

Wednesday

Micah ch 1 (part 2)

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Sin brings Sorrow

Portrait : A Funeral Procession

- v 8 The prophet Micah leads the way - '*I will wail and howl*'
hist: God's prophets spoke of judgment from duty, not ill-will
spir: We should lament both the suffering of saints & the punishment of sinners, **Jer 9:1**
- v 9 *her wound is incurable* - 1. Israel case is desperate: man cannot help; and God will not !!
spir: Roman Catholicism ~ Israel : both wounded by idolatry, v 7
2. Judah is likewise in danger - *for it (idolatry) is come unto Judah*
he (Sennacherib) is come, **Isa 36:1**
spir: Assyria ~ type of 'antichrist spirit' , **1 John 4:3** ~ pv's

This next passage (v 10-16) describes the approaching slaughter by Assyria & Babylon.

- v 10 *Declare ye not it at Gath* ~ **2 Sam 1:20**
Here God uses the town names in irony as puns.
*Aphrah** - "dusty hamlet" - a small settlement **Ps 22:15 ~ Rom 6:23**
- v 11 *Saphir** - "beautiful" **Pro 11:22 & 31:30, Isa 28:1**
*Zaanah** - "rich in flocks" *Beth-ezel** - "house of declivity" **Pr 7:25**
- v 12 *Maroth** - "lordship" **Joshua 23:15-16 Jer 11:10-11**
- v 13 *Lachish* - "height": an ancient Amorite city (Joshua 10:3) that was placed in Judah (Jos 15:39)
bind the chariot = "get ready for battle" **Ps 20:7 Pro 21:31**
the swift beast ~ **2 Kings 9:23-24**
transgressions were found in thee **Num 32:23, Ecc 12:14**
- v 14 *Moresbeth - Gath* = "the possession of Gath"
Lachish will *give presents*, i.e. send bribes to Moresbeth & Achzib for help; but the help will never come because *Achzib shall be a lie*. *Achzib* = "winter brook" **Job 6:15**
- v 15 *Adullam* (8x in 8v in 7 OT) - "resting place" : a royal city in W. Judah (Joshua 15:35)
In the midst of judgment, God remembers mercy and promises the Messiah. **Hab 3:2**
- v 16 = the terrible cry & mourning for lost children. **Isa 47:9, Jer 48:37**
hist: **2 Samuel 18:33**