

**Micah 6:16~** **And the statutes of Omri and all the work of the house of Ahab are observed, and you people walk in their counsels, to the end, that I may make you an object of astonishment, and her inhabitants, something to be whistled at, and the reproach of peoples,<sup>1</sup> you men will bear.**

**Footnote:** Peoples LXX, MTSyVg, my people

**1·** Yehowah then gives counsel against the wicked line of kings of the ten tribe Kingdom of Israel, because they cause the people to walk in the statutes of Omri and of his son Ahab, wicked kings of that era. Yehowah God then promises to make them an object of astonishment and something to be whistled at. Then the reproach of peoples, Israel would come to bear.

**[Question]** Who does Yehowah God now give counsel against, and why?

**[Question]** What does Yehowah God promise to make of them and their offspring?

**2·** And **Omri** kept doing what was bad in the eyes of Yehowah and came to do worse than all who were prior to him. (**1 Kings 16:25**)

**[Question]** What did Omri, king of Israel, do before Yehowah God?

**3·** And **Ahab** the son of **Omri** proceeded to do worse in the eyes of Yehowah, than all those who were prior to him. (**1 Kings 16:30**)

**[Question]** How did his son Ahab, do even worse than Omri?

**4·** And he went walking in the way of the kings of Israel, and even his own son he made pass through the fire, according to the detestable things of the nations whom Yehowah drove out, because of the sons of Israel. (**2 Kings 16:3**)

**[Question]** What detestable thing did he do with his own sons, as a sacrificial offering to his false gods?

**5·** So he built again the high places that Hezekiah his father had destroyed, and set up altars to Baal and made a sacred pole, just as **Ahab** the king of Israel had done, and he began to bow down to all the army of the heavens and to serve them. (**2 Kings 21:3**)

**[Question]** What did Manasseh do to turn Judah against the way of his faithful father Hezekiah?

- 6· **Woe to the stubborn sons, is the utterance of Yehowah, those disposed to carry out counsel, but not that from me, and to pour out a libation, but not with my spirit, in order to add sin to sin. (Isaiah 30:1)**

**[Question]** What did Yehowah God foretell for the stubborn sons, for what were they disposed to carry out?

- 7· **But they did not listen, neither did they incline their ear, but they went walking in the **counsels**, in the stubbornness of their bad heart, so that they became backward in direction, and not forward. (Jeremiah 7:24)**

**[Question]** Whose counsels did Jeremiah tell Judah that they had walked after, and so what spiritual progress did they not make?

- 8· **In order to **make** their land an **object of astonishment**, for whistling at to time indefinite. Every last one passing along by it, **will** stare in **astonishment**, and shake his head. (Jeremiah 18:16)**

**[Question]** What did Jeremiah tell Judah, that their land would become like because of their sins?

- 9· **And I **will make** this city an **object of astonishment**, and something to be **whistled** at. Every last one passing along by it **will** stare in **astonishment**, and whistle over all its plagues. (Jeremiah 19:8)**

**[Question]** What did Yehowah God state, that he would make of their holy city of Jerusalem, and what would people then say about it?

- 10· **You set us as a **reproach** to our neighbors, a derision, and jeering to those all around us. (Psalms 44:13)**

**[Question]** What did Israel become in the eyes of their neighbor nations?

- 11· **We have been put to shame, for we have heard **reproach**. Humiliation has covered our faces, for strangers have come against the holy places of the **house** of Yehowah. (Jeremiah 51:51)**

**[Question]** How did Israel come to feel when strangers entered into the temple of Yehowah God, and carried away its holy articles?

- 12· Remember, O Yehowah, what has happened to us. Do look and see our **reproach**. (**Lamentations 5:1**)

**[Question]** What did Jeremiah ask Yehowah God to remember about his people?

- 13· O Yehowah, according to all your acts of righteousness, please, may your anger and your rage turn back from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain, for, because of our sins, and because of the errors of our forefathers, Jerusalem and your **people** are an **object of reproach** to all those round about us. (**Daniel 9:16**)

**[Question]** What did Daniel confess that Israel had done before their God, and what did he ask Yehowah God to turn back from?

- 14· In time the **people** that were encamped heard it said; Zimri has conspired and also struck down the king. So all Israel made **Omri**, the chief of the army, king over Israel on that day in the camp. (**1 Kings 16:16**)

**[Question]** Who struck down the king of Israel, and who later usurped him?

- 15· And they got to capture it at the **end** of three years, in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that is, the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Israel, Samaria was captured. (**2 Kings 18:10**)

**[Question]** When was Israel captured, and who was king of Judah then?

- 16· And also all the **houses** of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, that the kings of Israel had built to cause offense, Josiah removed, and he went on to do to them according to all the doings that he had done at Bethel. (**2 Kings 23:19**)

**[Question]** What did Josiah remove even from Israel, after hearing Yehowah God's word read to him?

- 17· And it came about that, as soon as the kingship of Rehoboam was firmly established, and as soon as he was strong, he left the Law of Yehowah, and also all Israel with him. (**2 Chronicles 12:1**)

**[Question]** What Law did Rehoboam leave, as soon as his own kingship was made strong?

- 18· But you **walk** in the way of the kings of Israel, and cause Judah and the **inhabitants** of Jerusalem to have immoral intercourse, the same way that the **house of Ahab** caused the having of immoral intercourse, and even your own brothers, the household of your father, who were better than you, you have killed. (**2 Chronicles 21:13**)

**[Question]** What way did the kings of Israel continue to walk in throughout their history?

- 19· Look! Yehowah is dealing a great blow to your **people** and to your sons and to your wives and to all your goods. (**2 Chronicles 21:14**)

**[Question]** What would Yehowah God do to them for their faithlessness?

- 20· He himself also walked in the ways of the **house of Ahab**, for his mother herself became his counselor in doing wickedly. (**2 Chronicles 22:3**)

**[Question]** Whose way did Ahaziah walk in, and who became his counselor in his wickedness?

- 21· And so I let them go in the stubbornness of their heart, they went walking in their own **counsels**. (**Psalms 81:12**)

**[Question]** What way did Yehowah God let his people go in, since they loved it?

- 22· At you all those passing along on the road have clapped their hands. They have **whistled** and kept wagging their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying; Is this the city of which they used to say; It is the perfection of prettiness, an exultation for all the earth? (**Lamentations 2:15**)

**[Question]** How did people come to view Jerusalem after her destruction, and what did they say about her plight then?

- 23· At the time that I would bring healing to Israel, the error of Ephraim is also actually uncovered, and the bad things of Samaria, for they have practiced falsehood, and a thief himself comes in, a marauder band actually **makes** a dash

on the outside. (**Hosea 7:1**)

**[Question]** What did Hosea show that Yehowah God would bring to an end in Israel and Ephraim, and what would he uncover about them?

24· Even it, someone **will** bring to Assyria itself as a gift to a great king. Shame is what Ephraim himself **will** get, and Israel **will** be ashamed of its counsel. (**Hosea 10:6**)

**[Question]** What only would Ephraim come to feel over their worship of idols?