booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.
6 And the Lord God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.
7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.
8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished himself to die; and said, It is better for me to die than to live.
9 And God said to Jonah, 9 Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death.
10 And the Lord said, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:
11 And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle.

MICAH

1 The word of the Lord that came to Micah the Morashite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, who saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.
2 Hezekiah ascending to the top of the city, commanding the shepherds of the high places of the earth, and said to all the people, you have hearkened, 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 of his place, 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 make Samaria as 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 broken to pieces, and all the lutes 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 a harlot.
8 Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls.
9 For her wound is incurable; for it is come unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of my people, even unto the entrance of their doors.
10 * Declare ye it not at Gath, weep ye not at all: in the house of Aphrah * roll thyself in the dust.
11 Pass ye away, ye thon inhabitant of Saphir, having thy shame naked: the inhabitant of Zaanam came not forth in the mourning of Beth-ezel; be 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 O thou inhabitant of Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she is the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee.
14 Therefore shall thou give presents to to
Moresheith-gath: the houses of Achzib shall be 15 a deceitful thing unto the kings of Israel. I will yet bring unto thee, O inhabitant of Marashesh, him that shall possess thee: the glory of Jerusalem shall come even unto Adullam.

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 practice it as 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 ffrom me?

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

6 ¶ Prophecy ye not, say they to them that prophesy: they be not prophesy to them, that they shall not take shame.

7 ¶ O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the Lord straitened? are these his doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightness?

8 Even of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe from off the garment from them that put it on from the time it was woven.

9 ¶ 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 be even 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 ¶ And they shall 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.

3 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 put them under 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.

5 ¶ Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people err, that intice with their teeth for nought; and say, Peace, when they put not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.

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 go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the di-
viners confounded: yes, 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 God 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 *t blood, and Jeru-

sa lem with iniquity. 11 The heads thereof judge for reward, and the princes thereof divide for hire, and the prophets thereof devise 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 heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

4 ¶ But in the latter days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people 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 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.

8 ¶ 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 ¶ And 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 halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted; 7 And I will make her that *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.

8 ¶ And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come; and the first dominion: the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? ¶ for pang hath clothed thee as a woman in travail; 10 Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the Lord shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

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 in pieces many people; and I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.

5 ¶ Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops; be thou like a signet against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek. 3 But thou, *Beth-lehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall be come forth unto me that
VI. 10 MicaH.

A. V.

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3 They shall tread upon the sea, and the waves thereof shall be Jehovah; the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

4 And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; and he shall abide; for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

5 And this man 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 princes men.

6 They shall cast the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimro'd in the entrances thereof; thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrians, 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 dew 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 people as a lion among beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he goeth through, treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

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

10 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 charriots: 11 And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds; 12 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand, and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands.

13 And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee: so will I destroy thy cities.

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6 Or, obelisks.

8 See Ezek. 31.

9 Or, enemies, as such as they have not heard.
Micaiah

VI. 11

11 Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights? For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

12 Therefore also will I make thee eat in among thine enemies, and make thee drink their rain in the land of thy enemies; and thou shalt be cast down among them; and that which thou deliverest will I give up to the sword.

13 Thou shalt eat, but thou shalt not reap; and thou shalt tread with thy feet, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.

14 For I will raise up against thee a nation from Assyria, and they shall take hold of thy head, and make thee a garment: and the land of thy exiling shall they bring out against thee.

15 Thou shalt *sow* bow, but thou shalt not reap; because a brier shall come up against thee, and thou shall not anoint thee with oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.

16 For the statutes of Omri are 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 *shall* have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat: my soul desired the firstripe fruit.

8 For the man that is appointed to a thousand may perish from among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net.

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

10 But the best of them is as a briar: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy visitation and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity.

11 The king of Assyria shall be a *light* unto thee, and thy God shall be the brightness of Jerusalem.

12 As in the day that thy mother did travaile against her mother, her daughter perished against her; so shall this people perished against this people: shall not the land be full of violence, and thy beasts none of them shall lift up her head.

13 In that day shall the Lord shall be *a light* unto thee, and thy God shall be the brightness of Jerusalem.

14 In that day shall the Lord be *shoal* unto thee, and from Assyria, and from the fortified cities, and from the river, and from the sea, and from mountain to mountain.

15 Notwithstanding the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.

16 Ye shall *crawl* like a brier, ye shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth; and the land shall be full of violence, and thy beasts none of them shall lift up her head.

17 They shall *and* like beasts of prey; like creeping things they shall come tumbling out of their close places:

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Jacob shall *be as the dew of the morning, and as the showers that water the earth.

19 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations in the midst of many peoples, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among flocks of sheep, which eateth the shepherds, and driveth away from thee the Leaders and thy king, saith the Lord.

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21 *Now* shall the lion roar, the Satan roar, and all the beasts of the earth move themselves to and fro.

22 And *the word* of the Lord shall *be unto the prophet, and to the slave, and to the stranger, and to the churl: and he shall not say, What is the Lord doing? What doeth the Lord?

23 But he shall say, What doeth the Lord speak? and they that hear the word of the Lord shall say, What doeth the Lord speak?
they shall be afraid of the Lord our God, and shall fear because of thee.
18 Who is a God like unto thee, that * pardoned iniquity, and passed by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaileth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.
19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. 20 Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy which thou swarest unto our fathers from the days of old.

NAHUM.

1 The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.
2 God is * jealous, and the Lord revengeth; the Lord revengeth, and is * furious; the Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.
3 The Lord * is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: * the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.
4 He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth.
5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.

6 Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him. 7 The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.
8 But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.
9 What do ye imagine against the Lord? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.
10 For while they be folded together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble by the beasts.
11 There is one come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the Lord, * a wicked counsellor.
12 Thus saith the Lord: Though they be quiet, and none shall make them afraid, yet his end shall be at peace, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more. 13 For now will I break his yoke off thee, and will destroy thy bonds in sunder.
14 And the Lord hath given a commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: I will make thy grave: for thou art vile. 15 Behold upon the * mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace!
16 * O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for *the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.
17 He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily.
18 * For the Lord hath turned away the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: the sceptre hath departed from Judah, and the rod of the covenant from between his sons.
19 The shield of his mighty men is red, the valiant men are scarlet: the chariots shall be * as火焰, in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken.