

Micah 1

King James Version (KJV) Micah = Who is like Yahoveh?

(First 3 chapters are warnings, the rest are consolations. God is angry with His people because of idolatry. Micah was written in the same timeframe as the book of Isaiah. This Book is a second witness to the prophecies in Isaiah)

1 The word of the LORD that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem. (Written to both houses- Judah & Israel)

²Hear, 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. (This covers all people of the world)

³For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth. (At the end of this age, when Jesus returns as Messiah)

⁴And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place. (This will end this age and usher in the Millennium. There will be no flesh left. All will be in spiritual bodies)

⁵For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? and what are the high places of Judah? are they not Jerusalem? (When God names Jacob, HE is talking to all 12 tribes) (Places of false worship to idols – Jeroboam's golden calves in Samaria and in Dan; Jerusalem's high places)

⁶Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof. (Judgment for Samaria <the 10 northern tribes>) – See Mark-13:1-2

⁷And 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. (hires = the hire of an harlot – prostitution money. Idol worship, false preachers looking for money and teaching traditions of men instead of God's Word)

⁸Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls. (dragons = jackals – bad translation)

⁹For her wound is incurable; for it is come unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem. (He - When Nebuchadnezzar takes Judah; and later, when antichrist will take Jerusalem and deceive the whole world)

¹⁰Declare ye it not at Gath, weep ye not at all: in the house of Aphrah roll thyself in the dust. (Gath= the winepress – stands for judgment; Aphrah = rolling in the dust – a term of degradation)

¹¹Pass ye away, thou inhabitant of Saphir, having thy shame naked: the inhabitant of Zaanen came not forth in the mourning of Bethel; he shall receive of you his standing. (Pass ye away - you will be taken; Saphir= beauty town; Zaanen = pointed; Bethel = House of those who stand beside, like a neighbor town. The neighbor won't stand by you. You will stand alone)

(God would have stood by you, but you abandoned Him for idolatry)

¹²For the inhabitant of Maroth waited carefully for good: but evil came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem. (Maroth= bitter town) (evil = calamity, disaster – better translation)

¹³O 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. (Lachish= horse town) (It started with Solomon buying horses in Egypt. God told Israel never to do that. Solomon then took heathen wives and their idols into Jerusalem. It then progressed to Jeroboam's golden calf worship in Samaria)

¹⁴Therefore shalt thou give presents to Moreshethgath: the houses of Achzib shall be a lie to the kings of Israel. (Moreshethgath= possessor of the winepress; Achzib= a lie) (Lies and false teachings led the 12 tribes into idolatry and later to the destruction of their country)

(Western nations, today, have gone from Christianity to secularism and they are now in jeopardy of losing themselves as well)

¹⁵ Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah: he shall come unto Adullam the glory of Israel. (Mareshah= the possessor; Adullam= Justice of the people)

¹⁶ Make thee bald, and poll thee for thy delicate children; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee. (This is all prophecy for the taking of Israel by the Assyrians, and Judah by Nebuchadnezzar. In end times the taker is antichrist who deceives the whole world) In Deuteronomy -14:1 (It was a sin to shave yourself bald)