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In chapter one, the prophet asked:

What is the transgression of Jacob? / what is their sin? Is it not **Samaria?**

and what is the high place of Judah? / what is their height of hypocrisy? Is it not **Jerusalem?**

The people long ago rejected the Covenant of blessing God made with them at Sinai. Micah starts at **Samaria** and **Jerusalem** – the 2 capitals where the people have **not** lived up to their God-given names: **Israel** = **ruled by God**; and **Judah** = **praise of God**: so they both will learn a lesson, but it won't be there: **Samaria**, the 10 northern tribes of **Israel**, led by Ephraim – they were **NOT** Jewish, they would first go into Assyrian captivity (modern day northern Syria); **then to another place promised to King David** -- **2 Samuel 7**; carrying with them the birthright promises given to **Abraham, Isaac and Jacob** -- who were **NOT** Jewish; someday we will learn that important lesson. Hosea says where **Israel** goes, they will be known as **the children of the Living God** – **Hosea 1**. Check out: **The Promises of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob**



By the way, **orthodox Jewish people, are too late with the issue of building a 3rd Temple**; Messiah came the first time just as **Daniel wrote – Daniel 9**. Isaiah tells us the future messianic kingdom, includes a **tent**: a very temporary shelter, **where the Lord will instruct His people** – Isaiah 4. Zechariah tells us, **the Branch will build it**. **Too bad people don't read what the prophets wrote**; and prefer their traditions. In Jerusalem, if you can't see past all the idolatrous junk that clutters up every street, then you missed why some still walk in darkness and have no light. Thanks to the Lord God, not all living there are stumbling around:

¹ And I said, Listen, you heads of Jacob and rulers of the House of **Israel! Is it not for you to know justice?** / you sit in judgment over others, surely you must know what justice awaits you. Is it not your business to administer impartially, and not to know faces – as the Hebrew phrase suggests. The unjust leaders showed about as much consideration for the people as butchers do for carcasses – NASB.

² you who hate good and love evil; who tear the skin from off My people, and their flesh from off their bones / they hate the good in others; and hate that it should have any influence on themselves; they hate to do good, and they hate those that are good and do good. This being their principle, they are severely cruel to those under their power, who seek mercy but will find none;

³ who eat the flesh of My people; and flay their skin from off them; and break their bones in pieces, and chop them up like meat for the pot, like flesh in the caldron / they fleeced the flock they were to protect; the corrupt rulers robbed their fellow citizens of their substance.

⁴ Then they will cry to the Lord, but He will **not answer: instead He will hide His face from them at that time, because they practiced evil deeds** / so the corrupt rulers and judges, when their time for justice came, just as those oppressed by them cried, and they would not hear; so when they cried for favor from the Lord, He would not hear; their plea went unanswered.

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⁵ Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who lead My people astray; who bite with their mouth and cry, “**Peace**” / probably when there is no peace; are they biting their lip? They bite like a venomous serpent, like the kiss of death of a Judas,

but the one who puts nothing in their mouth / that one who gives them no bribe to chew on, they declare war against him.

⁶ As a result, it will be night to you, without vision; and darkness to you, without divination / without their bribe; certainly without the Spirit of the Lord; these false prophets discover their game is over; and those who claimed they were enlightened by God, reveal they are only a bunch of hocus pocus workers of darkness.

The sun will go down on the *false* prophets, and the day will be blackened over them;

⁷ the seers will be disgraced, and the diviners will be ashamed: yes, they will all cover their lips; for there is **no** answer from God.

Yet Micah is neither surprised nor alarmed.

⁸ But as for me, I am filled with power; with the Spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might / which is the correct order: **right and might**; to declare to **Jacob** his transgression, and to **Israel** his sin / we should always remember **Ephraim** and **Manasseh** when talking about **Israel**.

⁹ Hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob, and rulers of the house of **Israel**, who abhor justice, and pervert all equity / you who make crooked all that is straight;

¹⁰ who build Zion / who build the city of David with **bloodshed**, and Jerusalem with iniquity / with unbalanced scales.

¹¹ You heads give judgment for a bribe, you priests teach for a price, and you prophets practice hocus pocus for money: yet they lean on the Lord, and say, “Is not the Lord among us? No disaster will come on us.”

¹² **As a result, because of you, Zion will be plowed as a field;** and Jerusalem will become heaps of ruin, and the mountain of the house a high sticky place / יַעַר - ya’ar, a honeycomb or like a beehive; or maybe even: a hornet’s nest.



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