[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.[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?[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 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.[10]Declare ye it not at Gath, weep
ye not at all: in the house of Aphrah roll
thyself in the dust.[11]Pass ye away, thou
inhabitant of Saphir, having thy shame

naked: the inhabitant of Zaanan came not forth in the mourning of Bethezel; he shall receive of you his standing.[12]For the inhabitant of Maroth 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 to Moreshethgath: the houses of Achzib shall be a lie to the kings of Israel.[15]Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah: he shall come unto Adullam the glory of Israel.[16]Make thee bald, and poll thee for thy delicate children; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.