

JUDEAN MESSENGER OF WRATH UPON SAMARIA AND JERUSELEM:
JUDGMENT ON THE CITIES
(Micah 1:1 – 2:13)

- I. Micah's CONTEXT (Micah 1:1)
 - A. From Moresheth in Judah, 25 miles SW of Jerusalem, near GATH
 - B. Ministered during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah: ca. 735-710 BC

- II. Coming JUDGMENT (Micah 1:2 – 2:13)
 - A. God's WRATH revealed (1:2-5)
 - 1. He's the JUDGE of the WHOLE EARTH
 - 2. He will bring DESTRUCTION for their SIN
 - B. Coming judgment on SAMARIA (1:6-7)
 - 1. The CAPITAL will be razed to its FOUNDATIONS
 - 2. Their GODS will be DESTROYED
 - 3. Their WEALTH will be CONSUMED
 - C. Coming judgment on JUDEA (1:8-16)
 - 1. Beth-le-aphrah ("house of DUST") will be ROLLED in dust
 - 2. Shaphir ("pleasantness") will be sent out NAKED
 - 3. Zaanah ("going out") will have no ESCAPE

4. Beth-ezel (“house of REMOVAL”) will have all SUPPORT removed
5. Maroth (“BITTER-town”) will wait in vain for GOOD NEWS
6. Lachish held responsible for introducing IDOLATRY in Judah
7. Moresheth-gath will be MOURNED for having FALLEN
8. Houses of Achzib (“LIE”) will be DECEPTIVE
9. Mareshah (“POSSESSION”) will be overcome by “one who TAKES possession”
10. The NOBILITY of Israel will FLEE to Adullam (cf. 1 Cor. 11:15)

D. Judgment for CRIMES against MAN (Micah 2:1-11)

1. Rebuke for SCHEMING to cause HARM
2. “Planning” a CALAMITY for their DESTRUCTION
3. Indictment for REFUSING to HEED God
4. Indictment for being ENEMIES to their own people
5. Indictment of false prophets who promised EARTHLY PLEASURES

E. Promise to GATHER His people (Micah 2:12-13)

1. It will be GOD’S DOING
2. It will constitute only a REMNANT of the nation
3. It will result in PROTECTION and PROVISION

III. Lessons

- A. The WAGES of SIN are TERRIBLE
- B. Israel’s HOPE is only in the GOSPEL