

## **MICAH 6:8**

**“... and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”**

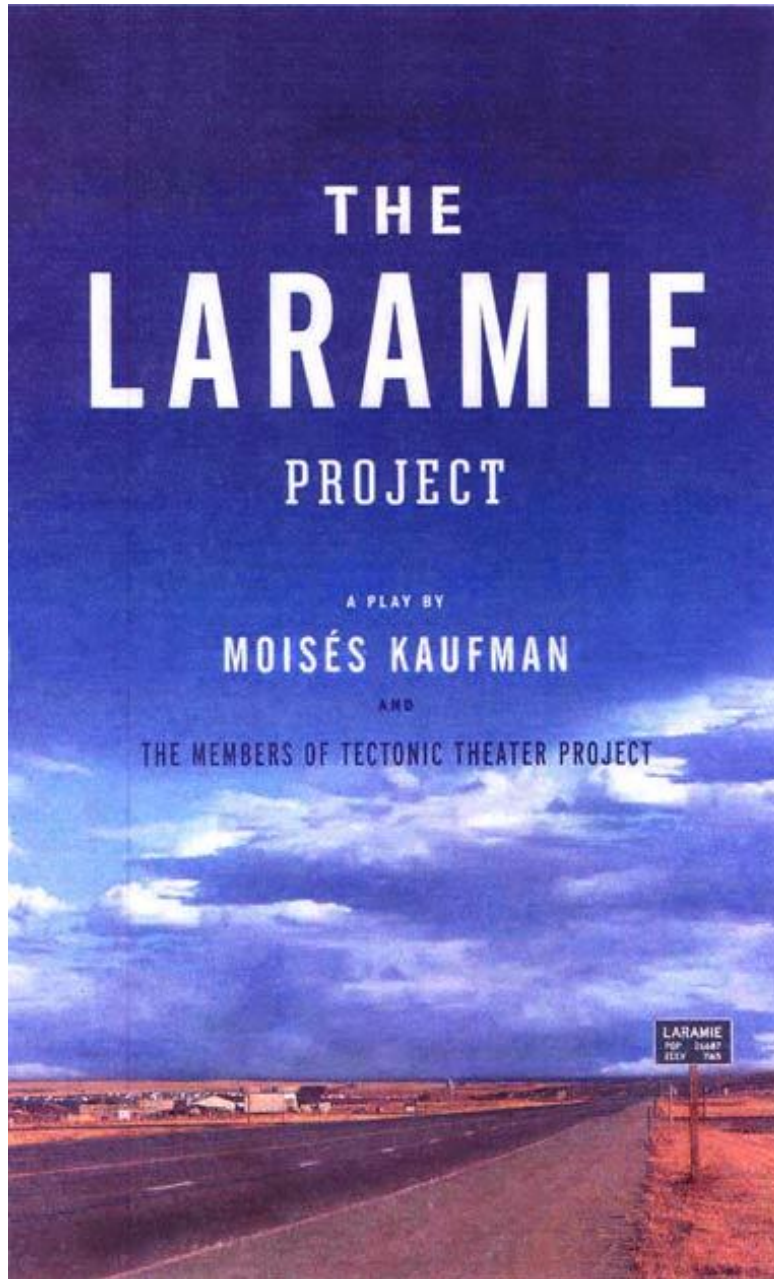
# THE LARAMIE PROJECT

A PLAY BY

MOISÉS KAUFMAN

AND

THE MEMBERS OF TECTONIC THEATER PROJECT



[http://oxford.emory.edu/audiences/current\\_students/Academic/academic-divisions/humanities/theater/theater-at-oxford/recent-productions/the-laramie-project.dot](http://oxford.emory.edu/audiences/current_students/Academic/academic-divisions/humanities/theater/theater-at-oxford/recent-productions/the-laramie-project.dot)

# **TOP TEN BIBLICAL STORIES**

**Creation story from Genesis**

**Tower of Babel**

**Noah and the Ark**

**David and Goliath**

**Psalms 23**

**Ruth**

**Job**

**Jonah**

**Amos: “Let justice roll down like waters  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream”**

**Abraham – Isaac/Abraham - Ishmael**

**The Prodigal Son**

**The Good Samaritan**

**I Corinthians, chapter 13**

## **MICAH 6:8**

**“... and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”**

**After 950 BCE**

**Northern Kingdom  
Israel  
Samaria  
10 Tribes of Israel**

**Southern Kingdom  
Judah  
Jerusalem  
2 Tribes**



# Micah: circa 750 – 686 BCE

David

Birth of Jesus

Fall of  
Samaria



Ca 1000

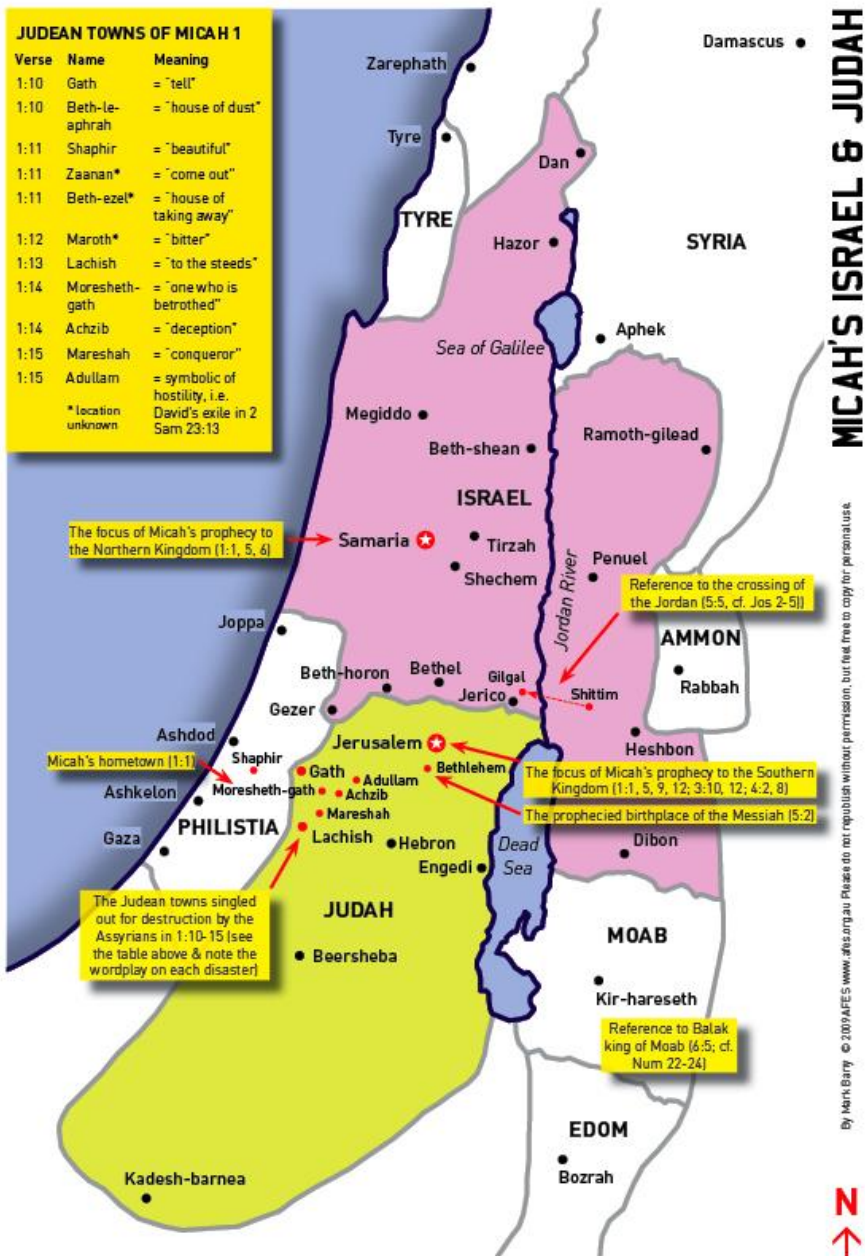
722

**Micah: circa 750 - 686 BCE**

**Contemporaries: Amos, Hosea, Isaiah**







**Micah lives through  
Fall of Samaria  
722**

**Destruction of his  
hometown, Moresheth  
Destruction of  
Lachish  
701**

# Assyrians at the siege of Lachish

## Bas relief from Ninevah



# Assyrians at the siege of Lachish

## Bas relief from Ninevah





## **Micah 2:3**

**“Behold, against this family  
I am devising evil from which  
you cannot remove your necks;  
And you shall not walk  
haughtily,  
For it will be an evil time.”**



## **Parallel descriptions**

**II Kings, chapters 15 – 20**

**II Chronicles, chapters 27 – 32**

**Isaiah, chapters 36 - 39**

## **Micah chapter 6**

**Hear what the Lord says:**

**“Arise, plead your case before the mountains  
And let the hills hear your voice.**

**Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord  
And you, enduring foundations of the earth,”**

**For the Lord has a controversy with his people,  
And he will contend with Israel.**

**“Oh my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!**

**For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
And redeemed you from the house of bondage,  
And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.**

**Oh my people, remember what ... happened  
From Shittim to Gilgal,  
That you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”**

**“With what shall I come before the Lord  
And bow myself before God on high?**

**Shall I come before him with burnt offerings  
With calves a year old?**

**Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
With ten thousands of rivers of oil?**

**Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions  
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”**



**He has showed you O Man what is good:**

**and what does the Lord require of  
you but to do justice, to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with your God?**

**“ ... to do justice ... ”**

**urban, mercantile centers taking advantage  
of rural farming peasantry, poor, downtrodden  
Small towns and villages**

**Increasingly a money-based, profit-centered society**

**Commitment to the covenant with Yahweh**

**Authentic worship/service to God is social justice**

**“ ... to love mercy ...”**

***Hesed***

**Compassion, loving kindness**

**True spirituality is social ethics**

**Religion had become empty ceremonialism**

**Empty ritual**

**Concern for fellow members of the covenant**

**“ ... and to walk humbly with your God.”**

**How will people know that I am walking humbly with God?**

**“ Those who walk humbly with their God have a passionate concern for justice being done in a society and a deep concern to treat people lovingly and mercifully.”**

**D Stuart Briscoe**

## **MICAH 6:8**

**“... and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”**

**Rabbi Hillel the Elder  
Circa 30 BCE – 10 CE**

**“Can you teach me the Torah,  
Standing on one foot?”**

**“That which is hateful to you,  
Do not do to others – that is the whole law.  
Everything else is commentary.”**



<http://blogs.scripps.com/abil/HSU/2007/02/rare-hebrew-torah-scroll-given.html>

**Matthew: 22: 36 - 40**



**“Teacher, what is the greatest commandment of the law?”**

**And Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and foremost commandment. The second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments depend the whole law and the Prophets.**

## **James 1:27**

**“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this:**

**to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world.”**



## **MICAH 6:8**

**“... and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”**