We always think we have arrived long before we do and we won’t arrive while we still occupy these clay vessels (Phil 3:12). We must endure to the end to be saved (Mat 24:13). We must move on to maturity if the Lord permits and this comes as we are given to eat strong meat, that meat being the enduring the trials and suffering of our lives in the clay. We learn by experience.

Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

The Lord moves us along when our time has come and through this process our faith is increased and we learn by little approach, enter in and possess the land that is promised. The story of Israel at Horeb shows the Lord’s hand in our maturation and moving us from mountains that satisfy our flesh.

Deu 1:6 The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount:
Deu 1:7 Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto all the places nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates.
Deu 1:8 Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

The Lord will move us along by these words we study in Micah. We will have our “yet carnal” way of life (unbelief) exposed and we will be commanded to move through and pass by eleven cities of Israel before we will be given our inheritance.

Mic 1:15 Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah: he shall come unto Adullam the glory of Israel.

But first we have an eleven city journey just as the Israelites had at Horeb.

Deu 1:2 (There are eleven days’ journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadeshbarnea.)

Eleven cities will be the focus of this and next week’s study as eleven demonstrates we have not yet arrived and the Lord has yet to give us the promise. Eleven symbolizes the disintegration of the perfection of the flesh (the number ten) and is one short of our achieving a spiritual foundation represented by the number twelve. A review of the study on numbers ten thru twelve will be helpful to understand this point (See links at the end).

The eleven cities are in the Philistine plain and all have spiritual significance in our maturation and movement towards a complete spiritual foundation in Christ. Those nations within us will ultimately all bow down to Christ, the heir and the ruler of these kingdoms and land within us (Luk 17:21).
Gen 37:9 And he (Joseph, a type for Christ) dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

Our journeying west of the Jordan River through these cities is part of our judgment and we are brought to be the mature man. Our going in the circles in the wilderness on the east side of Jordan is past, this is the real deal where we begin to seek out and overcome the giants and are being prepared to be used of the Lord in service as we will see later in Micah. Let’s reset the context of Chapter one.

Mic 1:2 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.
Mic 1:3 For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.

From last week, we saw a connection between Samaria, where Christ finds us and Jerusalem the Holy City. That connection is our idolatry and the worship of other gods that we bring with us from our worldly way of life. It takes this journeying for us to possess the land with sanctity and to cleanse the temple which we are of these idols and bring us to obedience to the foremost commandment.

Deu 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

We saw last week that Jerusalem, representing us in the Body is far worse in its idolatry and harlotry than who we represent in Samaria when we know another Jesus.

Eze 23:4 And the names of them were Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister: and they were mine, and they bare sons and daughters. Thus were their names; Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah.

Eze 23:11 And when her sister Aholibah saw this, she was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her whoredoms more than her sister in her whoredoms.

It is this profaning of the Lord’s Name that ushers in our baptism with fire and brings about our sanctification in due time from a jealous God (Exo 34:14, Eze 36:23-24). This is the judgment that comes first upon the House of the Lord. Being in the Body, knowing true doctrine and having been given talents brings about a greater judgment as more is expected to those given much (Luk 12:48). The appointed time has come! The Lord is not going to show any pity to the blasphemers. He is bent on destruction and bringing death so that new life can come forth.

Eze 7:9 And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the LORD that smiteth.

Lam 4:11 The LORD hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.

These idols we hold in secret shall be utterly abolished in our day of the Lord (Isa 2:8).
2Co 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

We will learn more details on this process as the Lord addresses the rebellious kingdoms and cities within us. Here are the verses for today that will continue through next week also.

**Mic 1:8** Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls.

**Mic 1:9** For her wound is incurable; for it is come unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem.

**Mic 1:10** Declare ye it not at Gath, weep ye not at all: in the house of Aphrah roll thyself in the dust.

**Mic 1:11** Pass ye away, thou inhabitant of Saphir, having thy shame naked: the inhabitant of Zaanan came not forth in the mourning of Bethezel; he shall receive of you his standing.

**Mic 1:12** For the inhabitant of Maroth waited carefully for good: but evil came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem.

**Mic 1:13** 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.

**Mic 1:14** Therefore shalt thou give presents to Moreshethgath: the houses of Achzib shall be a lie to the kings of Israel.

**Mic 1:15** Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah: he shall come unto Adullam the glory of Israel.

Some of these cities named here can be found in definition of the land inheritance given the children of Judah. Remember this prophecy was seen in the days of the three Kings of Judah which is you and me if we are the elect and the kings and priests of the Lord. All these cities promised must in due time be possessed by the children of Judah through whom the lineage of Jesus Christ comes forth (Mat 1:3, Luk 3:33, Gen 38).

**Jos 15:20** This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families........ (verses 21-63 detail the cities)

Jesus Christ in the flesh will become Jesus Christ in the Spirit in the appointed times. These verses show us the futility of our own efforts of trying to become righteous and holy by the Law of Moses. The Lord has something against all these cities, they fall short of His glory. It takes Christ coming with the fire and scourging of true grace to make us righteous and holy and even then, it is not us, but Christ being formed in us that meets that standard.

**Mar 10:18** And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God

The last verse in this sequence Mic 1:15 speaks of our inheritance in Christ. This is the land promised as these words are all spirit (Joh 6:63). Despite all our failing efforts in the flesh to deliver ourselves, the promise given to us in due time. The Lord will bring an heir unto thee. This is the promise of salvation and being found **IN HIM, in Jesus Christ** that was ordained before the foundation of the world.
Eph 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:
Eph 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:
Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:
Eph 1:12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

Addulam is said to be the glory of Israel and is the last city mentioned on this progressive journey. It represents the completion of the process and the enduring of the way and finishing our race. We know who Israel is (The Body, the Elect) and we know the Lord shares His glory with nobody; so we can readily deduce that Addulam is in fact a symbol for The Christ. The Body (The Christ) is this cloud of witnesses in which the glory of the Lord appears.

Exo 16:10 And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

Those clothed in the linen dipped in blood are the Cherubim’s in whom and above the glory of the Lord resides.

Eze 9:3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side;

Those speaking the words of fire (Jer 5:14) make up this devouring fire that consumes the adversaries of the Lord in the day they are heard.

Exo 24:17 And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

So it in this inheritance of Christ, the last city on this journey – (aka at Adullam) that we receive ministry and give the ministry of the manifold grace of the Lord.

1Pe 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Strong's claims the root word for Adullam (H5724) has an uncertain meaning. Yet most bible based websites commonly trace this back and conclude that Adullam means refuge or retreat. Addulam is probably best known as the cave where King David (New Man) hid from the pursuit of King Saul (Old Man).

1Sa 22:1 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him.
1Sa 22:2 And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.
When we are oppressed and persecuted, Christ, our inheritance, is our refuge and where we also retreat too in times of trouble.

Psa 9:9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

This is a key part of our inheritance to be given to come into to this house of refuge and to rest in the shadow the wings of the Cherubim.

Psa 57:1 To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

We are Christ and the Body of Christ is Christ -- the two being inseparable as the Body is only complete with all of its parts (1 Cor 12:12). It is in Christ that we will be delivered out of the hand of our enemies.

2Sa 22:1 And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:
2Sa 22:2 And he said, The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

It is from this inheritance given at Addulam that we go out in strength and make war and win the battles against our flesh. We see this time and again in Samuel documenting the life of David and by extension your walk and my walk (Mat 4:4, 1 Cor 3:21).

2Sa 23:10 He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil.
2Sa 23:12 But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victory.
2Sa 23:13 And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim.

The series of prophetic words and the specific names places here in Micah are there to show us the futility of our own efforts to be righteous. Once we have the Truth, we make a lot of changes and the outside of the cup is getting much cleaner. Yet work remains and the deep things hidden within must be brought to the light of Christ. This is the Lord’s doing and how He will complete the good work He has begun in all of us and in due time all men.

Col 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

We will come back to focus on the eleven city journey but first need to cover verses 1:8–9 that will show us the futility of our unbelieving yet carnal state of mind being at ease in Zion.

Mic 1:7 And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires 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 an harlot.
**Mic 1:8** Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls.

We will lament and mourn losing our old way of life. It is very painful to see our labors (the hires of our harlotry of verse 7) burned with fire. But that is what must be.

1Co 3:15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Wailing like dragons and mourning like owls as the KJV words it would better be described by the more common translations that in every other English translation uses jackals and ostriches.

**Mic 1:8 NKJV** Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked; I will make a wailing like the jackals And a mourning like the ostriches,

**Mic 1:8 YLT** For this I will lament and wail; I will go stripped and naked; I will make lamentation like the jackals, and mourning like the ostriches.

**Mic 1:8 LITV** Because of this I will wail and howl; I will go stripped and naked; I will make a wailing like the jackal, yea, mourn like the daughters of an ostrich.

**Mic 1:8 DARBY** For this will I lament, and I will howl; I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the jackals, and mourning like the ostriches.

Jackals are a type of dog known for being cowardly, operating at night and howling and wailing. A perfect metaphor for what we all do when in our UNBELEF (A DOG) when we don’t trust in the Lord and are not willing to wait on Him to deliver on His promises. All such howling and wailing traces back to lack of faith or unbelief.

Not much gets done in the way of our spiritual completion when we are acting like a jackal.

Mat 13:58 And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

We and the disciples cannot cast out demons (lying spirits, false beliefs) when we doubt and do not believe.

Mat 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

And lest we think this applied to those bad people over there in Babylon, think again! Here are the ELEVEN who saw all the miracles and saw the risen Lord sitting in unbelief.

Mar 16:14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.
Spiritual jackals will end up going into the fire and that exactly how the Lord will turn our unbelief into belief and we will come to know He is truly the Lord of our heaven and earth. To the chosen few, it comes in this age.

Rev 21:8 But **the fearful, and unbelieving**, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Using Romans 1:20, an ostrich has some interesting spiritual parallels. They are the largest and strongest of the birds (pride, strength of flesh) and are known for their lack of wisdom (spiritual unbelief). Job gives us the best biblical description of a spiritual ostrich.

Job 39:13 Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?
Job 39:14 Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust,
Job 39:15 And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them.
Job 39:16 She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers: her labour is in vain without fear;
Job 39:17 Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding.

An ostrich is you and me that is resisting the work of the Spirit and contending with Christ. An ostrich builds on a foundation of dust that will not stand and has no fear of the Lord. We put the new things the Lord is raising into the earth of our carnal thinking and way of life. An ostrich is deprived of wisdom and spiritual understanding as we also are before the Lord brings the fire to teach us.

The mourning of an ostrich is us when we complain in our unbelief and do not trust in the Lord as we begin to have to pay the costs of being saved. **It will cost us everything** and we need to be prepared to give it.

Luk 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, **he cannot be my disciple.**

**Mic 1:9** For her wound is incurable; for it is come unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of my people, **even** to Jerusalem.

Judgment has come upon the Lord’s people, it is come to Judah and even unto the gates of the Holy City. We know this time the deadly wound that is initially healed when we are in Babylon, will not be healed this time. The beast is going to perish along with the false prophet within us. It is coming into the gates of the Lord’s people that will begin the lake of fire experience that will save us.

Rev 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive **into a lake of fire** burning with brimstone.
Outwardly this too will play out at the end of the Millennium in the lake of fire at the 2nd Resurrection (Rev 20:10). The theme of judgment is so central to salvation and how we obtain the mind of Christ and wear His Crown (Isa 28:5-6).

Having already spoken of the 11th city Addulam, let’s cover the first of the two cities as the Lord Having come into the Truth there is still much more tribulation necessary for us to finish the race and be prepared for the Lord’s service in the outward kingdoms. (Act 14:22). Our flesh and its labor is never good enough to enter into the presence of the Lord. Only thru the blood may we enter into Christ and that thru the Body and the living sacrifice of the church (Col 1:24, Gal 2:20)

Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, (i.e. The Body of Christ)
Heb 10:20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; (i.e. The Body of Christ)

The Lord causes us to arise, leave the mountains of our fleshly comfort and move on to maturity in Christ. We must be given to do this or we will fall in the unbelief of the carnal mind.

Heb 4:11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

We have become at ease and Zion and are not working out our salvation with fear and trembling (Phi 2:12)

Amo 6:1 Woe to them that are at ease in Zion and that are secure in the mountain of Samaria, the renowned of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel come.

Mic 1:10 Declare ye it not at Gath, weep ye not at all: in the house of Aphrah roll thyself in the dust.

The Philistines are a type and shadow of our flesh and the struggles to overcome that flesh. Israel and the Philistines were constantly battling; it took many battles for the victory to come. The land promised to Israel and to God’s Elect includes the land of the Philistines. We will be given dominion over the flesh. That is salvation and will come to all men.

Exo 23:31 And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.

The flesh does not go down easy. We see in Joshua (a type of Jesus Christ) that even when he was old there was work yet to do to conquer the cities of Philistine.

Jos 13:1 Now Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.
Jos 13:2 This is the land that yet remaineth: all the borders of the Philistines, and all Geshur,
We will never get thru all these cities until the Son of Man comes to us and He brings the sword and the fire of the Holy Spirit (Mat 3:11).

Mat 10:23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

Until faith comes in sufficient measure, we fear the flesh and are afraid to fight the flesh living in unbelief being yet carnal. In this state we will give into temptation as the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. The fear of Goliath instilled in King Saul and his army was only conquered when David was risen up to slay the beast (1 Sa 17:10-11).

Even after David defeats Goliath of Gath and beheads him, the battle with flesh is not over and continues. Saul and his son Jonathan succumb to the Philistines and are killed demonstrating the life long process of overcoming the flesh and gaining the victory.

2Sa 21:15 Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint.

We will always be in this battle while in these clay vessels. We must not grow weary (Gal 6:9) which is why we need to stay in fellowship to edify, exhort and help one another. Lone sheep are easy prey! Our victory is only in down payment form yet we should be growing strong as Christ in us matures and we strive to depart from inequity (2 Tim 2:19)

It was the most mature king (King Hezekiah, third in the succession of the three kings in Micah 1:1 – See Part 1 of Study) that ultimately defeated the Philistines many years after David’s battle.

2Ki 18:7 And the LORD was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not. 
2Ki 18:8 He smote the Philistines, even unto Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

This is true prosperity, being given dominion over sin and our flesh!

We learn as we mature that salvation is truly of the Lord and we have nothing to do with it. It is not by our might or strength but is only by the Lord’s Spirit that we are victorious over the Philistines (Zec 4:6).

Psa 44:3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

All this land and all these cities are west of the Jordan (the land promise) signifying this is a later stage battle and the coming of Christ the second time for salvation apart from sin. This is when the fleshly kings are smitten (Jos 12:7). Conquering these cities and the nations they represent is speaking of salvation coming to the kingdom of God that is within you. This comes via the process of judgment and this is how the land promised is given to Israel (The Elect) in due time. Christ is both the first and the last which includes the first man of sin (Adam) in all of us. First comes the natural and then the spiritual. First the man of the earth, then the Lord from heaven.
Christ in the flesh will be followed by Christ in the Spirit yet that new man will only come forth after much tribulation and warring against the Philistines. Let’s look at these cities in Micah that represent the whole of Philistine (our flesh) one by one and what is being said to see if we can glean some spiritual significance.

1. Declare it not at Gath

We saw in Part 1 the definition for Gath was a Philistine city. We also saw that a Morasthite like Micah is defined as a possession of Gath. We are dust in these clay vessels and will learn the excellency in us is of the Lord and not ourselves.

2Co 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

When the Lord has come to heal us through the baptism by the Word and the resulting fire, the old man and his offspring are being killed. The once strong men of the flesh are being slain of the Lord which is the good news and how Christ is formed in us. Christ tells us to go tell no one when we are healed as our time has not yet come. We must mature in the faith before we can be used of the Lord and best to sit at the feet of Christ for a season.

Luk 5:14 And he charged him to tell no (carnal) man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

Getting ears to hear, eyes to see and a mouth to speak the Word is truly a gift that comes only to the FEW CHOSEN (Mat 22:14) in this life. Christ comes to us and it is Christ, through His Body that opens our ears and tongues.

Mar 7:34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.
Mar 7:35 And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.
Mar 7:36 And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it;
Mar 7:37 And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

David lamenting over the death of Saul and Jonathan (the old man in type) instructed Israel to declare it not in Gath. The reason being the Philistine daughters within and without will be given reasons to triumph in their carnal reasoning’s.

2Sa 1:19 The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen!
2Sa 1:20 Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

Which has helped me to better understand what we are being told in Revelation as the heathen will rejoice over our dying flesh in the days of our judgment.
Rev 11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

We learn the hard way that we have no ability to share the truths of God’s Word to those not prepared of the Lord to hear it. Running back and telling the heathen men that represent Gath is not serving the Lord. We will only bring humiliation and shame on ourselves in our immaturity if we try to force knowledge our new found truth on anyone. We must wait on the Lord and lay hands suddenly on no man (1 Tim 5:22).

Pro 20:12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them.

Mat 7:6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

When we see the Kingdom of God in Truth and in Spirit we don’t go back to the flesh, we begin to separate. Easier said than done but we will learn this thru the chastening of a loving Father.

Mat 24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house:

2. Weep not in the house of Aphrah

No pity parties allowed in the kingdom of God. We should learn to rejoice in what the Lord is doing thru the trials and suffering we have been appointed to endure (Phi 1:28).

Jer 25:33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

We will weep and lament at first as that is how we learn the truth by falling down. Our flesh won’t like having its wall torn down and its foundation devoured with fire.

Rev 18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning

But we do not understand when we first endure this process, it is only by looking back we understand. Our sorrow will be turned into joy once we really believe.

Joh 16:20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

Aphrah - H1036: From H1004 and the feminine of H6083 (with preposition interposed); house to (that is, of) dust; Beth-le-Aphrah, a place in Palestine: - house of Aphrah.
Aphrah means house of dust. Dust is representative of the earth, its particles and spiritually speaking this is the carnal mind and its 200 million lies. This dust is leaven and will defile the temple of the Lord and make any house containing it unclean. Getting and keeping dust out of our house is very important spiritually.

Lev 14:41 And he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off without the city into an unclean place:

Mat 10:14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

We are not to go weeping in the house of dust. That is seeking to save our carnal way of life, the very life the Lord is in the process of destroying. We must lose that life of dust and come to rejoice in that process. Flesh and blood does not inherit the kingdom.

Luk 17:33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

Luk 10:11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

It is the carnally minded that weep in the house of Aphrah. We are not to do this even though we all will do as the harlot within us is judged.

Rev 18:19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

Weep not in the house of Aphrah is to weep not in the house of the flesh. We need to rejoice in the trials we are given and learn to be content abiding in the furnace of affliction which is the mysterious way the Lord brings salvation to His people. The beast that is not yet is, feeds on dust as his father the devil does. On the way into the Holy City, we have to get past this lamenting our trials and learn to appreciate the suffering we have been appointed to endure.

Php 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

Next week we will continue the review with the remaining 8 cities of the Philistine plain that we must go through spiritually on our way into a permanent abode in the Holy City of Jerusalem.

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