- Name means ‘Who is like YHWH?’

- **Context**

- Latter half of 8<sup>th</sup> century B.C.
- Prophesied during reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah

- **Themes**

- Wrote about all Israel, but focused on Judah
- Focused on implications of their covenant with God
- Critical of corruption (‘The Amos of the South’)



- **Judgment on \_\_\_\_\_ (vv1–7)**
  - Adonai YHWH as a \_\_\_\_\_ against the earth
    - God’s judgments come for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - This terrifying judgment is on account of \_\_\_\_\_ sin.
    - Each capital city is the center of their sin.
  - Focusing first on \_\_\_\_\_
    - Total destruction is in view.
    - Special is attention given to \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- **The March on \_\_\_\_\_ (vv8–16)**
  - Lament for two reasons:
    - Judgment is \_\_\_\_\_ for the North.
    - Judah is in danger of ‘catching their disease.’
  - The lament for the cities
    - They make up the route to \_\_\_\_\_.
    - They possibly describe the Assyrian siege (Hezekiah).
    - Wordplay is used with either the sound or the meaning of each of the town’s names.



- The wordplay during the march:
  - Tell sounds like Gath, plus it quotes David's lament in 2 Sam. 1:20.
  - Beth-le-aphrah (house of dust) should roll in dust
  - Shaphir (beautiful/pleasant) will be shamefully naked
  - Zanaan (going out) will not go out
  - Beth-ezel (taking away) will have its support taken away
  - Maroth (bitter) becomes weak waiting for good/sweetness
  - Lachish sounds like team—relying on mil might instead of God
  - Moresheth (betrothed, possession) will be given as a parting gift/wedding gift to the invaders
  - Achzib (deceptive) will become a deception
  - The possessor will take Mareshah (possessor)
  - Adullam is where David fled from Saul (1 Sam. 22:1)
  
- Shaving one's head bald was a sign of extreme \_\_\_\_\_.

  - The children going into exile would be the \_\_\_\_\_ from these towns.



## What Do We Do with This Text?

1. When God's people fail, the \_\_\_\_\_ around them suffers too.

2. Sin is a cause for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Rom. 6:1–2 – What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?*

**Blanks:** Samaria, witness, reasons, His people's, Samaria, idols, Jerusalem, unavoidable, Jerusalem, mourning, captives, world, lament

