

# The Book of Micah



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1 The LORD's word<sup>1</sup> came to Micah of Morasheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

2 Hear, you peoples,  
all of you!

Listen, O earth,  
and all that is therein.

Let the LORD be  
witness against you,

the LORD his holy temple.

3 For the LORD comes out  
of his place,

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

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<sup>1</sup> + 1:1 When rendered in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS, "LORD" or "GOD" is the translation of God's Proper Name.

<sup>2</sup> + 1:2 The word translated "Lord" (mixed case) is "Adonai."

<sup>3</sup> + 1:3 "Behold", from , " " 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 a rubble heap of the field,

like places for planting vineyards;

and I will pour down its stones into the valley,

a nd|strong = "H0068" I|strong = "H7760" will|strong = "H7704"  
uncover|strong = "H1540" its|strong = "H7760"  
foundations|strong = "H3247".

7All|strong = "H3605" her|strong = "H3605" idols|strong = "H6091"  
will|strong = "H0784" be|strong = "H7725" beaten to|strong = "H5704"  
pieces|strong = "H3807",

a ll|strong = "H3605" her|strong = "H3605" temple gifts|strong = "H0868"  
will|strong = "H0784" be|strong = "H7725" burnt|strong = "H8313"  
with|strong = "H8313" fire|strong = "H0784",

a nd|strong = "H7725" I|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H0784"  
destroy|strong = "H3605" all|strong = "H3605" her|strong = "H3605"  
images|strong = "H6456";

f or|strong = "H3588" of|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"  
hire|strong = "H0868" of|strong = "H3605" a|strong = "H3588"  
prostitute|strong = "H2181" has|strong = "H0784" she|strong = "H3588"  
gathered|strong = "H6908" them|strong = "H7725",

a nd|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H3605"  
hire|strong = "H0868" of|strong = "H3605" a|strong = "H3588"  
prostitute|strong = "H2181" shall they|strong = "H3588"  
return|strong = "H7725".

8For|strong = "H5921" this|strong = "H2063" I|strong = "H5921"  
will|strong = "H1323" lament|strong = "H5594" and|strong = "H1323"  
wail|strong = "H3213".

I |strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H1323" go stripped  
and|strong = "H1323" naked|strong = "H6174".

I |strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H1323" howl|strong = "H3213"  
like|strong = "H1323" the|strong = "H5921" jackals|strong = "H8577"

a nd|strong = "H1323" mourn|strong = "H5594" like|strong = "H1323"  
the|strong = "H5921" ostriches|strong = "H3284".

9For|strong = "H3588" her|strong = "H0935" wounds|strong = "H4347"  
are|strong = "H8179" incurable|strong = "H0605";

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

**I** t|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".

**10**Don'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 <sup>4</sup> I have rolled myself in|strong = "H5046" the|strong = "H5046" dust|strong = "H6083".

**11**Pass|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.

**12**For|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" the|strong = "H3588" LORD|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3381" the|strong = "H3588" gate|strong = "H8179" of|strong = "H3068" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389".

<sup>4</sup> + 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 they have gone into captivity from you!

Woe to those who devise iniquity!

and work evil on their beds!

When the morning is light, they practise it,

because it is in the power of their hand.

They covet fields and seize them,

and houses, then take them away.

They oppress a man and his house,

even a man and his heritage.

Therefore the LORD says:

“Behold, I am planning against these people, a disaster,

from which you will not remove your necks,

**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 lot in the LORD’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" the|strong = "H0559" LORD'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 of wine and drink,”

he would be the prophet of those 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" the|strong = "H6440" LORD|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" the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|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".

5The|strong="H0853" LORD|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"<sup>1</sup>  
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.

The seers shall be disappointed,

and the diviners confounded.

Yes, they shall all cover their lips,

for there is no answer from God.<sup>5</sup>

But as I, I am full by the LORD's Spirit,

and of judgement, and of might,

to declare to Jacob his disobedience,

and to Israel his sin.

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

<sup>5</sup>+ 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" the|strong = "H0559" LORD|strong = "H3068",  
and|strong = "H0935" say|strong = "H0559",
- “ Isn’t|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H0559" LORD|strong = "H3068"  
amongst 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"  
ploughed 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" the|strong="H5921" LORD'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" the|strong="H0559" LORD|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 the law will go out of Zion,

and the LORD's word will come from Jerusalem;

and he will judge between many peoples,

and will decide concerning strong nations afar off.

They will beat their swords into ploughshares,

and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,

neither will they learn war any more.

But every man will sit under his vine and under his fig tree.

No one will make them afraid,

**f** or|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588" mouth|strong = "H6310"  
of|strong = "H0376" the|strong = "H3588" LORD|strong = "H3068"  
of|strong = "H0376" Hosts|strong = "H6635" has|strong = "H3068"  
spoken|strong = "H1696". <sup>5</sup> 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" the|strong = "H3605" LORD|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" the|strong = "H0834" LORD|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;

7 and|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" the|strong = "H0853" LORD|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 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 counsellor perished,

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

10 Be in pain, and labour to give 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 to Babylon.

There you will be rescued.

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

11 Now many nations have assembled against you, that

“ Let her be defiled,

and let our eye gloat over Zion.”

12 But they don't know of the LORD,

neither do they understand his counsel;

for he has gathered them like sheaves to threshing floor.

13 Arise and thresh, daughter of Zion,

for I will make your horn iron,

**a** nd|strong="H6965" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068"  
make|strong="H7760" your|strong="H3068" hoofs|strong="H6541"  
bronze|strong="H5154".

**Y** ou|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" beat in|strong="H3068"  
pieces many|strong="H7227" peoples|strong="H5971".

**I** |strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" devote their|strong="H3605"  
gain|strong="H1215" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068",

**a** nd|strong="H6965" their|strong="H3605" substance|strong="H2428"  
to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H3068"  
of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605"  
earth|strong="H0776".

5Now|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0859" shall|strong="H3478"  
gather yourself|strong="H0859" in|strong="H3478" troops,

**d** aughter of|strong="H3117" troops.

**H** e|strong="H3117" has|strong="H1961" laid|strong="H3318" siege  
against|strong="H4480" us|strong="H3117".

**T** hey|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1961" strike the|strong="H4480"  
judge of|strong="H3117" Israel|strong="H3478" with|strong="H3117"  
a|strong="H1961" rod on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H4480" cheek.

2But|strong="H3651" you|strong="H5414", Bethlehem Ephrathah,

**b** eing|strong="H1121" small amongst the|strong="H5921" clans  
of|strong="H1121" Judah,

**o** ut|strong="H5921" of|strong="H1121" you|strong="H5414"  
one|strong="H1121" will|strong="H3478" come|strong="H7725"  
out|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5704" me|strong="H5414"  
who|strong="H1121" is|strong="H3651" to|strong="H5704"  
be|strong="H1121" ruler in|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478";

**w** hose|strong="H1121" goings out|strong="H5921" are|strong="H3478"  
from|strong="H7725" of|strong="H1121" old|strong="H1121",  
from|strong="H7725" ancient times|strong="H6256".

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

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

4He shall stand, and in his strength of the LORD,

in the majesty of the LORD 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 amongst many peoples

like dew from the LORD,

like showers on the grass,

that don't wait for man

nor wait for the sons of men.

The remnant of Jacob will be amongst the nations,

amongst many peoples,

like a lion amongst the animals of the forest,

like a young lion amongst 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 the LORD,

" that I will cut off your horses from amongst 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 amongst 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="H8085" amongst you|strong="H0834";

**a** nd|strong="H8085" 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="H8085" now|strong="H4994" to|strong="H0559"  
what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|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="H8085" what|strong="H0834"  
you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0559"  
say|strong="H0559".

2Hear|strong="H8085", you|strong="H3588"  
mountains|strong="H2022", the|strong="H0853" LORD'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" the|strong="H0853" LORD|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".

3My|strong="H5971" people|strong="H5971", what|strong="H4100"  
have I|strong="H4100" done|strong="H6213" to|strong="H4100"  
you|strong="H6213"?

**H** ow|strong="H4100" have I|strong="H4100" burdened  
you|strong="H6213"?

**A** nswer|strong="H6030" me|strong="H4100"!

4For|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" brought|strong="H5927"  
you|strong="H3588" up|strong="H5927" out|strong="H7971"  
of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776"  
of|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714",

**a** nd|strong="H4872" redeemed|strong="H6299" you|strong="H3588"  
out|strong="H7971" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853"  
house|strong="H1004" of|strong="H0776" bondage|strong="H5650".

**I** |strong="H3588" sent|strong="H7971" before|strong="H6440"  
you|strong="H3588" Moses|strong="H4872", Aaron|strong="H0175",  
and|strong="H4872" Miriam|strong="H4813".

5My|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971",  
remember|strong="H2142" now|strong="H4994" what|strong="H4100"  
Balak|strong="H1111" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121"  
Moab|strong="H4124" devised|strong="H3289",

**a** nd|strong="H1121" what|strong="H4100" Balaam|strong="H1109"  
the|strong="H0853" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Beor|strong="H1160" answered|strong="H6030" him|strong="H0853"  
from|strong="H4480" Shittim|strong="H7851" to|strong="H5704"  
Gilgal|strong="H1537",

**t** hat|strong="H3045" you|strong="H5704" may|strong="H4994"  
know|strong="H3045" the|strong="H0853" righteous|strong="H6666"  
acts|strong="H6666" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068".

6How|strong="H4100" shall|strong="H1121" I|strong="H8141"  
come|strong="H6923" before|strong="H6923" the|strong="H3068"  
LORD|strong="H3068",

and|strong="H1121" bow|strong="H3721" myself  
before|strong="H6923" the|strong="H3068" exalted|strong="H4791"  
God|strong="H0430"?

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

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

Will|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5414" LORD|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3068" pleased|strong="H7521" with|strong="H3068"  
thousands|strong="H0505" of|strong="H3068" rams|strong="H0352"?

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

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

The|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"?

He|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".

What|strong="H4100" does|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3588"  
LORD|strong="H3068" require|strong="H1875" of|strong="H0430"  
you|strong="H3588", but|strong="H3588" to|strong="H3068"  
act|strong="H6213" justly|strong="H4941",

to|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"?

9The LORD's voice calls to the  
city—

a nd wisdom fears  
your name—

“ Listen to the  
rod,”

a nd he who  
appointed it.

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

a nd a short efa<sup>6</sup>  
that is accused?

11Shall I tolerate  
dishonest scales,

a nd a bag  
of deceitful weights?

12Her rich men  
are full of  
violence,

h er inhabitants  
speak lies,

a nd their tongue  
is deceitful in  
their speech.

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

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

I have made you desolate because of your sins.

14 You shall eat, but not be satisfied.

Your hunger will be within you.

You will store up, but not save,

and you will save I will give up the sword.

15 You will sow, but won't reap.

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

and you will crush grapes, but won't drink the wine.

16 For the statutes of Omri are kept,

and all the works of Ahab's house.

**Y** ou|strong="H5414" walk in|strong="H3427" their|strong="H3605"  
counsels|strong="H4156",

**t** hat|strong="H3605" I|strong="H5414" may|strong="H5414"  
make|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" ruin,

**a** nd|strong="H1004" your|strong="H3605" inhabitants|strong="H3427"  
a|strong="H5414" hissing|strong="H8322".

**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"  
amongst 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" neighbour.

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

W ith the woman  
lying in your embrace,

b e careful of  
the words of  
your mouth!

6For the son  
dishonours the father,

t he daughter rises  
up against her  
mother,

t he 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 the LORD.

I | will wait  
for the  
of my salvation.

M y God will  
hear me.

8Don't rejoice  
against me, my  
enemy.

W hen I fall,  
I will arise.

**W** hen I sit in darkness, the LORD will a light to me.

I will bear the indignation of the LORD,

because I have sinned against him,

until he pleads my case and executes judgement for me.

He will bring me out to the light.

I will see his righteousness.

Then my enemy will see it,

and shame will cover her said to me,

“Where is the LORD your God?”

My eyes will see her.

Now she will be trodden down like mire of the streets.

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".

12In|strong="H0935" that|strong="H3117" day|strong="H3117"  
they|strong="H3117" will|strong="H2022" come|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0935" you|strong="H3117" from|strong="H4480"  
Assyria|strong="H0804" and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935"  
cities|strong="H5892" of|strong="H3117" Egypt|strong="H4693",

a nd|strong="H0935" from|strong="H4480" Egypt|strong="H4693"  
even|strong="H5704" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935"  
River|strong="H5104",

a nd|strong="H0935" from|strong="H4480" sea|strong="H3220"  
to|strong="H0935" sea|strong="H3220",

a nd|strong="H0935" mountain|strong="H2022" to|strong="H0935"  
mountain|strong="H2022".

13Yet|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" land|strong="H0776"  
will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" desolate|strong="H8077"  
because|strong="H5921" of|strong="H0776" those|strong="H5921"  
who|strong="H3427" dwell|strong="H3427" therein,

f or|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" fruit|strong="H6529"  
of|strong="H0776" their|strong="H5921" doings|strong="H4611".

14Shepherd|strong="H7462" your|strong="H3117"  
people|strong="H5971" with|strong="H3117" your|strong="H3117"  
staff|strong="H7626",

t he|strong="H3117" flock|strong="H6629" of|strong="H3117"  
your|strong="H3117" heritage|strong="H5159",

w ho dwell|strong="H7931" by|strong="H3117" themselves  
in|strong="H7931" a|strong="H3117" forest|strong="H3293".

L et them|strong="H8432" feed|strong="H7462" in|strong="H7931"  
the|strong="H3117" middle|strong="H8432" of|strong="H3117" fertile  
pasture land|strong="H5159",

i n|strong="H7931" Bashan|strong="H1316" and|strong="H3117"  
Gilead|strong="H1568", as|strong="H3117" in|strong="H7931"  
the|strong="H3117" days|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117"  
old|strong="H5769".

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" marvellous 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"  
the|strong = "H0413" LORD|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",