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The Superscription to Micah's Sermons

1 The message which came to Micah of Morsheth in the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. The visions he saw about Samaria and Jerusalem.

The Lord's Judgment on Guilty Samaria and Judah

2 Listen, all you peoples!

Pay attention, all you inhabitants of the earth!

For the Lord w God will be a witness against you,

the Lord his holy temple!

3 The Lord w is coming from his holy place,

he descends and treads heights of the earth,

4so|strong = "H6440" that|strong = "H4325" the|strong = "H6440"
 mountains|strong = "H2022" melt|strong = "H4549"
 beneath|strong = "H8478"

1 ike|strong = "H2022" wax|strong = "H1749" in|strong = "H6440"
 the|strong = "H6440" presence|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H2022"
 the|strong = "H6440" fire|strong = "H0784",

a nd|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440" valleys|strong = "H6010"
 break|strong = "H1234" apart|strong = "H0914"

1 ike|strong = "H2022" water|strong = "H4325" poured|strong = "H5064"
 down|strong = "H5064" a|strong = "H6440" steep|strong = "H4174"
 descent|strong = "H4174".

5All|strong = "H3605" this|strong = "H2063" is|strong = "H4310"
 because|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605"
 crime|strong = "H2154" of|strong = "H1004" Jacob|strong = "H3290",

a nd|strong = "H3063" for|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605"
 sin|strong = "H2403" of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605"
 house|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H1004" Israel|strong = "H3478".

W hat|strong = "H4310" was|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3605"
 crime|strong = "H2154" of|strong = "H1004" Jacob|strong = "H3290"?

W as|strong = "H3478" it|strong = "H2063" not|strong = "H3808"
 Samaria|strong = "H8111"?

W hat|strong = "H4310" is|strong = "H4310" the|strong = "H3605"
 sin|strong = "H2403" of|strong = "H1004" Judah|strong = "H3063"?

I s|strong = "H4310" it|strong = "H2063" not|strong = "H3808"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"?

6"I|strong = "H7760" will|strong = "H7704" make|strong = "H7760"
 Samaria|strong = "H8111" a|strong = "H7760" ruin|strong = "H2723"
 in|strong = "H7760" an|strong = "H7760" open|strong = "H1540"
 field|strong = "H7704",

a nd|strong = "H7704" a|strong = "H7760" place|strong = "H7760"
 where|strong = "H4302" a|strong = "H7760" vineyard|strong = "H3754"
 is|strong = "H7704" planted|strong = "H4302",

I will hurl stones into the valley,

and her foundations.

“All her images will be shattered,”

and all her statues will be burned with fire,

and all her idols I will lay in ruins.

For they were acquired by prostitution,

and to prostitution they will return.”

8This is why I will mourn and wail,

I will go barefoot and naked,

I will howl like jackals

and mourn like the owl.

9For the blow that Samaria has received is incurable.

I t|strong="H3588" has|strong="H3063" spread|strong="H6566"
over|strong="H8179" Judah|strong="H3063",

i t|strong="H3588" extends|strong="H5704" even|strong="H5704"
to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3588" gate|strong="H8179"
of|strong="H8179" my|strong="H3588" people|strong="H5971",

e ven|strong="H5704" to|strong="H5704" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

10Don't|strong="H0408" tell|strong="H5046" this|strong="H5046"
in|strong="H5046" Gath|strong="H1661"!

D on't|strong="H0408" even|strong="H1571" cry|strong="H7121" –
but|strong="H3588" sit|strong="H6428" in|strong="H5046"
the|strong="H5046" dust|strong="H6083" at|strong="H6083"
Beth-leaphrah.

11Pass|strong="H5674" by|strong="H5674",
inhabitants|strong="H3427" of|strong="H3427" Shaphir|strong="H8208",
naked|strong="H6181" and|strong="H3318" ashamed|strong="H1322"!

T he|strong="H3947" inhabitants|strong="H3427" of|strong="H3427"
Zaanan|strong="H6630" cannot|strong="H3808" leave|strong="H3318"
their|strong="H3947" city|strong="H5892".

B eth-ezel|strong="H1018" laments|strong="H5921"
and|strong="H3318" removes|strong="H4185" its|strong="H3947"
support|strong="H5979" from|strong="H4480" you|strong="H3947".

12The|strong="H3588" inhabitants|strong="H3427" of|strong="H3068"
Maroth|strong="H4796" wait|strong="H2342" anxiously|strong="H1674"
for|strong="H3588" good|strong="H2896"!

B ut|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" w Lord|strong="H3068" w*
has|strong="H3068" sent|strong="H3068" disaster|strong="H7451"
to|strong="H3381" the|strong="H3588" gates|strong="H8179"
of|strong="H3068" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

13Harness|strong="H7573" the|strong="H3588" horse|strong="H5483"
to|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3588" chariot|strong="H4818",
inhabitants|strong="H3427" of|strong="H1323" Lachish|strong="H3923".

You led the daughter of Jerusalem, into sin,

in which you are found the crimes of Israel.

14Therefore you must give parting gifts to Moresheth-gath.

Beth-achzib will betray the kings of Israel.

15I will hand you to a conqueror, people of Mareshah,

the leaders of Israel will hide in Adullam Cave!

16Shave your head in the morning for the children you love,

until you are bald, because they have left you for exile.

The Oppression of the Poor

2Woe to those who lie awake planning evil,

w ho|strong = "H3588" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
light|strong = "H0216" of|strong = "H3027" morning|strong = "H1242"
carry|strong = "H6213" out|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H5921"
plan|strong = "H2803"

b ecause|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H3426"
the|strong = "H5921" power|strong = "H3027" to|strong = "H6213"
do|strong = "H6213" it|strong = "H5921".

2They|strong = "H5375" covet|strong = "H2530" fields|strong = "H7704"
and|strong = "H1004" seize|strong = "H1497" them|strong = "H5375",

d esire|strong = "H2530" houses|strong = "H1004" and|strong = "H1004"
take|strong = "H5375" them|strong = "H5375",

t hey|strong = "H5375" crush|strong = "H1792" householder
and|strong = "H1004" his|strong = "H5375" household|strong = "H1004",

p eople|strong = "H5159" and|strong = "H1004" their|strong = "H5375"
possessions|strong = "H7399".

3Therefore|strong = "H3651" the|strong = "H5921" w
Lord|strong = "H3068" w* says|strong = "H3541":

“ I|strong = "H3588" am|strong = "H3068" planning|strong = "H2803"
disaster|strong = "H7451" from|strong = "H5921" which|strong = "H1931"
you|strong = "H3588" cannot|strong = "H3808" save|strong = "H3467"
your|strong = "H3068" neck|strong = "H6677",

n or|strong = "H3808" walk|strong = "H3212" proudly|strong = "H7317"
because|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H1931" will|strong = "H3068"
be|strong = "H3808" a|strong = "H3588" terrible|strong = "H7451"
time|strong = "H6256".

4On|strong = "H5921" that|strong = "H5971" day|strong = "H3117"
they|strong = "H3117" will|strong = "H5971" sing|strong = "H5375"
a|strong = "H5375" taunt-song|strong = "H4912" to|strong = "H5921"
you|strong = "H5921",

t his|strong = "H1931" mocking|strong = "H6711" lament|strong = "H5091":

‘ My|strong = "H5921" people’s|strong = "H5971" estate|strong = "H3653" is|strong = "H1931" being|strong = "H5971" measured|strong = "H4058" for|strong = "H5921" sale|strong = "H4465",

o ur|strong = "H5921" captors|strong = "H7617" are|strong = "H3117" dividing|strong = "H2505" our|strong = "H5921" fields|strong = "H7704".

W e|strong = "H3117" are|strong = "H3117" completely|strong = "H7703" undone|strong = "H1820”.

5There|strong = "H1961" will|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H1961" no|strong = "H3808" one|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H3068" measure|strong = "H4058" out|strong = "H7993" land|strong = "H1486" for|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H3808"

f rom|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" w Lord|strong = "H3068" w*s community|strong = "H6951".

6“Don’t|strong = "H3808" rant!’ they|strong = "H3808" urge|strong = "H6293”, ‘Of|strong = "H3808" such|strong = "H3808" things|strong = "H3808" one|strong = "H3808" does|strong = "H3808" not|strong = "H3808" prophesy|strong = "H5197”!

S hame|strong = "H3639" will|strong = "H3808" not|strong = "H3808" overtake|strong = "H5381" us|strong = "H5414”!

7Is|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" w Lord|strong = "H3068" w* impatient|strong = "H7114”, or|strong = "H3808" are|strong = "H1697” such|strong = "H1697” things|strong = "H1697” his|strong = "H3068” deeds|strong = "H4611”?

A re|strong = "H1697” not|strong = "H3808” his|strong = "H3068” words|strong = "H1697” favorable|strong = "H2896” to|strong = "H1980” the|strong = "H3068” family|strong = "H1004” of|strong = "H1004” Jacob|strong = "H3290”?’

A ren’t|strong = "H0369” my|strong = "H3068” commands|strong = "H1697” good|strong = "H3190” for|strong = "H3068” those|strong = "H1980” who|strong = "H3068” obey|strong = "H1980” them|strong = "H3190”?

8But you stand up as a foe against those who are peaceful;

you strip the robe from those who pass by quietly, averse to conflict.

9Women of my people you drive out happy homes,

from their young children you take away my glory forever.

10Rise and begone, for this is no place to rest.

Your uncleanness brings severe destruction.

11If a person walking in wine and falsehood were to say,

'I will prophesy of wine and drink,

t hen|strong = "H1961" he|strong = "H1980" would|strong = "H3863"
 be|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H1961" perfect|strong = "H8549"
 prophet|strong = "H5197" for|strong = "H5971" this|strong = "H2088"
 people|strong = "H5971"!"
The|strong = "H1961" **Lord**|strong = "H3068" **Leading**|strong = "H7218"
Back|strong = "H1980" **His**|strong = "H1961" **Scattered**|strong = "H5971"
People|strong = "H5971"

12"**I**|strong = "H7760" will|strong = "H3478" assuredly|strong = "H3045"
 assemble|strong = "H6908" all|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H8432"
Jacob|strong = "H3290",

I |strong = "H7760" will|strong = "H3478" surely|strong = "H6908"
 gather|strong = "H6908" the|strong = "H3605" survivors|strong = "H7611"
 of|strong = "H8432" **Israel**|strong = "H3478".

I |strong = "H7760" will|strong = "H3478" herd|strong = "H5739"
 them|strong = "H7760" together|strong = "H3162" as|strong = "H3605"
 sheep|strong = "H6629" in|strong = "H3478" a|strong = "H7760"
 fold|strong = "H1699",

I ke|strong = "H3478" a|strong = "H7760" flock|strong = "H6629"
 in|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3605" pasture|strong = "H1699",

a nd|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3605" land|strong = "H0776"
 will|strong = "H3478" resound with|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3605"
 sounds|strong = "H6963" of|strong = "H8432" multitudes|strong = "H1995".

13"**The**|strong = "H6440" one|strong = "H3068" who|strong = "H3068"
 breaks|strong = "H6555" out|strong = "H3318" goes|strong = "H3318"
 first|strong = "H7218".

T hey|strong = "H3068" have|strong = "H3068" broken|strong = "H6555"
 forth|strong = "H3318" and|strong = "H3068" passed|strong = "H5674"
 by|strong = "H5674" the|strong = "H6440" gate|strong = "H8179"

a nd|strong = "H3068" through|strong = "H5674" it|strong = "H6440"
 have|strong = "H3068" they|strong = "H3068" gone|strong = "H3318"
 out|strong = "H3318".

T heir|strong = "H3068" king|strong = "H4428" leads|strong = "H3318"
 before|strong = "H6440" them|strong = "H6440",

the w Lord w* at their head.”
The Crimes of Judah’s Civil and Spiritual Leaders

3I also said”:

“ Listen now, leaders of Jacob,

judges of the house of Israel”.

I s it not your duty to know what is the right?”

2Haters of that which is good and lovers of evil”!

3“They devour the flesh of my people,

and their hide they strip off them,

and break in pieces and serve up their bones,

like meat in a pot or cooking pan”!

4“Then they will cry out to the Lord w*,

b ut|strong="H3808" he|strong="H1931" will|strong="H3068"
not|strong="H3808" pay|strong="H7999" attention|strong="H6440"
to|strong="H3068" them|strong="H1992".

H e|strong="H1931" will|strong="H3068" hide|strong="H5641"
his|strong="H3068" face|strong="H6440" from|strong="H6440"
them|strong="H1992" at|strong="H3068" that|strong="H1931"
time|strong="H6256"

b ecause|strong="H6440" they|strong="H1992" have|strong="H3068"
committed|strong="H6213" such|strong="H1931"
crimes|strong="H6588".

5Therefore|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" w
Lord|strong="H3068" w* says|strong="H3541":

“ To|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921" prophets|strong="H5030"
who|strong="H5971" lead|strong="H8582" my|strong="H5414"
people|strong="H5971" astray|strong="H8582”,

w ho|strong="H5971" when|strong="H3068" they|strong="H3068"
have|strong="H3068" food|strong="H3899" between|strong="H4421"
their|strong="H3068" teeth|strong="H8127" declare|strong="H6942"
peace|strong="H7965”,

b ut|strong="H3808" against|strong="H5921" one|strong="H3808"
who|strong="H5971" puts|strong="H5414" nothing|strong="H3808"
in|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3068" mouths|strong="H6310”,

t hey|strong="H3068" proclaim|strong="H7121" an|strong="H5414"
open|strong="H5414" war|strong="H4421”!

6“Night|strong="H3915" will|strong="H3117"
overtake|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921" so|strong="H3651"
that|strong="H3117" you|strong="H5921" have|strong="H5030"
no|strong="H5030" vision|strong="H2377”,

a nd|strong="H3117" darkness|strong="H2821" so|strong="H3651"
that|strong="H3117" there|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3117"
be|strong="H3117" no|strong="H5030" divination|strong="H7080”,

a nd|strong="H3117" the|strong="H5921" sun|strong="H8121"
will|strong="H3117" go|strong="H8121" down|strong="H5921"
on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" prophets|strong="H5030",

a nd|strong="H3117" the|strong="H5921" day|strong="H3117"
shall|strong="H3117" be|strong="H3117" dark|strong="H2821"
over|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5921".

7“The|strong="H3605" seers|strong="H2374" will|strong="H3605"
be|strong="H2374" ashamed|strong="H2659”,

a nd|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" diviners|strong="H7080"
will|strong="H3605" turn|strong="H7725" pale|strong="H6289”,

a ll|strong="H3605" of|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5921"
will|strong="H3605" cover|strong="H5844" their|strong="H3605"
mouths|strong="H8222”.

F or|strong="H3588" there|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3605"
be|strong="H2374" no|strong="H3605" answer|strong="H4617"
from|strong="H5921" God|strong="H0430”.

8“But|strong="H3068" I|strong="H3478”, on|strong="H3068"
the|strong="H3068" contrary|strong="H7147" am|strong="H3068"
full|strong="H4390" of|strong="H3068" power|strong="H3581”,

a nd|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3068" sense|strong="H3820"
of|strong="H3068" justice|strong="H4941" and|strong="H3478"
strength|strong="H3581”,

t o|strong="H3478" make|strong="H5046" known|strong="H5046"
to|strong="H3478" Jacob|strong="H3290" his|strong="H3068"
crime|strong="H2154”,

a nd|strong="H3478" to|strong="H3478" Israel|strong="H3478"
his|strong="H3068" sin|strong="H2403”.

9“Hear|strong="H8085" this|strong="H2063”, leaders|strong="H7218"
of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" house|strong="H1004"
of|strong="H1004" Jacob|strong="H3290”,

j udges|strong="H8199" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605"
house|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478”,

y ou|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605" spurn|strong = "H5006"
justice|strong = "H4941",

a nd|strong = "H3478" make|strong = "H8085" all|strong = "H3605"
that|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H3478" straight|strong = "H3477"
crooked|strong = "H6140",

10who|strong = "H3389" build|strong = "H1129" Zion|strong = "H6726"
with|strong = "H3389" acts|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H1818"
bloodshed|strong = "H1818",

a nd|strong = "H3389" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" with|strong = "H3389"
crime|strong = "H1818".

11"The|strong = "H5921" leaders|strong = "H7218"
render|strong = "H7725" judgment|strong = "H8199" for|strong = "H5921"
a|strong = "H3068" bribe|strong = "H7810",

a nd|strong = "H3068" her|strong = "H5921" priests|strong = "H3548"
give|strong = "H5414" oracles|strong = "H3384" for|strong = "H5921"
a|strong = "H3068" reward|strong = "H7810",

a nd|strong = "H3068" her|strong = "H5921" prophets|strong = "H5030"
divine|strong = "H7080" for|strong = "H5921" silver|strong = "H3701".

Y et|strong = "H3068" they|strong = "H3068" claim|strong = "H0589"
to|strong = "H3068" rely|strong = "H8172" on|strong = "H5921"
the|strong = "H5921" w Lord|strong = "H3068" w*,

‘ The|strong = "H5921" w Lord|strong = "H3068" w*, they|strong = "H3068"
say|strong = "H0559", ‘is|strong = "H3068" in|strong = "H5921"
our|strong = "H3068" midst|strong = "H7130".

E vil|strong = "H7451" cannot|strong = "H3808" overtake|strong = "H5921"
us|strong = "H5921".’

12"Therefore|strong = "H3651" for|strong = "H1004"
your|strong = "H1961" sakes|strong = "H1558"

Z ion|strong = "H6726" will|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961"
plowed|strong = "H2790" as|strong = "H1961" a|strong = "H1961"
field|strong = "H7704",

a nd|strong="H1004" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" will|strong="H1961"
become|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" heap|strong="H5856"
of|strong="H1004" ruins|strong="H5856",

a nd|strong="H1004" the|strong="H1961" temple|strong="H1004"
mount|strong="H2022" a|strong="H1961" wooded|strong="H2793"
height|strong="H6967".

The Peace and Worldwide Renown of Zion

4In|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" days|strong="H3117"
to|strong="H3068" come|strong="H1961"

t he|strong="H5921" mountain|strong="H2022" of|strong="H1004"
the|strong="H5921" w Lord|strong="H3068" w* will|strong="H3068"
be|strong="H1961" established|strong="H3559",

t he|strong="H5921" house|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004"
our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H3068" on|strong="H5921"
the|strong="H5921" top|strong="H7218" of|strong="H1004"
the|strong="H5921" mountain|strong="H2022",

l ifted|strong="H5375" above|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921"
hills|strong="H1389".

A ll|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" nations|strong="H5971"
will|strong="H3068" flow|strong="H5102" to|strong="H3068"
it|strong="H1931",

2and|strong="H1980" many|strong="H7227" peoples|strong="H5971"
will|strong="H3068" go|strong="H1980" and|strong="H1980"
say|strong="H1697",

“ Come|strong="H1980", let|strong="H3212" us|strong="H3384"
go|strong="H1980" up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H1980"
the|strong="H3588" w Lord|strong="H3068" w*'s mount|strong="H2022",

t o|strong="H1980" the|strong="H3588" house|strong="H1004"
of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3588" God|strong="H3068"
of|strong="H1004" Jacob|strong="H3290",

s o|strong="H1980" that|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588"
may|strong="H3068" instruct|strong="H3384" us|strong="H3384"
in|strong="H1980" his|strong="H3068" ways|strong="H1870",

s o|strong = "H1980" that|strong = "H3588" we|strong = "H3588"
 may|strong = "H3068" walk|strong = "H1980" in|strong = "H1980"
 his|strong = "H3068" paths|strong = "H1870".

F or|strong = "H3588" from|strong = "H3318" Zion|strong = "H6726"
 proceeds|strong = "H3318" instruction|strong = "H8451"

a nd|strong = "H1980" the|strong = "H3588" w Lord|strong = "H3068" w*'s
 word|strong = "H1697" from|strong = "H3318" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389".

3He|strong = "H5704" will|strong = "H1471" arbitrate
 between|strong = "H4421" many|strong = "H7227" peoples|strong = "H5971",

a nd|strong = "H5971" render|strong = "H3198" decisions|strong = "H3198"
 for|strong = "H5704" numerous|strong = "H7227" nations|strong = "H1471",

T hey|strong = "H3808" will|strong = "H1471" beat|strong = "H3807"
 their|strong = "H5375" swords|strong = "H2719" into|strong = "H8199"
 ploughshares,

a nd|strong = "H5971" their|strong = "H5375" spears|strong = "H2595"
 into|strong = "H8199" pruning|strong = "H4211" hooks|strong = "H4211".

N ation|strong = "H1471" will|strong = "H1471" not|strong = "H3808"
 lift|strong = "H5375" up|strong = "H5375" sword|strong = "H2719"
 against|strong = "H4421" nation|strong = "H1471",

t hey|strong = "H3808" will|strong = "H1471" learn|strong = "H3925"
 war|strong = "H4421" no|strong = "H3808" more|strong = "H5750".

4They|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H3068" live|strong = "H3427"
 each|strong = "H0376" under|strong = "H8478" his|strong = "H3068"
 vine|strong = "H1612",

a nd|strong = "H3068" under|strong = "H8478" his|strong = "H3068"
 fig|strong = "H8384" tree|strong = "H8384", with|strong = "H3068"
 none|strong = "H6635" to|strong = "H1696" terrify|strong = "H2729"
 them|strong = "H8478".

F or the mouth of the Lord will speak to the hosts of heaven.

Each nation trusts in the name of their gods,

b ut we will worship our God forever.

6“On that day,” says the Lord,

“ I will assemble the lame.

I will gather exiles I punished.

7I will restore the lame as a remnant,

t he exiles into a great nation.

T he will rule over them

o n Mount Zion forever.”

8But you, watchtower for the flock,

h ill daughter of Zion,

t o|strong="H5704" you|strong="H5704" will|strong="H3389"
return|strong="H7725" your|strong="H5704" former|strong="H7223"
rule|strong="H4475".

9So|strong="H6258" why|strong="H4100" do|strong="H4100"
you|strong="H3588" now|strong="H6258" cry|strong="H7321"
aloud|strong="H7321"? Haven't|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3588"
any|strong="H3588" king|strong="H4428"?

O r|strong="H4428" has|strong="H4428" your|strong="H3588"
counselor|strong="H3289" perished|strong="H0006", so|strong="H6258"
you|strong="H3588" writhe|strong="H2342" in|strong="H4428"
pain|strong="H2427" like|strong="H3644" a|strong="H3588"
woman|strong="H3205" in|strong="H4428" labor|strong="H3205"?

10Writhe|strong="H2342" and|strong="H3068" scream,
daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H3068" Zion|strong="H6726",
like|strong="H3318" a|strong="H3588" woman|strong="H1323"
in|strong="H3068" labor|strong="H3205"!

F or|strong="H3588" now|strong="H6258" you|strong="H3588"
must|strong="H4191" leave|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3588"
city|strong="H7151" and|strong="H3068" camp|strong="H4264"
in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588" open|strong="H6605"
field|strong="H7704".

Y ou|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068"
taken|strong="H5337" to|strong="H5704" Babylon|strong="H0894",
but|strong="H3588" there|strong="H8033" will|strong="H3068"
be|strong="H3068" rescued|strong="H5337".

T here|strong="H8033" the|strong="H3588" w Lord|strong="H3068" w*
will|strong="H3068" save|strong="H5337" you|strong="H3588"
from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3588" hands|strong="H3709"
of|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" foes|strong="H7796".

11But|strong="H6258" now|strong="H6258" many|strong="H7227"
nations|strong="H1471" gather|strong="H6908" against|strong="H5921"
you|strong="H5921".

T hey|strong="H5921" say|strong="H0559", "Let|strong="H6258"
her|strong="H5921" be|strong="H1471" defiled|strong="H2610",
we|strong="H6258" will|strong="H1471" gloat|strong="H2372"
over|strong="H5921" Zion|strong="H6726"."

12But they do not know the thoughts of the Lord.

They do not understand his plan,

for he has gathered them like sheaves of threshing floor.

13“Arise, thresh, daughter of Zion,

I will make your horns iron,

and your hoofs brass,

so you might beat in pieces many peoples,

and devote to the Lord their spoil,

and their wealth to the ruler of the earth.

5“Now cut yourself in bitter grief,

daughter besieged by soldiers.

T hey|strong="H3117" have|strong="H1961" set|strong="H3478"
a|strong="H1961" wall|strong="H2346" around|strong="H5439"
you|strong="H3117".

T hey|strong="H3117" strike|strong="H5221" the|strong="H4480"
ruler|strong="H4910" of|strong="H3117" Israel|strong="H3478",

i n|strong="H3478" the|strong="H4480" face|strong="H6440"
with|strong="H3318" a|strong="H1961" rod|strong="H7626".

2"Bethlehem|strong="H1035" in|strong="H5921"
Ephrathah|strong="H0672",

s mall|strong="H6996" among|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921"
tribes|strong="H7626" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063",

f rom|strong="H7725" you|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3478"
come|strong="H7725" a|strong="H5414" king|strong="H5921"

w ho|strong="H1121" will|strong="H3478" rule|strong="H4910"
for|strong="H5704" me|strong="H5414" over|strong="H5921"
Israel|strong="H3478",

w hose|strong="H1121" family|strong="H4940" line|strong="H6957"
goes|strong="H1980" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H5704"
the|strong="H5921" distant|strong="H7350" past|strong="H7725".

3So|strong="H6258" the|strong="H3588" w Lord|strong="H3068" w*
will|strong="H3068" only|strong="H3588" abandon|strong="H5800"
Israel|strong="H3478" to|strong="H5704" its|strong="H5975"
enemies|strong="H0341"

u ntil|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3588" woman|strong="H8034"
in|strong="H3427" labor|strong="H5999" gives|strong="H5975"
birth|strong="H3205".

T hen|strong="H6258" the|strong="H3588" survivors|strong="H8300"
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" reunited with|strong="H3068"
their|strong="H3068" own|strong="H1961" people|strong="H3427".

4And he will stand by the strength of the Lord, w^{*},
 and shepherd the strength of the Lord,
 by the strength of the Lord, w^{*},
 of the Lord, w^{*},

In the exalted name of the Lord, w^{*} his God;

And they will live in security, for now he will be great,

even to the ends of the earth.

5This will be our peace:

when Assyria comes into our land

and treads on our soil,

we will raise up against him seven shepherds,

eight leaders of men.

6They will shepherd Assyria with a sword,

and the land of Nimrod with bared blades.

- T** hey|strong = "H3068" will|strong = "H3068" deliver|strong = "H5337"
us|strong = "H5921" from|strong = "H5921" Assyria|strong = "H0804",
- w** hen|strong = "H1961" they|strong = "H3068" come|strong = "H1961"
into|strong = "H5921" our|strong = "H3068" land|strong = "H7130",
- a** nd|strong = "H1121" tread|strong = "H1869" within|strong = "H7130"
our|strong = "H3068" borders|strong = "H1366".
- 7And|strong = "H5971" the|strong = "H5674" survivors|strong = "H7611"
of|strong = "H7611" Jacob|strong = "H3290" will|strong = "H1961"
be|strong = "H1961" disbursed among|strong = "H7130"
the|strong = "H5674" nations|strong = "H1471",
- i** n|strong = "H7227" the|strong = "H5674" midst|strong = "H7130"
of|strong = "H7611" many|strong = "H7227" peoples|strong = "H5971",
- l** ike|strong = "H1961" dew|strong = "H2919" from|strong = "H1471"
the|strong = "H5674" w Lord|strong = "H3068" w*,
- l** ike|strong = "H1961" showers|strong = "H7241" on|strong = "H5674"
the|strong = "H5674" grass|strong = "H2682",
- w** hich|strong = "H1471" don't|strong = "H0408" wait|strong = "H0693"
for|strong = "H5971" people|strong = "H5971" to|strong = "H1961"
come|strong = "H1961"
- o** r|strong = "H1471" linger|strong = "H0309" for|strong = "H5971"
mortals|strong = "H4172".
- 8And|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H3605" survivors|strong = "H8300"
of|strong = "H3027" Jacob|strong = "H3290" will|strong = "H3027"
be|strong = "H3027" disbursed among|strong = "H5921"
the|strong = "H3605" nations|strong = "H1471",
- i** n|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" midst|strong = "H8432"
of|strong = "H3027" many|strong = "H7227" peoples|strong = "H5971",
- l** ike|strong = "H5921" a|strong = "H3772" lion|strong = "H0738"
among|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" beasts|strong = "H0929"
of|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H3605" forest|strong = "H3293",

1 like|strong = "H5921" a|strong = "H3772" young|strong = "H5288"
lion|strong = "H0738" among|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605"
sheep-folds,

w ho|strong = "H3605", when|strong = "H5921" he|strong = "H3605"
passes|strong = "H5674" through|strong = "H3027", pounces.

H e|strong = "H3605" savages his|strong = "H3605" prey|strong = "H2964".
There|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H3027" no|strong = "H3605" rescuer.

9Let|strong = "H1961" your|strong = "H3068" hand|strong = "H3027"
triumph|strong = "H7321" over|strong = "H3068" your|strong = "H3068"
adversaries|strong = "H6862",

1 et|strong = "H1961" all|strong = "H3772" your|strong = "H3068"
enemies|strong = "H0341" be|strong = "H1961" cut|strong = "H3772"
off|strong = "H3772".

10On|strong = "H5892" that|strong = "H3605" day|strong = "H3117",
says|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H3605" w Lord|strong = "H3068" w*:

“ I|strong = "H3772" will|strong = "H5892" slaughter|strong = "H4347"
your|strong = "H3605" horses|strong = "H5483" from|strong = "H3772"
your|strong = "H3605" midst|strong = "H8432",

a nd|strong = "H5892" destroy|strong = "H3772" your|strong = "H3605"
chariots|strong = "H7393".

11I|strong = "H3808" will|strong = "H1961" devastate|strong = "H7703"
the|strong = "H3772" cities|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H3027"
your|strong = "H3808" land|strong = "H0776",

a nd|strong = "H3027" tear|strong = "H7167" down|strong = "H3772"
your|strong = "H3808" fortresses|strong = "H0759".

12I|strong = "H3808" will|strong = "H3027" destroy|strong = "H3772"
your|strong = "H3808" magic charms|strong = "H8588",

a nd|strong = "H3027" you|strong = "H3808" will|strong = "H3027"
have|strong = "H3027" no|strong = "H3808" soothsayers|strong = "H1505".

13I will cut down your idols and sacred pillars,

and you will not worship any more the work of your hands.

14I will uproot your sacred poles,

and destroy your idols.

15In my wrath and my anger

I will seek vengeance on the nations that ignore me.

Israel's False Conception of the Lord's Character and Demands

6Hear now what the Lord says:

Arise, present your complaint before the mountains,

let the hills hear your voice!

2Hear, mountains, the Lord's accusation,

listen, foundations of the earth.

F or the w Lord w*
has a case
against his people.

H e has a
dispute with Israel.

3“My people, what
have I done
to you.”

H ow have I
displeased you?
Answer me!

4For I brought
you up from
the land of
Egypt,

f rom the land
of slavery I
redeemed you.

I sent Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam
to lead you.

5My people, what
did Balak, king
of Moab counsel?

A nd how did
Balaam, the son
of Beor, answer
him?

R emember now the
journey from Shittim
to Gilgal,

s o|strong="H4616" that|strong="H3045" you|strong="H5704"
might|strong="H3068" realize|strong="H3045" the|strong="H3068"
just|strong="H6666" deeds|strong="H6666" of|strong="H1121"
the|strong="H3068" w Lord|strong="H3068" w*."

6With|strong="H3068" what|strong="H4100" should|strong="H3068"
I|strong="H4100" come|strong="H6923" before|strong="H6923"
the|strong="H3068" w Lord|strong="H3068" w*?"

B ow|strong="H3721" myself|strong="H0589" before|strong="H6923"
the|strong="H3068" God|strong="H3068" on|strong="H3068"
high|strong="H4791"?"

S hould|strong="H3068" I|strong="H4100" come|strong="H6923"
before|strong="H6923" him|strong="H3068" with|strong="H3068"
burnt-offerings,

w ith|strong="H3068" calves|strong="H5695" a|strong="H3068"
year|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121"?"

7Will|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5414" w Lord|strong="H3068" w*
be|strong="H3068" pleased|strong="H7521" with|strong="H3068"
thousands|strong="H7233" of|strong="H3068" rams|strong="H0352",

W ith|strong="H3068" ten|strong="H7233" thousand|strong="H7233"
streams|strong="H5158" of|strong="H3068" oil|strong="H8081"?"

S hould|strong="H3068" I|strong="H5414" give|strong="H5414"
him|strong="H5414" my|strong="H5414" firstborn|strong="H1060"
son|strong="H1060" for|strong="H3068" my|strong="H5414"
guilt|strong="H0817",

t he|strong="H5414" fruit|strong="H6529" of|strong="H3068"
my|strong="H5414" body|strong="H5315" for|strong="H3068"
the|strong="H5414" sin|strong="H2403" of|strong="H3068"
my|strong="H5414" soul|strong="H5315"?"

8The|strong="H3588" w Lord|strong="H3068" w* has|strong="H3068"
told|strong="H5046" you|strong="H3588" what|strong="H4100"
is|strong="H3068" good|strong="H2896",

w hat|strong="H4100" he|strong="H3588" demands|strong="H4941"
of|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3588":

O nly|strong="H3588" to|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213"
justice|strong="H4941" and|strong="H3068" love|strong="H2617"
mercy|strong="H2617",

a nd|strong="H3068" to|strong="H3068" walk|strong="H3212"
humbly|strong="H6800" with|strong="H5973" your|strong="H3068"
God|strong="H3068".
Guilt|strong="H0817" and|strong="H3068" Punishment|strong="H5771"
of|strong="H3068" Jerusalem|strong="H3389"

9Listen|strong="H8085"! The|strong="H8085" w
Lord|strong="H3068" w* calls|strong="H7121" to|strong="H3068"
the|strong="H8085" city|strong="H5892"!

L isten|strong="H8085", tribe|strong="H4294" and|strong="H3068"
assembly|strong="H6951" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H8085"
city|strong="H5892"!

10"Can|strong="H1004" I|strong="H1004" forget|strong="H7911"
the|strong="H1004" hoarded|strong="H8104" treasures|strong="H0214"
in|strong="H1004" the|strong="H1004" houses|strong="H1004"
of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H1004" wicked|strong="H7563",

a nd|strong="H1004" the|strong="H1004" accursed|strong="H2764"
scant|strong="H7332" measure|strong="H4058"?

11Can|strong="H4310" I|strong="H2135" leave|strong="H5800"
her|strong="H3605" unpunished|strong="H5352"
because|strong="H3588" of|strong="H7562" evil|strong="H7562"
scales|strong="H3976",

a nd|strong="H4820" the|strong="H3605" bag|strong="H3599"
of|strong="H7562" false|strong="H4820" weights|strong="H0068"?

12Whose|strong="H0834" rich|strong="H6223" people|strong="H3427"
are|strong="H6310" full|strong="H4390" of|strong="H3427"
violence|strong="H2555",

h er|strong="H4390" inhabitants|strong="H3427" liars|strong="H8267",

w hose|strong="H0834" tongues|strong="H3956" speak|strong="H1696"
deceit|strong="H8267"?

13“But I indeed”,
have begun to
punish you”,

to lay you
in ruins because
of your sins”.

14You will eat
but not be
satisfied”,

your stomach empty
within you”.

You will store
up but lose
everything”,

because whatever
you save I
will give to
the sword”.

15You will sow
but not reap”.

You will tread
the olives but
have no oil
for rubbing,

to read grapes but
drink no wine”!

16“For you have
followed the
commands of Omri”,

and all the
practices of the
house of Ahab”.

You have acted in their counsels,

so I will give you up to ruin,

the city's inhabitants to derision.

The nations will treat you with contempt!

The Utter Degeneracy of the People

Woe, woe is me, for I have become

like a field after harvest,

like a vineyard after gathering;

not a cluster of grapes to eat,

not a fig that anyone desires.

The honest have perished from the land,

of the upright among people there is none.

- A** ll|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H4480" them|strong = "H4480"
lie|strong = "H7901" in|strong = "H3477" wait|strong = "H0693"
to|strong = "H4480" shed|strong = "H1818" blood|strong = "H1818".
- T** hey|strong = "H3605" hunt|strong = "H6679" one|strong = "H3605"
another|strong = "H1818" with|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
net|strong = "H2764".
- 3**Their|strong = "H5921" hands|strong = "H3709" know|strong = "H3045"
well|strong = "H3190" how|strong = "H4100" to|strong = "H1696"
do|strong = "H3190" evil|strong = "H7451",
- t** he|strong = "H5921" officer|strong = "H8269" and|strong = "H1419"
judge|strong = "H8199" demands|strong = "H5923" a|strong = "H1696"
bribe|strong = "H7966",
- t** he|strong = "H5921" high|strong = "H1419" official|strong = "H8269"
decides|strong = "H6504" as|strong = "H5315" he|strong = "H1931"
pleases|strong = "H5921"
- a** nd|strong = "H1419" they|strong = "H5921" conspire|strong = "H3289"
to|strong = "H1696" pervert|strong = "H5791" justice|strong = "H8199".
- 4**The|strong = "H3117" best|strong = "H2896" of|strong = "H3117"
them|strong = "H1961" are|strong = "H3117" like|strong = "H1961"
a|strong = "H1961" thorn|strong = "H4534" thicket|strong = "H1347",
- t** heir|strong = "H1961" most|strong = "H2896" upright|strong = "H3477"
like|strong = "H1961" a|strong = "H1961" prickly hedge|strong = "H4534".
- T** he|strong = "H3117" day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117"
their|strong = "H1961" punishment|strong = "H6486" has|strong = "H1961"
come|strong = "H1961",
- n** ow|strong = "H6258" will|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961"
their|strong = "H1961" confusion|strong = "H3998"!
- 5**Do|strong = "H8104" not|strong = "H3808" trust|strong = "H0982"
your|strong = "H8104" neighbor|strong = "H7453",
- d** o|strong = "H8104" not|strong = "H3808" rely|strong = "H8172"
on|strong = "H7901" a|strong = "H7453" friend|strong = "H7453".

From|strong = "H8104" the|strong = "H8104" wife|strong = "H0802"
 who|strong = "H8104" lies|strong = "H7901" in|strong = "H7901"
 your|strong = "H8104" arms|strong = "H2436"

guard|strong = "H8104" your|strong = "H8104" tongue|strong = "H3956".

6For|strong = "H3588" son|strong = "H1121" insults|strong = "H3639"
 father|strong = "H1121",

daughter|strong = "H1323" rises|strong = "H6965" up|strong = "H6965"
 against|strong = "H6965" mother|strong = "H0517",

daughter-in-law|strong = "H3618" against|strong = "H6965"
 mother-in-law|strong = "H2545",

a|strong = "H3588" man's|strong = "H0376" enemies|strong = "H6965"
 are|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3588" people|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" his|strong = "H6965" own|strong = "H1961"
 household|strong = "H1004".

Zion's|strong = "H1004" Ultimate Vindication|strong = "H6666"
 and|strong = "H1121" Exaltation|strong = "H7311"

7But|strong = "H8085" I|strong = "H8085" will|strong = "H3068"
 look|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H8085" w
 Lord|strong = "H3068" w*,

I|strong = "H8085" will|strong = "H3068" wait|strong = "H3176"
 for|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H8085" God|strong = "H3068"
 of|strong = "H3068" my|strong = "H8085" salvation|strong = "H3468".

My|strong = "H8085" God|strong = "H3068" will|strong = "H3068"
 hear|strong = "H8085" me|strong = "H3468"!

8Do|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3588" rejoice|strong = "H8055"
 over|strong = "H5307" me|strong = "H3588", my|strong = "H3068"
 enemy|strong = "H0340".

If|strong = "H3588" I|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H3068"
 fallen|strong = "H5307", I|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H3068"
 rise|strong = "H6965".

I f|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" sit|strong="H3427"
in|strong="H3427" darkness|strong="H2822", the|strong="H3588" w
Lord|strong="H3068" w* is|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068"
light|strong="H0216".

9The|strong="H7200" anger|strong="H5375" of|strong="H3068"
the|strong="H7200" w Lord|strong="H3068" w* I|strong="H3588"
will|strong="H3068" bear|strong="H5375",

f or|strong="H3588" against|strong="H2398" him|strong="H6213"
have|strong="H3068" I|strong="H3588" sinned|strong="H2398" –

u ntil|strong="H5704" he|strong="H3588" champions
my|strong="H3068" cause|strong="H7379"

a nd|strong="H3068" gives|strong="H5414" judgment|strong="H4941"
for|strong="H3588" me|strong="H7200".

H e|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H3318"
me|strong="H7200" into|strong="H6213" to|strong="H5704"
the|strong="H7200" light|strong="H5375",

I |strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H7200"
his|strong="H5375" justice|strong="H4941".

10So|strong="H1961" my|strong="H3068" enemy|strong="H0340"
will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H7200", and|strong="H3068"
shame|strong="H0954" will|strong="H3068" cover|strong="H3680"
them|strong="H7200",

t hey|strong="H3068" who|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559",
“Where|strong="H0834" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H7200" w
Lord|strong="H3068" w* your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H3068"?”

I |strong="H6258" will|strong="H3068" look|strong="H7200"
upon|strong="H7200" them|strong="H7200",

t hey|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961"
trampled|strong="H4823" on|strong="H7200" like|strong="H1961"
mud|strong="H2916" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H7200"
street|strong="H2351"!

11It is a day for rebuilding your walls,

his day will your boundary will be extended.

12This day they will come to you,

from Assyria and the cities of Egypt,

and from Egypt even to the Euphrates River,

from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain.

13Though the land has become a desolation

because of its inhabitants, because of their deeds.

14Shepherd your flock with staff that you

who live alone in the forest, in the midst of meadows;

s o|strong = "H3651" that|strong = "H5971" they|strong = "H3117"
 may|strong = "H5971" pasture|strong = "H7462" in|strong = "H7931" Bashon
 and|strong = "H3117" Gilead|strong = "H1568" as|strong = "H3117"
 in|strong = "H7931" the|strong = "H8432" days|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "H3117" old|strong = "H5769",

15as|strong = "H3117" in|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H7200"
 days|strong = "H3117" when|strong = "H3117" you|strong = "H3117"
 came|strong = "H3318" from|strong = "H3318" Egypt|strong = "H4714",
 gave|strong = "H3318" us|strong = "H7200" wonders|strong = "H6381"
 to|strong = "H3318" see|strong = "H7200".

16Nations|strong = "H1471" will|strong = "H1471" see|strong = "H7200"
 and|strong = "H3027" be|strong = "H3027" ashamed|strong = "H0954"
 of|strong = "H3027" all|strong = "H3605" their|strong = "H3605"
 might|strong = "H1369";

t hey|strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H1471" put|strong = "H7760"
 their|strong = "H3605" hands|strong = "H3027" to|strong = "H5921"
 their|strong = "H3605" mouth|strong = "H6310", their|strong = "H3605"
 ears|strong = "H0241" will|strong = "H1471" become|strong = "H3027"
 deaf|strong = "H2790",

17they|strong = "H3068" will|strong = "H3068" lick|strong = "H3897"
 the|strong = "H3068" dust|strong = "H6083" like|strong = "H4526"
 snakes|strong = "H5175", like|strong = "H4526" creatures|strong = "H2416"
 that|strong = "H3068" crawl on|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068"
 earth|strong = "H6083";

t hey|strong = "H3068" will|strong = "H3068" come|strong = "H6342"
 trembling|strong = "H7264" and|strong = "H3068" in|strong = "H3068"
 terror|strong = "H2851" from|strong = "H4480" their|strong = "H3068"
 hiding|strong = "H5641" places|strong = "H4526", in|strong = "H3068"
 dread|strong = "H6342" and|strong = "H3068" fear|strong = "H3372".

18Who|strong = "H4310" is|strong = "H1931" a|strong = "H3588"
 God|strong = "H3808" like|strong = "H3644" you|strong = "H3588",
 forgiving|strong = "H5375" iniquity|strong = "H5771"

a nd|strong = "H2388" passing|strong = "H5674" by|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" rebellion|strong = "H6588" of|strong = "H7611"
 the|strong = "H5921" remnant|strong = "H7611" of|strong = "H7611"
 your|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H3808"?