

Micah 1:8~ On this account I will wail and howl, I will walk barefoot and naked. I shall make a wailing like the jackals, and a mourning like female ostriches.¹

Footnote: Female ostriches Literally, daughters of an ostrich

1· Yehowah now shows figuratively, how he is affected by her continuing prostitutions. On their account, he will wail and howl and walk barefoot and naked. He will make a wailing like the jackals, and a mourning, like the female ostriches.

[Question] How does Yehowah God show, how he is affected by their prostitutions?

2· Here Micah makes reference to the jackal's mournful wailing, or howling. The jackal's cry begins at sunset, and is a long-drawn-out wail, repeated three or four times, each repetition being slightly higher in key, than the preceding one. Finally the wail ends in a series of short, loud, yelping barks. The ostrich is a bird of piercing cries, whose cry is described as a hoarse, mournful cry, which has been likened to the roaring of a lion.

[Question] What is the jackal's howling like?

[Question] How is the cry of the ostrich like?

3· O my intestines, my intestines! I am in severe pains in the walls of my heart. My heart is boisterous within me. I cannot keep silent, for the sound of the horn is what my soul has heard, the alarm signal of war. (Jeremiah 4:19)

[Question] How did Jeremiah describe his feelings within him, at the approach of war against Jerusalem?

4· At that time, Yehowah spoke by the hand of Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying; Go, and you must loosen the sackcloth from off your hips, and your sandals you should draw from off your feet. And he proceeded to do so, walking about naked and barefoot. (Isaiah 20:2)

[Question] How was Isaiah told to go and walk about, as a sign of mourning toward Israel, who was about to fall, and go into exile?

5· And he also proceeded to strip off his garments and behave, he also, like a prophet before Samuel, and he lay

fallen **naked**, all that day and all that night. That is why they came to say; Is Saul also among the prophets? (**1 Samuel 19:24**)

[Question] How was it common for a prophet of Yehowah God to act, and how did Saul act?

- 6· And Mordecai himself got knowledge of everything that had been done, and Mordecai proceeded to rip his garments apart, and put on sackcloth and ashes, and go out into the middle of the city, and cry out with a loud and bitter outcry. (**Esther 4:1**)

[Question] How did Mordecai react to the order of the king against the Jews?

- 7· A brother to **jackals** I became, and a companion to the daughters of the ostrich. (**Job 30:29**)

[Question] How did Job use the jackal, to reflect how he felt in his suffering?

- 8· That is why I have said; Turn **YOUR** gaze away from me. I **will** show bitterness in weeping. Do not **YOU** people insist on comforting me, over the despoiling of the daughter of my people. (**Isaiah 22:4**)

[Question] How did Isaiah come to feel, over the despoiling of his people Israel?

- 9· For the voice of lamentation is what has been heard from Zion; How we have been despoiled! How much we have felt shame! For we have left the land, for they have thrown away our residences. (**Jeremiah 9:19**)

[Question] How did Jeremiah lament the destruction coming upon Jerusalem, and the destruction of their homes?

- 10· Cry out and **howl**, O son of man, for it itself has come to be against my people, it is against all the chieftains of Israel. The very ones hurled to the sword have come to be with my people. Therefore **make** a slap on the thigh. (**Ezekiel 21:12**)

[Question] Who would the judgment of Yehowah God come first against, and what would be their end?

