

The Prophet's First Message Amos 1

I. The Prophet's First Message Directed to **Samaria**, Reaches to Jerusalem (Micah 1–2)

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**.

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.

A. God's judgment is Great against **Idolatry** (Micah 1:3-16)

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

4 And 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.

5 For **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?

1. Samaria destroyed because of **Idolatry**

6 Therefore **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.

a. Type of Idolatry – **Idol** worship

7 And **all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces**, and all the hires (the amount paid to a **harlot**) thereof shall be **burned with the fire**,

b. Sexual Impropriety (**Humanism** = **Self** worship)

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**.

2. God for His nation to return

8 Therefore I will **wail (lament)** and **howl (cry)**, **I will go stripped and naked**: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls.

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

a. She fell into **drunkenness (self pleasure)**

10 Declare ye it not at **Gath(winepress)**, weep ye not at all: in the house of **Aphrah(house of dust{the earth})** roll thyself in the dust.

b. This led her to focus on her beauty (self centered)

11 Pass ye away, thou inhabitant of **Saphir(fair - physical beauty)**, having **thy shame naked**: the inhabitant of **Zaanan(pointed)** came not forth in the mourning of **Bethezel(house of narrowing)**; he shall receive of you his standing.

c. Which led her to bitterness – She could never measure up!

12 For the inhabitant of **Maroth(bitterness)** waited carefully for good: but evil came down from the LORD unto the gate of **Jerusalem(peace)**.

13 O thou inhabitant of **Lachish(invincible)**, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she is the beginning of the sin to the daughter of **Zion(parched{scorched} place)**: for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee.

d. This forced her to give gifts to your enemies

14 Therefore shalt thou give presents to **Moreshethgath(possession of Gath)**: the houses of **Achzib(deceit)** shall be a lie to the kings of Israel(**God Prevails**).

e. Yet God will forgive after repentance

15 Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of **Mareshah(crest of a hill)**: he shall come unto **Adullam(justice of the people)** the glory of Israel.

16 Make thee bald, and **poll(sear or mow)** thee for thy delicate children; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; **for they are gone into captivity from thee.**