

Micah sheweth God's wrath.

MICAH, I, II

He exhorteth to mourning.

9 And God said to Jonah, ⁵ Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, ⁶ I do well to be angry, *even unto death.*

10 Then said the LORD, thou hast ⁷ had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which ⁸ came ⁹ or, spared.

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⁵ or, *Art thou greatly angry?*

⁶ or, *I am greatly angry.*

⁸ was the son of the night.

up in a night, and perished in a night:

11 And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and *also* much cattle?

MICAH.

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CHAPTER I.

1 *Micah sheweth the wrath of God against Jacob for idolatry: 10 He exhorteth to mourning.*

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, ¹ all ye people; hearken, ² O earth, and ³ all that therein is: and let the Lord God be witness ⁴ against you, the Lord from his holy temple.

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 ⁵ steep place.

5 For ⁶ 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?*

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.

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.

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 ⁹ owls.

9 For ¹⁰ her wound is incurable;

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¹ Je. 26. 18.

² ye people all of them.

³ Is. 1. 2.

⁴ the fulness thereof.

⁵ Ps. 50. 7.

⁶ descent.

⁷ La. 5. 16.

⁸ daughters of the owl.

⁹ or, she is grievously sick of her wounds.

¹⁰ 2 Ki. 18. 13.

¹¹ that is, dust.

¹² or, thou that dwellest fairly.

¹³ inhabitress.

¹⁴ or, the country of flocks.

¹⁵ or, a place near.

¹⁶ or, was grieved.

¹⁷ or, for.

¹⁸ that is, a lie.

¹⁹ or, the glory of Israel shall come.

²⁰ La. 4. 5. 18.

(CHAP. 2.)

¹ Ho. 7. 6.

² or, defrauded.

for it is come *e* unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of my people, *even* to Jerusalem.

10 ¶ Declare ye *it* not at Gath, weep ye not at all: in the house of ¹¹ Aphrah roll thyself in the dust.

11 Pass ye away, ¹² thou ¹³ inhabitant of Saphir, having thy shame naked: the inhabitant of ¹⁴ Zanaan came not forth in the mourning of ¹⁵ Beth-ezel: he shall receive of you his standing.

12 For the inhabitant of Maroth ¹³ waited carefully for good: but evil came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem.

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.

14 Therefore shalt thou give presents ¹⁵ to Moresheth-gath: the house of ¹⁶ Achzib shall be a lie to the kings of Israel.

15 Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah: ¹⁶ he shall come unto Adullam the glory of Israel.

16 Make thee bald, and poll thee for thy delicate ¹⁷ children; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.

CHAPTER II.

1 *Against oppression. 7 A reproof of injustice and idolatry. 12 A promise of restoring Jacob.*

WO to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! ¹ when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.

2 And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they ³ oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

3 Therefore thus saith the LORD: