

11 Micah-The Sins of Israel

The word of the Lord that came to Micah of Moresheth during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah—the vision he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

Hear, O peoples, all of you,
listen, O earth and all who are in it,
that the Sovereign Lord may witness
against you,
the Lord from his holy temple.
Look! The Lord is coming from his
dwelling place;
he comes down and treads the
high places of
the earth.

The mountains melt beneath him
and the valleys split apart,
like wax before the fire,
like water rushing down a slope.
All this is because of Jacob's
transgression,
because of the sins of the house
of Israel.

What is Jacob's transgression?
Is it not Samaria?
What is Judah's high place?
Is it not Jerusalem?

"Therefore I will make Samaria a
heap of rubble,
a place for planting vineyards.
I will pour her stones into the valley
and lay bare her foundations.
All her idols will be broken to pieces;
all her temple gifts will be burned
with fire;
I will destroy all her images.
Since she gathered her gifts from the
wages of prostitutes,
as the wages of prostitutes they
will again be used."