

# JUDGMENT ON THE CITIES - PARANOMASIA

The prophet is employing paranomasia (a play on words) in mourning for a number of towns coming under attack. Their names become symbolic and prophetic of their punishment. Micah might say things like "Famersville will have drought and no crops;" or "Riverside will become a lake because the river overflows it's banks."

City Name	The Meaning	The Significance
Beth-le-aphrah	House of Dust	The dust of humiliation
Shaphir	Beauty town	To be made ugly and shameful
Zaanah	Going out	Will be afraid to go out
Bethezel	House of removal	To be removed to captivity
Maroth	Bitterness	The bitterness of Judgment
Lachish	Rekesh (Steeds)	Assonance (similar sounds)
Achzib	Deception	To prove a disappointment
Mareshah	Possession	Enemy to take possession
Adullam	Retreat	Isreal;s glory to retreat.



# CITIES OF JUDGMENT

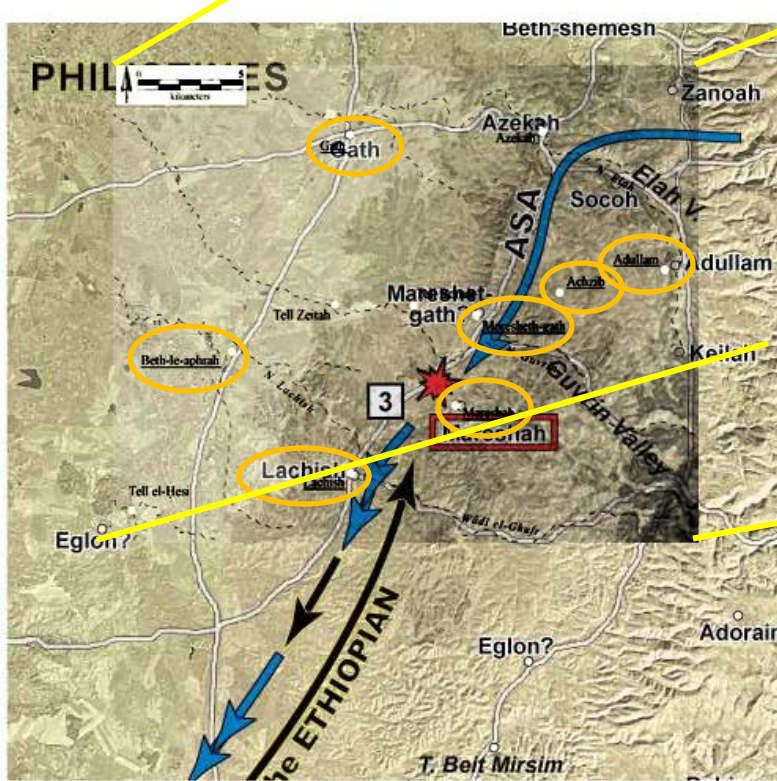
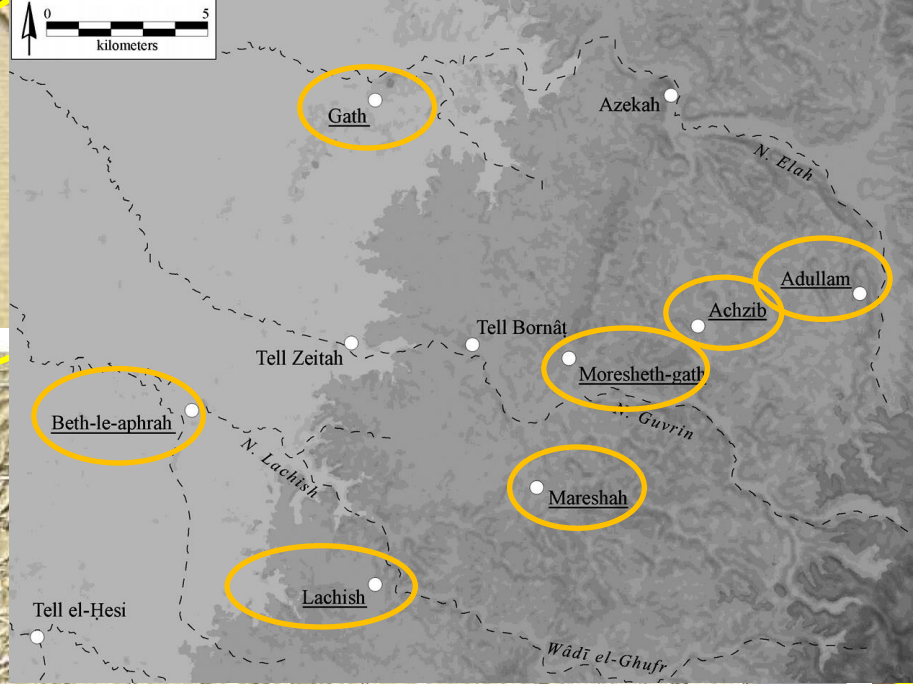
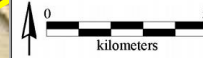


Table 1. Towns of Micah 1:10-12a  
 Ancient Name Modern Toponym Map Reference

Gath	Tell es- Sā fi	135.123
Beth-le-aphrah	Tell el-‘Areini	129.113
Shaphir	Unknown	—
Zaanān	Unknown	—
Beth-ezel	Unknown	—
Maroth	Unknown	—

Table 2. Towns of Micah 1:13-15  
 Ancient Name Modern Toponym Map Reference

Lachish	Tell ed-Duweir	135.108
Moreseth-gath	Tell ej-Judeidah	141.115
Achzib	Tell Beidā	145.116
Mareshah	Tell Şandaḥannah	140.111
Adullam	Tell esh-Sheik Madkur	150.117

