

The Book of Micah

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1Yahweh's¹ word² that Micah of Morasheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

2Hear, you peoples,
all of you!

Listen, O earth,
and all that is therein.

Let the Lord²
Yahweh be witness
against you,

the Lord from his
holy temple.

3For³
Yahweh comes out
of his place,

and will come
down and tread
on the high places
of the earth.

¹+ 1:1 "Yahweh" is God's proper Name, sometimes rendered "LORD" (all caps) in other translations.

²+ 1:2 The word translated "Lord" is "Adonai."

³+ 1:3 "Behold", from "ראה" means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.

4The mountains melt under him,

and the valleys split apart like wax before the fire,

like waters that are poured down a steep place.

5All this is for the disobedience of Jacob,

and for the sins of the house of Israel.

What is the disobedience of Jacob?

Isn't it Samaria?

And what are the high places of Judah?

Aren't they Jerusalem?

6Therefore I will make Samaria like a rubble heap of the field,

like places for planting vineyards;

and I will pour down its stones into the valley,

a nd I will uncover its foundations.

7All her idols will be beaten to pieces,

a ll her temple gifts will be burned with fire,

a nd I will destroy all her images;

f or of the hire prostitute has she gathered

a nd to the hire prostitute shall they return.

8For this I will lament and wail.

I will go stripped and naked.

I will howl like the jackals

a nd mourn like the ostriches.

9For her wounds are incurable;

f or|strong="H3588" it|strong="H3588" has|strong="H3063"
come|strong="H0935" even|strong="H5704" to|strong="H0935"
Judah|strong="H3063".

I t|strong="H3588" reaches|strong="H5704" to|strong="H0935"
the|strong="H3588" gate|strong="H8179" of|strong="H8179"
my|strong="H0935" people|strong="H5971",

e ven|strong="H5704" to|strong="H0935" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

10Don't|strong="H0408" tell|strong="H5046" it in|strong="H5046"
Gath|strong="H1661".

D on't|strong="H0408" weep|strong="H1058" at|strong="H1058"
all|strong="H1058".

A t|strong="H1058" Beth Ophrah ⁴ I have rolled myself
in|strong="H5046" the|strong="H5046" dust|strong="H6083".

11Pass|strong="H5674" on|strong="H3427",
inhabitant|strong="H3427" of|strong="H3427" Shaphir|strong="H8208",
in|strong="H3427" nakedness|strong="H6181" and|strong="H3318"
shame|strong="H1322".

T he|strong="H4480" inhabitant|strong="H3427" of|strong="H3427"
Zaanan|strong="H6630" won't|strong="H3808" come|strong="H3318"
out|strong="H3318".

T he|strong="H4480" wailing of|strong="H3427" Beth Ezel
will|strong="H3808" take|strong="H3947" from|strong="H4480"
you|strong="H3808" his|strong="H3947" protection.

12For|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" inhabitant|strong="H3427"
of|strong="H3068" Maroth|strong="H4796" waits anxiously
for|strong="H3588" good|strong="H2896",

b ecause|strong="H3588" evil|strong="H7451" has|strong="H3068"
come|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" from|strong="H3381"
Yahweh|strong="H3068" to|strong="H3381" the|strong="H3588"
gate|strong="H8179" of|strong="H3068" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

⁴ + 1:10 Beth Ophrah means literally "House of Dust."

13Harness|strong = "H7573" the|strong = "H3588"
 chariot|strong = "H4818" to|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3588"
 swift|strong = "H7409" steed, inhabitant|strong = "H3427"
 of|strong = "H1323" Lachish|strong = "H3923".

S he|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3588"
 beginning|strong = "H7225" of|strong = "H1323" sin|strong = "H2403"
 to|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3588" daughter|strong = "H1323"
 of|strong = "H1323" Zion|strong = "H6726";

f or|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588" transgressions|strong = "H6588"
 of|strong = "H1323" Israel|strong = "H3478" were|strong = "H3478"
 found|strong = "H4672" in|strong = "H3427" you|strong = "H3588".

14Therefore|strong = "H3651" you|strong = "H5414" will|strong = "H4428"
 give|strong = "H5414" a|strong = "H5414" parting|strong = "H7964"
 gift|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5921" Moresheth Gath.

T he|strong = "H5921" houses|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H4428"
 Achzib|strong = "H0392" will|strong = "H4428" be|strong = "H3478"
 a|strong = "H5414" deceitful thing|strong = "H3651" to|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" kings|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428"
 Israel|strong = "H3478".

15I|strong = "H5704" will|strong = "H3478" yet|strong = "H5750"
 bring|strong = "H0935" a|strong = "H0935" conqueror|strong = "H3423"
 to|strong = "H0935" you|strong = "H5704", inhabitants|strong = "H3427"
 of|strong = "H3427" Mareshah|strong = "H4762".

T he|strong = "H0935" glory|strong = "H3519" of|strong = "H3427"
 Israel|strong = "H3478" will|strong = "H3478" come|strong = "H0935"
 to|strong = "H0935" Adullam|strong = "H5725".

16Shave|strong = "H7139" your|strong = "H5921" heads,

a nd|strong = "H1121" cut|strong = "H1494" off|strong = "H5921"
 your|strong = "H5921" hair|strong = "H1494" for|strong = "H3588"
 the|strong = "H5921" children|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 your|strong = "H5921" delight|strong = "H8588".

E nlarge|strong = "H7337" your|strong = "H5921"
 baldness|strong = "H7144" like|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H5921"
 vulture,

for|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H1121"
gone|strong = "H4480" into|strong = "H1540" captivity|strong = "H1540"
from|strong = "H4480" you|strong = "H3588"!

Woe|strong = "H1945" to|strong = "H5921" those|strong = "H1945"
who|strong = "H0410" devise|strong = "H2803" iniquity|strong = "H0205"

and|strong = "H3027" work|strong = "H6466" evil|strong = "H7451"
on|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H5921" beds|strong = "H4904"!

When|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H5921" morning|strong = "H1242"
is|strong = "H3426" light|strong = "H0216", they|strong = "H3588"
practice|strong = "H6213" it|strong = "H5921",

because|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H5921" is|strong = "H3426"
in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" power|strong = "H3027"
of|strong = "H3027" their|strong = "H5921" hand|strong = "H3027".

They|strong = "H0376" covet|strong = "H2530" fields|strong = "H7704"
and|strong = "H1004" seize|strong = "H1497" them|strong = "H5375",

and|strong = "H1004" houses|strong = "H1004", then|strong = "H5375"
take|strong = "H5375" them|strong = "H5375" away|strong = "H5375".

They|strong = "H0376" oppress|strong = "H6231" a|strong = "H5375"
man|strong = "H0376" and|strong = "H1004" his|strong = "H5375"
house|strong = "H1004",

even a|strong = "H5375" man|strong = "H0376" and|strong = "H1004"
his|strong = "H5375" heritage|strong = "H5159".

Therefore|strong = "H3651" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
says|strong = "H0559":

" Behold|strong = "H2005", I|strong = "H0834" am|strong = "H3068"
planning|strong = "H2803" against|strong = "H5921" these|strong = "H2063"
people|strong = "H0834" a|strong = "H3588" disaster|strong = "H7451",

from|strong = "H5921" which|strong = "H0834" you|strong = "H0834"
will|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808" remove|strong = "H4185"
your|strong = "H3068" necks|strong = "H6677",

n either will you walk haughtily,

for it is an evil time.

In that day they will take up against you,

and lament with a doleful lamentation,

‘ We are utterly ruined!’

My people’s possession is divided up.

Indeed he takes it from me and assigns our fields to traitors!”

Therefore you will have who divides the land by Yahweh’s assembly.

6“Don’t prophesy!”—they prophesy—

“ Don’t prophesy about these things.”

D isgrace won’t overtake us.”

7Shall it be said, O house of Jacob,

“ Is|strong = "H3068" Yahweh's|strong = "H3068" Spirit|strong = "H7307"
angry?

A re|strong = "H0428" these|strong = "H0428" his|strong = "H3068"
doings|strong = "H1697"?

D on't|strong = "H3808" my|strong = "H3068" words|strong = "H1697"
do|strong = "H3190" good|strong = "H3190" to|strong = "H0559"
him|strong = "H5973" who|strong = "H3068" walks|strong = "H1980"
blamelessly?"

8But|strong = "H5971" lately my|strong = "H7725"
people|strong = "H5971" have risen|strong = "H6965" up|strong = "H6965"
as|strong = "H6965" an|strong = "H6965" enemy|strong = "H0341".

Y ou|strong = "H7725" strip|strong = "H6584" the|strong = "H7725"
robe|strong = "H8008" and|strong = "H6965" clothing|strong = "H8008"
from|strong = "H7725" those who|strong = "H4421" pass|strong = "H5674"
by|strong = "H6965" without a|strong = "H6584" care,
returning|strong = "H7725" from|strong = "H7725" battle|strong = "H4421".

9You|strong = "H5921" drive|strong = "H1644" the|strong = "H5921"
women|strong = "H0802" of|strong = "H1004" my|strong = "H5921"
people|strong = "H5971" out|strong = "H1644" from|strong = "H5921"
their|strong = "H3947" pleasant|strong = "H8588" houses|strong = "H1004";

f rom|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H3947" young
children|strong = "H5768" you|strong = "H5921" take|strong = "H3947"
away|strong = "H3947" my|strong = "H5921" blessing
forever|strong = "H5769".

10Arise|strong = "H6965", and|strong = "H6965" depart!

F or|strong = "H3588" this|strong = "H2063" is|strong = "H3588"
not|strong = "H3808" your|strong = "H3588" resting|strong = "H4496"
place|strong = "H4496",

b ecause|strong = "H3588" of|strong = "H3808" uncleanness
that|strong = "H3588" destroys,

e ven|strong = "H3588" with|strong = "H6965" a|strong = "H3588" grievous
destruction.

11 If a man walking in a spirit of falsehood lies, saying,

“ I will prophesy to you and drink wine and strong drink,”

he would be the prophet of people.

12 I will surely assemble all of you, Jacob.

I will surely gather the remnant of Israel.

I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah,

as the flock in the middle of their pasture.

They will swarm with people.

13 He who breaks open the way goes up before them.

They will break through the gate, and go out.

- T** heir|strong="H3068" king|strong="H4428" passes|strong="H5674"
on|strong="H3068" before|strong="H6440" them|strong="H6440",
- w** ith|strong="H3068" Yahweh|strong="H3068" at|strong="H3068"
their|strong="H3068" head|strong="H7218".
- 3I|strong="H3045" said|strong="H0559",
- “ Please|strong="H4994" listen|strong="H8085", you|strong="H3045"
heads|strong="H7218" of|strong="H1004" Jacob|strong="H3290”,
- a** nd|strong="H3478" rulers|strong="H7101" of|strong="H1004"
the|strong="H0853" house|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004"
Israel|strong="H3478”:
- I** sn't|strong="H3808" it|strong="H3045" for|strong="H4941"
you|strong="H3045" to|strong="H0559" know|strong="H3045"
justice|strong="H4941"”?
- 2You|strong="H5921" who|strong="H8130" hate|strong="H8130"
the|strong="H5921" good|strong="H2896”,
- a** nd|strong="H0157" love|strong="H0157" the|strong="H5921"
evil|strong="H7451”;
- w** ho|strong="H8130" tear|strong="H1497" off|strong="H5921"
their|strong="H5921" skin|strong="H5785”,
- a** nd|strong="H0157" their|strong="H5921" flesh|strong="H7607"
from|strong="H5921" off|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5921"
bones|strong="H6106”;
- 3who|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0853" eat|strong="H0398"
the|strong="H0853" flesh|strong="H1320" of|strong="H5921"
my|strong="H5921" people|strong="H5971”,
- a** nd|strong="H0398" peel their|strong="H5921" skin|strong="H5785"
from|strong="H5921" off|strong="H6584" them|strong="H0853”,
- a** nd|strong="H0398" break|strong="H6476" their|strong="H5921"
bones|strong="H6106”,

a nd|strong="H0398" chop|strong="H6566" them|strong="H0853"
in|strong="H5921" pieces, as|strong="H0834" for|strong="H5921"
the|strong="H0853" pot|strong="H5518",

a nd|strong="H0398" as|strong="H0834" meat|strong="H1320"
within|strong="H8432" the|strong="H0853" cauldron.

4Then|strong="H0227" they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3068"
cry|strong="H2199" to|strong="H0413" Yahweh|strong="H3068",

b ut|strong="H3808" he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068"
not|strong="H3808" answer|strong="H6030" them|strong="H0413".

Y es, he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" hide|strong="H5641"
his|strong="H3068" face|strong="H6440" from|strong="H6440"
them|strong="H0413" at|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0834"
time|strong="H6256",

b ecause|strong="H0834" they|strong="H1992" made|strong="H0834"
their|strong="H3068" deeds|strong="H4611" evil|strong="H7489".

5Yahweh|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559"
concerning|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853"
prophets|strong="H5030" who|strong="H0834" lead|strong="H8582"
my|strong="H5414" people|strong="H5971"
astray|strong="H8582"—for|strong="H5921" those|strong="H0834"
who|strong="H0834" feed their|strong="H3068" teeth|strong="H8127",
they|strong="H0834" proclaim|strong="H7121", "Peace|strong="H7965!"
and|strong="H3068" whoever|strong="H0834" doesn't|strong="H3808"
provide|strong="H5414" for|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3068"
mouths|strong="H6310", they|strong="H0834" prepare|strong="H6942"
war|strong="H4421" against|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5414":

6"Therefore|strong="H3651" night|strong="H3915" is|strong="H3117"
over|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921", with|strong="H5921" no
vision|strong="H2377",

a nd|strong="H0935" it|strong="H5921" is|strong="H3117"
dark|strong="H2821" to|strong="H0935" you|strong="H5921",
that|strong="H3117" you|strong="H5921" may|strong="H3117" not
divine|strong="H7080";

and the sun will go down on the prophets,

and the day will be black over them.

7The seers shall be disappointed,

and the diviners confounded.

Yes, they shall cover their lips,

for there is no answer from God.⁵

8But as I am full by Yahweh's Spirit,

and of judgment, and of might,

to declare to Jacob his disobedience,

and to Israel his sin.

9Please listen to this, you heads of the house of Jacob,

⁵ + 3:7 The Hebrew word rendered "God" is "Elohim".

- a** nd|strong = "H3478" rulers|strong = "H7101" of|strong = "H1004"
the|strong = "H3605" house|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H1004"
Israel|strong = "H3478",
- w** ho|strong = "H3605" abhor|strong = "H8581" justice|strong = "H4941",
- a** nd|strong = "H3478" pervert all|strong = "H3605" equity,
- 10who|strong = "H3389" build|strong = "H1129" up|strong = "H1129"
Zion|strong = "H6726" with|strong = "H3389" blood|strong = "H1818",
- a** nd|strong = "H3389" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" with|strong = "H3389"
iniquity|strong = "H5766".
- 11Her|strong = "H5921" leaders|strong = "H7218" judge|strong = "H8199"
for|strong = "H5921" bribes|strong = "H7810",
- a** nd|strong = "H0935" her|strong = "H5921" priests|strong = "H3548"
teach|strong = "H3384" for|strong = "H5921" a|strong = "H0935"
price|strong = "H3701",
- a** nd|strong = "H0935" her|strong = "H5921" prophets|strong = "H5030"
of|strong = "H3068" it|strong = "H5921" tell|strong = "H0559" fortunes
for|strong = "H5921" money|strong = "H3701";
- y** et|strong = "H3068" they|strong = "H5921" lean|strong = "H8172"
on|strong = "H5921" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", and|strong = "H0935"
say|strong = "H0559",
- “ Isn't|strong = "H3808" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
among|strong = "H7130" us|strong = "H5921"?”
- N** o|strong = "H3808" disaster|strong = "H7451" will|strong = "H3068"
come|strong = "H0935" on|strong = "H5921" us|strong = "H5921".”
- 12Therefore|strong = "H3651" Zion|strong = "H6726" for|strong = "H1004"
your|strong = "H1961" sake will|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961"
plowed|strong = "H2790" like|strong = "H1961" a|strong = "H1961"
field|strong = "H7704",
- a** nd|strong = "H1004" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" will|strong = "H1961"
become|strong = "H1961" heaps of|strong = "H1004" rubble,

a nd|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H1961" mountain|strong = "H2022"
of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H1961" temple|strong = "H1004"
like|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H1961" high|strong = "H1116"
places|strong = "H1116" of|strong = "H1004" a|strong = "H1961"
forest|strong = "H3293".

4But|strong = "H1961" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
latter|strong = "H0319" days|strong = "H3117",

i t|strong = "H1931" will|strong = "H3068" happen|strong = "H1961"
that|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H5921" mountain|strong = "H2022"
of|strong = "H1004" Yahweh's|strong = "H3068" temple|strong = "H1004"
will|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H1961" established|strong = "H3559"
on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" top|strong = "H7218"
of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H5921" mountains|strong = "H2022",

a nd|strong = "H3068" it|strong = "H1931" will|strong = "H3068"
be|strong = "H1961" exalted|strong = "H5375" above|strong = "H5921"
the|strong = "H5921" hills|strong = "H1389";

a nd|strong = "H3068" peoples|strong = "H5971" will|strong = "H3068"
stream to|strong = "H1961" it|strong = "H1931".

2Many|strong = "H7227" nations|strong = "H1471" will|strong = "H3068"
go|strong = "H1980" and|strong = "H1980" say|strong = "H0559",

“ Come|strong = "H1980"! Let's|strong = "H1980" go|strong = "H1980"
up|strong = "H5927" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0559"
mountain|strong = "H2022" of|strong = "H1004" Yahweh|strong = "H3068",

a nd|strong = "H1980" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0559"
house|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H0559"
God|strong = "H0430" of|strong = "H1004" Jacob|strong = "H3290";

a nd|strong = "H1980" he|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H3068"
teach|strong = "H3384" us|strong = "H0413" of|strong = "H1004"
his|strong = "H3068" ways|strong = "H1870",

a nd|strong = "H1980" we|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H3068"
walk|strong = "H1980" in|strong = "H1980" his|strong = "H3068"
paths|strong = "H0734".”

F or|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559" law|strong="H8451"
will|strong="H3068" go|strong="H1980" out|strong="H3318"
of|strong="H1004" Zion|strong="H6726",

a nd|strong="H1980" Yahweh's|strong="H3068" word|strong="H1697"
from|strong="H3318" Jerusalem|strong="H3389";

3and|strong="H2719" he|strong="H5704" will|strong="H1471"
judge|strong="H8199" between|strong="H0996" many|strong="H7227"
peoples|strong="H5971",

a nd|strong="H2719" will|strong="H1471" decide|strong="H3198"
concerning|strong="H0413" strong|strong="H6099"
nations|strong="H1471" afar|strong="H7350" off|strong="H7350".

T hey|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1471" beat|strong="H3807"
their|strong="H5375" swords|strong="H2719" into|strong="H0413"
plowshares|strong="H0855",

a nd|strong="H2719" their|strong="H5375" spears|strong="H2595"
into|strong="H0413" 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="H0413" nation|strong="H1471",

n either|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1471" they|strong="H3808"
learn|strong="H3925" war|strong="H4421" any|strong="H5750"
more|strong="H5750".

4But|strong="H3588" every|strong="H0376" man|strong="H0376"
will|strong="H3068" sit|strong="H3427" under|strong="H8478"
his|strong="H3068" vine|strong="H1612" and|strong="H3068"
under|strong="H8478" his|strong="H3068" fig|strong="H8384"
tree|strong="H8384".

N o|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0376" will|strong="H3068"
make|strong="H2729" them|strong="H8478" afraid|strong="H2729",

f or|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588" mouth|strong = "H6310"
of|strong = "H0376" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" of|strong = "H0376"
Armies|strong = "H6635" has|strong = "H3068" spoken|strong = "H1696". ⁵
Indeed|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
nations|strong = "H5971" may|strong = "H0430" walk in|strong = "H0430"
the|strong = "H3605" name|strong = "H8034" of|strong = "H0376"
their|strong = "H3605" gods|strong = "H0430",

b ut|strong = "H3588" we|strong = "H0587" will|strong = "H3068" walk
in|strong = "H0430" the|strong = "H3605" name|strong = "H8034"
of|strong = "H0376" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" our|strong = "H3068"
God|strong = "H0430" forever|strong = "H5769" and|strong = "H3068"
ever|strong = "H5703".

6“In|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H0834" day|strong = "H3117",
says|strong = "H5002" Yahweh|strong = "H3068",

“ I|strong = "H0834" will|strong = "H3068" assemble|strong = "H0622"
that|strong = "H0834" which|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834"
lame|strong = "H6760",

a nd|strong = "H3068" I|strong = "H0834" will|strong = "H3068"
gather|strong = "H6908" that|strong = "H0834" which|strong = "H0834"
is|strong = "H0834" driven|strong = "H5080" away|strong = "H0622",

a nd|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H0834" which|strong = "H0834"
I|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H0834" afflicted;

7and|strong = "H3068" I|strong = "H5704" will|strong = "H3068"
make|strong = "H7760" that|strong = "H3068" which|strong = "H1471"
was|strong = "H3068" lame|strong = "H6760" a|strong = "H7760"
remnant|strong = "H7611",

a nd|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H3068" which|strong = "H1471"
was|strong = "H3068" cast far|strong = "H5704" off|strong = "H5921"
a|strong = "H7760" strong|strong = "H6099" nation|strong = "H1471":

a nd|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" will|strong = "H3068"
reign|strong = "H4427" over|strong = "H5921" them|strong = "H0853"
on|strong = "H5921" Mount|strong = "H2022" Zion|strong = "H6726"
from|strong = "H5921" then|strong = "H6258" on|strong = "H5921",
even|strong = "H5704" forever|strong = "H5769".”

8 You the tower of the flock, the hill of the daughter of Zion,

to you it will come.

Yes, the former dominion will come,

the kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem.

9 Now why do you cry aloud?

Is there no king in you?

Has your counselor perished,

that your pains have taken you as a woman in travail?

10 Be in pain, and labor in birth, daughter of Zion,

like a woman in travail;

for now you will go out of the city,

and will dwell in the field,

and will come even to Babylon.

There you will be rescued.

There Yahweh will redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

11 Now many nations have assembled against you, that say,

“ Let her be defiled,

and let our eye gloat over Zion.”

12 But they don't know the thoughts of Yahweh,

neither do they understand his counsel;

for he has gathered the sheaves to thresh on the floor.

13 Arise and thresh, daughter of Zion,

for I will make your horn iron,

a nd I will make your bronze

Y ou will beat in pieces many peoples.

I will devote their gain to Yahweh,

a nd their substance to the Lord of the whole earth.

5 Now you shall gather yourself in troops,

d aughter of troops.

H e has laid siege against us.

T hey will strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek.

2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,

b eing small among the clans of Judah,

o ut of you one will come out to me who is to be ruler in Israel;

w hose goings out are from old times, from ancient times.

3Therefore he will abandon them until the time that she who is in labor gives birth.

Then the rest of his brothers will return to the children of Israel.

4He shall stand, and in the strength of Yahweh,

in the majesty of the name of Yahweh his God.

They will live, for then he will be great to the ends of the earth.

5He will be our peace when Assyria invades our land

and when he marches through our fortresses,

then we will raise against him seven shepherds,

and eight leaders of men.

6They will rule the land of Assyria with the sword,

and the land of Nimrod in its gates.

He will deliver us from the Assyrian,

when he invades our land,

and when he marches within our border.

The remnant of Jacob will be among many peoples

like dew from Yahweh,

like showers on the grass,

that don't wait for man

nor wait for the sons of men.

The remnant of Jacob will be among the nations,

among many peoples,

like a lion among the animals of the forest,

like a young lion among the flocks of sheep;

who, if he goes through, treads down and tears in pieces,

and there is no one to deliver.

Let your hand be lifted up above your adversaries,

and let all of your enemies be cut off.

10 "It will happen in that day", says Yahweh,

" that I will cut off your horses from among you

and will destroy your chariots.

11 I will cut off the cities of your land

and will tear down all your strongholds.

12 I will destroy witchcraft from your hand.

You shall have no soothsayers.

13 I will cut off your engraved images and your pillars from among you;

a nd|strong = "H0842" you|strong = "H7130" shall no more worship
the|strong = "H7130" work of|strong = "H7130" your|strong = "H7130"
hands.

14I|strong = "H0834" will|strong = "H0834" uproot your|strong = "H0834"
Asherah poles from|strong = "H0805" among|strong = "H0854"
you|strong = "H0834";

a nd|strong = "H0805" I|strong = "H0834" will|strong = "H0834"
destroy|strong = "H6213" your|strong = "H0834" cities.

15I will execute vengeance in anger

a nd wrath on the nations that didn't listen."

6Listen|strong = "H0805" now|strong = "H4994" to|strong = "H0559"
what|strong = "H0834" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" says|strong = "H0559":

“ Arise|strong = "H6965", plead|strong = "H7378" your|strong = "H3068"
case|strong = "H7378" before|strong = "H0854" the|strong = "H0853"
mountains|strong = "H2022",

a nd|strong = "H6965" let|strong = "H4994" the|strong = "H0853"
hills|strong = "H1389" hear|strong = "H0805" what|strong = "H0834"
you|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H0834" to|strong = "H0559"
say|strong = "H0559".

2Hear|strong = "H0805", you|strong = "H3588"
mountains|strong = "H2022", Yahweh's|strong = "H3068"
indictment|strong = "H7379",

a nd|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H3588" enduring|strong = "H0386"
foundations|strong = "H4146" of|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H0853"
earth|strong = "H0776";

f or|strong = "H3588" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" has|strong = "H3068"
a|strong = "H3588" case|strong = "H7379" against|strong = "H5973"
his|strong = "H3068" people|strong = "H5971",

a nd|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H3068"
contend|strong = "H7379" with|strong = "H5973" Israel|strong = "H3478".

3 My people, what have I done to you?
 have I burdened you?

How have I burdened you?

Answer me!

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

and redeemed you
 out of the house
 of bondage.

I sent Moses, Aaron,
 and Miriam.

5 My people, remember
 now what Balak
 Moab devised,

and what Balaam
 the son of Beor
 answered him
 from Shittim
 to Gilgal,

that you may know
 the righteous
 acts of Yahweh.

6 How shall I
 come before Yahweh,

and bow myself
 before the exalted
 God?

S hall|strong = "H1121" I|strong = "H8141" come|strong = "H6923"
before|strong = "H6923" him|strong = "H0430" with|strong = "H3068"
burnt|strong = "H5930" offerings|strong = "H3068",

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

7Will|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068"
pleased|strong = "H7521" with|strong = "H3068" thousands|strong = "H0505"
of|strong = "H3068" rams|strong = "H0352"?"

W ith|strong = "H3068" tens of|strong = "H3068"
thousands|strong = "H0505" of|strong = "H3068" rivers of|strong = "H3068"
oil|strong = "H8081"?"

S hall|strong = "H3068" I|strong = "H5414" give|strong = "H5414"
my|strong = "H5414" firstborn|strong = "H1060" for|strong = "H3068"
my|strong = "H5414" disobedience?

T he|strong = "H5414" fruit|strong = "H6529" of|strong = "H3068"
my|strong = "H5414" body|strong = "H0990" for|strong = "H3068"
the|strong = "H5414" sin|strong = "H2403" of|strong = "H3068"
my|strong = "H5414" soul|strong = "H5315"?"

8He|strong = "H3588" has|strong = "H3068" shown|strong = "H5046"
you|strong = "H3588", O|strong = "H3068" man|strong = "H0120",
what|strong = "H4100" is|strong = "H3068" good|strong = "H2896".

W hat|strong = "H4100" does|strong = "H6213" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
require|strong = "H1875" of|strong = "H0430" you|strong = "H3588",
but|strong = "H3588" to|strong = "H3068" act|strong = "H6213"
justly|strong = "H4941",

t o|strong = "H3068" love|strong = "H0160" mercy|strong = "H3068",
and|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3068" walk humbly|strong = "H6800"
with|strong = "H5973" your|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H0430"?"

9Yahweh's|strong = "H3068" voice|strong = "H6963"
calls|strong = "H7121" to|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H8085"
city|strong = "H5892"—

a nd|strong = "H3068" wisdom|strong = "H8454" fears|strong = "H3372"
your|strong = "H3068" name|strong = "H8034"—

“ Listen to the
rod,

and he who
appointed it”.

10 Are there yet
treasures of wickedness
in the house
of the wicked,

and a short
ephah⁶ that is
accused?

11 Shall I tolerate
dishonest scales,

and a bag
of deceitful weights?

12 Her rich men
are full of
violence,

her inhabitants
speak lies,

and their tongue
is deceitful in
their speech.

13 Therefore I also
have struck you
with a grievous wound.

I have made
you desolate because
of your sins.

⁶+ 6:10 An ephah is a measure of volume (about 22 liters or about 2/3 of a bushel), and a short ephah is made smaller than a full ephah for the purpose of cheating customers.

14 You shall eat, but not be satisfied.

Your hunger will be within you.

You will store up, but not save,

and you shall save I will give up to the sword.

15 You will sow, but won't reap.

You will tread the olives, but won't anoint yourself with oil;

and you won't drink the wine.

16 For the statutes of Omri are kept,

and all the works of Ahab's house.

You walk in their counsels,

that I may make you a ruin,

and your inhabitants shall hiss.

Y ou|strong = "H5414" will|strong = "H1004" bear|strong = "H5375"
the|strong = "H3605" reproach|strong = "H2781" of|strong = "H1004"
my|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971".

7Misery is|strong = "H0369" mine!

I ndeed|strong = "H3588", I|strong = "H3588" am|strong = "H1961"
like|strong = "H1961" one|strong = "H0369" who|strong = "H5315"
gathers|strong = "H0625" the|strong = "H3588" summer|strong = "H7019"
fruits, as|strong = "H1961" gleanings|strong = "H5955" of|strong = "H5315"
the|strong = "H3588" vineyard.

T here|strong = "H0369" is|strong = "H0369" no|strong = "H0369"
cluster|strong = "H0811" of|strong = "H5315" grapes to|strong = "H1961"
eat|strong = "H0398".

M y|strong = "H1961" soul|strong = "H5315" desires|strong = "H0183"
to|strong = "H1961" eat|strong = "H0398" the|strong = "H3588" early
fig|strong = "H1063".

2The|strong = "H3605" godly|strong = "H2623" man|strong = "H0376"
has|strong = "H0369" perished|strong = "H0006" out|strong = "H4480"
of|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H3605" earth|strong = "H0776",

a nd|strong = "H0776" there|strong = "H0369" is|strong = "H0369"
no|strong = "H0369" one|strong = "H0376" upright|strong = "H3477"
among|strong = "H4480" men|strong = "H0376".

T hey|strong = "H0376" all|strong = "H3605" lie|strong = "H0693"
in|strong = "H0776" wait|strong = "H0693" for|strong = "H0776"
blood|strong = "H1818";

e very|strong = "H3605" man|strong = "H0376" hunts|strong = "H6679"
his|strong = "H3605" brother|strong = "H0251" with|strong = "H0376"
a|strong = "H4480" net.

3Their|strong = "H5921" hands|strong = "H3709" are|strong = "H8269"
on|strong = "H5921" that|strong = "H1931" which|strong = "H1931"
is|strong = "H1931" evil|strong = "H7451" to|strong = "H1696"
do|strong = "H3190" it|strong = "H1931" diligently.

T he|strong="H5921" ruler|strong="H8269" and|strong="H1419"
judge|strong="H8199" ask|strong="H7592" for|strong="H5921"
a|strong="H1696" bribe|strong="H7966".

T he|strong="H5921" powerful man|strong="H5315" dictates
the|strong="H5921" evil|strong="H7451" desire|strong="H5315"
of|strong="H8269" his|strong="H5921" soul|strong="H5315".

T hus they|strong="H5921" conspire together|strong="H5921".

4The|strong="H0935" best|strong="H2896" of|strong="H3117"
them|strong="H0935" is|strong="H3117" like|strong="H1961"
a|strong="H1961" brier.

T he|strong="H0935" most upright|strong="H3477" is|strong="H3117"
worse than|strong="H2896" a|strong="H1961" thorn|strong="H4534"
hedge|strong="H4534".

T he|strong="H0935" day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117"
your|strong="H0935" watchmen|strong="H6822",

e ven your|strong="H0935" visitation, has|strong="H1961"
come|strong="H0935";

n ow|strong="H6258" is|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0935"
time|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" their|strong="H0935"
confusion|strong="H3998".

5Don't|strong="H0408" trust|strong="H0982" in|strong="H0982"
a|strong="H7453" neighbor|strong="H7453".

D on't|strong="H0408" put|strong="H0982" confidence|strong="H0982"
in|strong="H0982" a|strong="H7453" friend|strong="H7453".

W ith|strong="H7901" the|strong="H8104" woman
lying|strong="H7901" in|strong="H0982" your|strong="H8104" embrace,

b e|strong="H0408" careful|strong="H8104" of|strong="H6310"
the|strong="H8104" words|strong="H6310" of|strong="H6310"
your|strong="H8104" mouth|strong="H6310"!

6For the son of the
dishonors the father,

the daughter rises
up against her
mother,

the daughter-in-law
against her
mother-in-law;

a man's enemies
are the men
of his own
house.

7But as for
me, I will look
to Yahweh.

I will wait
for the God
of my salvation.

My God will
hear me.

8Don't rejoice
against me,
my enemy.

When I fall,
I will arise.

When I sit
in darkness,
Yahweh will be
light to me.

9I will bear
the indignation
of Yahweh,

b ecause|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" sinned|strong="H2398" against|strong="H2398" him|strong="H7200",

u ntil|strong="H5704" he|strong="H0834" pleads|strong="H7378" my|strong="H3068" case|strong="H7379" and|strong="H3068" executes judgment|strong="H4941" for|strong="H3588" me|strong="H7200".

H e|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H3318" me|strong="H7200" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0834" light|strong="H0216".

I |strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H7200" his|strong="H3068" righteousness|strong="H6666".

10Then|strong="H1961" my|strong="H3068" enemy|strong="H0341" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H7200" it|strong="H7200",

a nd|strong="H3068" shame|strong="H0955" will|strong="H3068" cover|strong="H3680" her|strong="H0413" who|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413",

“ Where|strong="H0346" is|strong="H3068" Yahweh|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430”?

M y|strong="H3068" eyes|strong="H5869" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H7200" her|strong="H0413".

N ow|strong="H6258" she will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" trodden down|strong="H4823" like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" mire|strong="H2916" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" streets|strong="H2351".

11A|strong="H1129" day|strong="H3117" to|strong="H3117" build|strong="H1129" your|strong="H3117" walls|strong="H1447"!

I n|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3117" day|strong="H3117", he|strong="H1931" will|strong="H3117" extend your|strong="H3117" boundary|strong="H2706".

12 In that day they will come to you from Assyria and the cities of Egypt,

and from Egypt even to the River,

and from sea to sea,

and mountain to mountain.

13 Yet the land will be desolate because of those who dwell therein,

for the fruit of their doings.

14 Shepherd your people with your staff,

the flock of your heritage,

who dwell by themselves in a forest.

Let them feed in the middle of fertile pasture land,

in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.

15“As|strong = "H3117" in|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H7200" days|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H0776" your|strong = "H7200" coming|strong = "H3318" out|strong = "H3318" of|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H7200" land|strong = "H0776" of|strong = "H0776" Egypt|strong = "H4714",

I |strong = "H3117" will|strong = "H0776" show|strong = "H7200" them|strong = "H3318" marvelous|strong = "H6381" things|strong = "H6381".”

16The|strong = "H3605" nations|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" lay|strong = "H7760" their|strong = "H3605" hand|strong = "H3027" on|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H3605" mouth|strong = "H6310".

T heir|strong = "H3605" ears|strong = "H0241" will|strong = "H1471" be|strong = "H3027" deaf.

17They|strong = "H3068" will|strong = "H3068" lick|strong = "H3897" the|strong = "H0413" dust|strong = "H6083" like|strong = "H0776" a|strong = "H4480" serpent|strong = "H5175".

L ike|strong = "H0776" crawling|strong = "H7264" things of|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H0413" earth|strong = "H0776", they|strong = "H3068" will|strong = "H3068" come|strong = "H6342" trembling|strong = "H7264" out|strong = "H4480" of|strong = "H0776" their|strong = "H3068" dens.

T hey|strong = "H3068" will|strong = "H3068" come|strong = "H6342" with|strong = "H0413" fear|strong = "H3372" to|strong = "H0413" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" our|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H0430",

a nd|strong = "H3068" will|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068" afraid|strong = "H3372" because|strong = "H4480" of|strong = "H0776" you|strong = "H4480".

18Who|strong = "H4310" is|strong = "H1931" a|strong = "H3588" God|strong = "H0410" like|strong = "H3644" you|strong = "H3588", who|strong = "H4310" pardons|strong = "H5375" iniquity|strong = "H5771",

a nd|strong = "H2388" passes|strong = "H5674" over|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" disobedience of|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" remnant|strong = "H7611" of|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H5921" heritage|strong = "H5159"?

H e|strong = "H1931" doesn't|strong = "H3808" retain|strong = "H2388" his|strong = "H5921" anger|strong = "H0639" forever|strong = "H5703",

b ecause|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H1931" delights|strong = "H2654" in|strong = "H5921" loving kindness|strong = "H2617".

19He|strong = "H7725" will|strong = "H3220" again|strong = "H7725" have|strong = "H7355" compassion|strong = "H7355" on|strong = "H7355" us|strong = "H7725".

H e|strong = "H7725" will|strong = "H3220" tread|strong = "H3533" our|strong = "H3605" iniquities|strong = "H5771" under|strong = "H3533" foot|strong = "H3533".

Y ou|strong = "H3605" will|strong = "H3220" cast|strong = "H7993" all|strong = "H3605" their|strong = "H3605" sins|strong = "H2403" into|strong = "H7993" the|strong = "H3605" depths|strong = "H4688" of|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" sea|strong = "H3220".

20You|strong = "H0834" will|strong = "H0834" give|strong = "H5414" truth|strong = "H0571" to|strong = "H5414" Jacob|strong = "H3290",

a nd|strong = "H3117" mercy to|strong = "H5414" Abraham|strong = "H0085",

a s|strong = "H0834" you|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H0834" sworn|strong = "H7650" to|strong = "H5414" our|strong = "H5414" fathers|strong = "H0001" from|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0834" days|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117" old.