

~MORESHETH (64)

(Mo'resh-eth)[Moresbeth, Possession of Gath]

- Apparently the home of the prophet Micah.
- Micah of **Moresbeth** himself happened to be prophesying in the days of Hezekiah the king of Judah and went on to say to all the people of Judah, This is what Yehowah of armies has said; Zion herself will be plowed up as a mere field, and Jerusalem herself will become mere heaps of ruins, and the mountain of the House will be for high places of a forest. (**Jeremiah 26:18**)
- The word of Yehowah that occurred to Micah of **Moresbeth**, in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, kings of Judah, that he visioned concerning Samaria and Jerusalem. (**Micah 1:1**)
- **Tell el-Judeideh**, **Tel Goded**, about 35 kilometers (22 miles) Southwest of Jerusalem and about 10 kilometers (6 miles) Southeast of Gath, is a possible identification. The composite name **Moresbeth-gath**.
- Therefore you will give parting gifts to **Moresbeth-gath**. The houses of Achzib were as something deceitful to the kings of Israel. (**Micah 1:14**)
- Implies that the city was in some way associated with Gath. Perhaps it was at times dominated by that Philistine city, since the Philistines controlled places other than their five major cities, Gath being one of the five.
- And the golden jereboams were to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five axis lords, from the fortified city to the village of the open country. And the great stone upon which they rested the ark of Yehowah is a witness down to this day in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite. (**1 Samuel 6:18**)
- Then David said to Achish; If, now, I have found favor in your eyes, let them give me a place in one of the cities of the countryside, that I may dwell there, for why should your servant dwell in the royal city with you? (**1 Samuel 27:5**)
- Some view;

- Therefore you will give parting gifts to **Moresheth-gath**. The houses of Achzib were as something deceitful to the kings of Israel. (**Micah 1:14**)
- As a play on the name **Moresheth**, meaning, **Possession**. The Hebrew term for, **parting gifts**, in this text signifies a person or possession that is temporarily or permanently given up or sent away. Accordingly, Zion
- Attach the chariot to the team of horses, O inhabitress of Lachish. The beginning of sin was what she was to the daughter of Zion, for in you the revolts of Israel have been found. (**Micah 1:13**)
- Would lose this city, **Moresheth** itself constituting the parting gifts.