1. The word of the LORD. The only occurrence of this expression in this book: bidding us to receive it from Jehovah, not Micah, and to note Micah's pen but Jehovah's words.

2. Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: 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 as the waters that are poured down a steep place.

5. For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for 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 wail and howl, I will wail as the doleful cry of wolves.

7. And all the graven images thereof shall be broken to pieces, and all the hire thereof shall be burned with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered all the wealth of her plate, as she gathered her fullness, and it is cast into the fire.

8. Therefore I will wail and howl, I will wail as the wailing of the dragons, and mourning as the mourning of the owls.

9. For her wound is incurable; for it is come unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of My people, even to Jerusalem.

10. Declare ye it not at Gath, weep ye not thereof.
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11. Pass ye away, thou inhabitant of Saphir, having thy shame naked: the inhabitant of Zaanam came not forth in the mourning of Beth-ezel; he shall receive of you his standing.

12. For the inhabitant of Maroth waited carefully for good: but evil came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem.

13. And he shall bind the chariot to the swift beast: the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee.

14. Therefore shalt thou give presents to Moresheth-gath: the houses of Achzib shall be a lie to the kings of Israel.

15. Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah: he shall come unto Adullam the glory of Israel.

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

2 Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise 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 thus saith the LORD; Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily: for this time is evil.

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 the portion of my People: how hath he removed it from me! turning away he hath divided our fields.

5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD.

6 Prophesy ye not, say they to them that prophesy: they shall not prophesy to them, that they shall not take shame.

at all. Heb. bakkô, written defectively for b'akkô. Note the Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 6). Heb. bakkô at 'ibkhâ = "in Weep-town weep not."

in ... Aphrah roll thyself in the dust. Note the Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 6). Heb. in 'aphrah ... 'aphrâ. English, "in Dust-house roll thyself in dust."

Pass ye away: i.e. go into exile.

Saphir, having thy shame, &c. Here we have contrast. Saphir = Beauty-town, with beauty shamed; now es Saphîr.

inhabitant of Zaanam came not forth. Heb. not gone forth hath ... Zaanam. Heb. Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 6): lo yetzî'âh ... tsâ'ânân = not gone out [to weep] hath the inhabitant of Outhouse.

in the mourning ... his standing. Commence a fresh sentence here; thus: "The trouble of Beth-ezel (Neighbour-town) shall be a useless neighbour". Or, "the Bystander's house will, from you, get its standing-room.

he shall receive, &c. : or, he will take from you its portion.


13 inhabitant = inhabitress. Lachish ... swift beast. Note the Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 6). Heb. ?a'rekêz ... ?âkî̀š = [bind the chariot] to the horse. O inhabitress of Horse-town.


14 give presents to give up possessions at Achzib ... a lie. Note the Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 6) = the houses of False-town (Achzib) shall prove false (tâksbh).

Achzib. Now es Zîb (Josh. 15. 44; 19. 29. Judg. 1. 31). an heir ... Mareshah. Heb. the possessor (ba'gyorâzêh) ... O Possession (Mareshâh). The possessor whom Jehovah would bring was Assyria.

he shall come, &c. The glory: i.e. the nobility (Isa. 5. 13) of Israel shall go (or flee) unto [the cave] Adullam; as David had done (1 Sam. 22. 1).

16 Make thee bald, &c. The signs of mourning. Cp. Job 1. 20. Isa. 15. 2; 22. 12. Jer. 7. 29; 16. 6; 47. 5; 48. 37. This is addressed to Judah. It was forbidden under the law (Deut. 14. 1). Judah had become as the heathen: let them mourn as the heathen.

children = sons.


is = exists. Heb. yâsh. See note on Prov. 8. 21.

15 an heir ... Mareshah. Heb. the possessor (ba'gyorâzêh) ... O Possession (Mareshâh). The possessor whom Jehovah would bring was Assyria.

5 cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD.

Pass ye away, thou inhabitant of 'Aphrah roll thyself in the dust.

4. 19. 27. Neh. 5. 2. Does not occur elsewhere.


3 this family. Cop. Amos 3. 1.

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6 Prophesy = Do not sputter. 6 Prophecy = Do not prophesy. Not the usual word for prophecy, but Heb. nî'taph. They: i.e. these false prophets. them = as to these things: i.e. these doings of Jehovah.

that, &c. Supply, "[saying], must He put away these suppressers".

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7 O thou that art named the house of Jacob, 
is the Spirit of the Lord straitened? are these His doing? 
do not My words do good to him that walketh uprightly? 
8 Even of late 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 My glory for ever.
10 Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it 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 prophet 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, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.
13 The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and the Lord on the head of them.

And I said, "Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye 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 shall they cry unto the Lord, but He will not hear them: He will even hide His face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings."

Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make My People err, that eat with their teeth, and cry, "Peace," and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.

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

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

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.

They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.

The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof 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 thy sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become a heap, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

4 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

2 And many nations shall come, and say, 'Come, 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 shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.'

3 And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: 'nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.'

4 But they shall sit 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 people 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 gathered her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted:

7 And I will make her that was halted 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.

9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.

10 Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail.

f for now shalt thou go out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon;

8 but thou shalt be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

12 Zion. See Ap. 68. be plowed as a field. This is true of the site on Ophel, but not true of the traditional site south-west of Jerusalem. See Ap. 68. I. Cp. 1. 6. Jer. 26. 18. Jerusalem. The city proper, on Mount Moriah. heaps = ruins. Note the Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 6).


the mountain of the house. Moriah and the Temple. See Ap. 68.

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11 "Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, "Let her be defiled, and let our "eye look upon Zion."

12 But they know not the "thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they His "counsel: for He shall gather them as the sheaves into the "floor.

13 Arise and "thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine "horn iron, and I will make thy "hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat thy "floor. and let our "eye look upon Zion.

14 Therefore will he give them up, for I will make thine "horn iron, and I will make thy "hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat thy "floor. for I will make thine "horn iron, and I will make thy "hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat thy "floor. and let our "eye look upon Zion.

15 Now "gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against "us: they shall smite "thee upon the cheek.

16 Then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the "children of Israel, and he shall raise against him "seven shepherds, and eight "principals of men.

17 And he shall stand and feed in the "waste places of the land, and in the "tribulations of the "stormy sea, and he shall bring near "the "sheaves of the land.

18 And he shall be "great, and he shall stand up as "a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a "lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and tear eth in pieces, and none can deliver.


20 He shall gather them as the sheaves into the "floor. and let our "eye look upon Zion.

21 But "they know not the "thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they His "counsel: for He shall gather them as the sheaves into the "floor.

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5 This Man, &c. - this [great Shepherd of Israel]: Cp. Ps. 72. 7. Isa. 9. 6, 7. Zech. 9. 10. Asyrian. This is emphatic in Heb. when, &c. Cp. Isa. 7. 9-10; 17. 21-25. Zech. 1. 18-21. 9. 13; 10. 3; 12. 6. seven shepherds. &c. men. When that time comes the meaning of this will be seen.


the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II. This refers to restored Israel "in that day"; not to any other now people, people. Heb. - peoples.
Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.

And it shall come to pass in that day, 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 of the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds:

And in that day, the Structure connects 5. 10-14 (F") with 4. 6-5. 8 ("F"). It shows it to be the same, and yet future time, called in 4. 11 "the last days": saith the LORD, is Jehovah's oracle.


hand. Some codices, with Sept., and Syr., read "hands":

soothsayers; i.e., users of secret or occult arts.


up = root up, or tear down.


thy cities. Ginsburg thinks "thine idols". A.V. marg. suggests "enemies". 15 heathen = nations.

6. 1—7. 10 (A, p. 1259). THREATENING.

Extend Alternation.

I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

Where with shall I come before the LORD, and how myself before the high God? shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

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

The LORD's voice crieth unto the city,
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and o the man of o wisdom shall see o Thy name: hear ye the 9 rod, and who hath appointed it.

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10 Are there yet the treasures of o wickedness in the house of the 9 wicked, and the scant measure that is abominable?

11 Shall I count on them pure with o wicked 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.

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13 Therefore also o will make thee sick in smiting thee, in making thee desolate because of thy 9 sins.

14 Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thy casting down shall be in the midst of thee; and thou shalt take hold, 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.

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16 For o the statutes o of Omri are kept, and all the works of o the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels;

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that I should make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof an hissing: therefore ye shall bear the reproach of My people.

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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 9 soul desired the firstripe fruit.

2 The 9 good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt 9 every man his brother with a net.

3 That they may do 9 evil with both hands earnestly, the prince 9 asketh, and the judge 9 asketh for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire: so 9 they 9 wrapp 9 it up.

4 The best of them 9 is as a brier: the most upright 9 is sharper than a thorn: 9 the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity.

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5 Trust ye not in a friend; 9 put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the 9 doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.

6 For the son 9 dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a 9 man's enemies are the 9 men of his own house.


232 32d wicked purpose, or mischievous device. Ap. 32. 7.

32 the day of thy watchmen. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Judge, Adjudgment). Ap. 6: i.e. the day of punishment foretold by thy watchmen. Ap. 99.


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7 Therefore will wait for the 3; I will wait for the 
 4, God of my salvation: my 
 5, will walk for the 6, God of my salvation.

8 Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: 
 7, when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in 
 8, darkness, the L ORD shall be a light unto 
 9, me, because I have 
 10, against Him, until He 
 11, my cause, and execute judgment for me: 
 12, He will bring me forth to the light, and 
 13, me, and my rightousness. 
 14, Then she that is mine enemy shall see 
 15, and her eyes shall 
 16, behold her: now shall she be trod­ 
 17, down as the mire of the streets.

11 In that day shall thy walls be built, in 
 18, that day shall the 3 decree be far removed.

12 In that day also he shall come even to 
 19, and the fortifed cities, and from the river, and 
 20, from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain. 
 21, Notwithstanding the land shall be desolate 
 22, because of them that dwell therein, for 
 23, the fruit of their doings.

14 Ye shall Feed Thy People with Thy rod, 
 24, the flock of Thine heritage, of which 
 25, shall dwel 
 26, solitary in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: 
 27, let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, 
 28, as in the days of old.

15 According to the days of man shall be 
 29, the land of Egypt 
 30, will I shew unto him mar­ 
 31, thins. 
 32, the nations shall see and be confounded, 
 33, whether they have 
 34, the same word). Occurs 
 35, of the earth: they shall be afraid of 
 36, our mouth, 
 37, of our 
 38, of the earth. 
 39, to 
 40, of the earth. 
 41, the 
 42, of our 
 43, of the earth.

18 Who is a GOD like unto Thee, 
 44, pardoneth iniquity, and passeth 
 45, transgression of the remnant of His heritage? 
 46, retaineth not His anger for ever, because 
 47, delighteth in 
 48, mercy. 
 49, He will turn again, He will have compassion 
 50, upon us; He will subdue our 
 51, iniquities; and 
 52, will cast all their 
 53, and shall fear because of Thee.

20 Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, 
 54, and the 
 55, mercy to Abraham, which Thou hast 
 56, sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

and sign. See Job 21. 5; 29. 9; 40. 4.
editions, read "and their". 
 57, utmost humiliation, as in Gen. 3. 14. 
 58, see: the same word). Occurs only in these two places. 
 59, the meaning of "Micah", 1. 1. 
 60, of the earth.

7 the L ORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II. See the 
 62, i.e. into calamity; not into sin. Lit. 
 63, I have fallen, I have arisen; though I should sit in 
 64, darkness, Jehovah, &c. 
 65, indignation. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause), 
 66, for the punishment which was the result of it, 
 67, sin. Heb. chëâ'î. Ap. 44. i.

17 lock the dust. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 8, for the 
 68, move = come quaking. 
 69, holes = worms. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 32. 34, the 
 70, iniquity = perverseness. Heb. 'ônâ'. Ap. 44. iv.

18 Who is a GOD like . . . ? Fig. Erotesis. Ap. 8.

19 will turn again. 
 71, will perform, &c. Quoted in Luke 
 72, will shew unto him. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 34. 10). 
 73, lay their hand, &c. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 8, for silence, of which it was the token 
 74, their ears. Some codices, with four early printed