

A painting of an elderly man with a long white beard, wearing a brown robe, sitting at a desk and writing on a scroll with a quill. The scene is dimly lit, with a small cup of ink on the desk. The background is dark and indistinct.

Listening to the Prophets-Part 2

Chapter 7

Micah

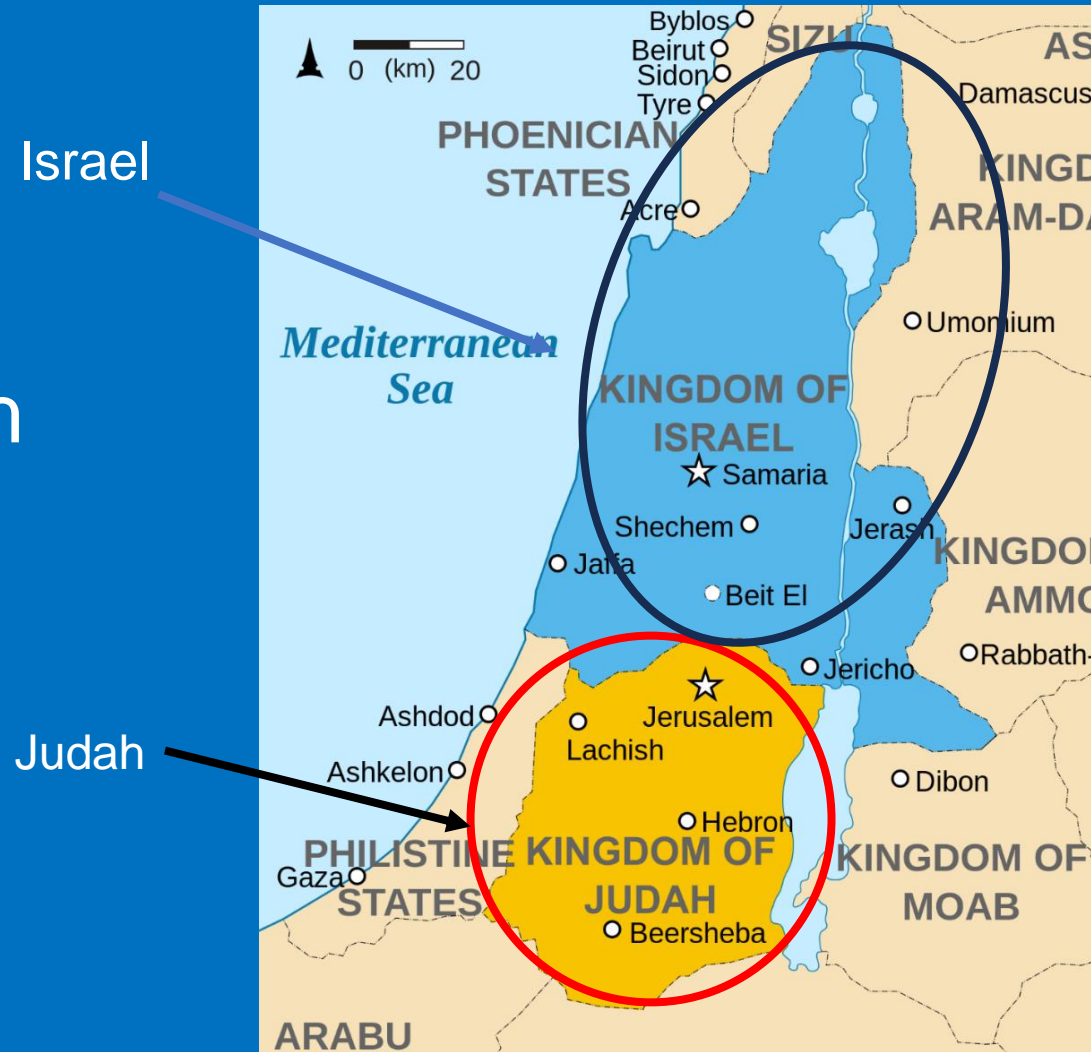
735-710 B.C.

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Introduction-(Ryrie)

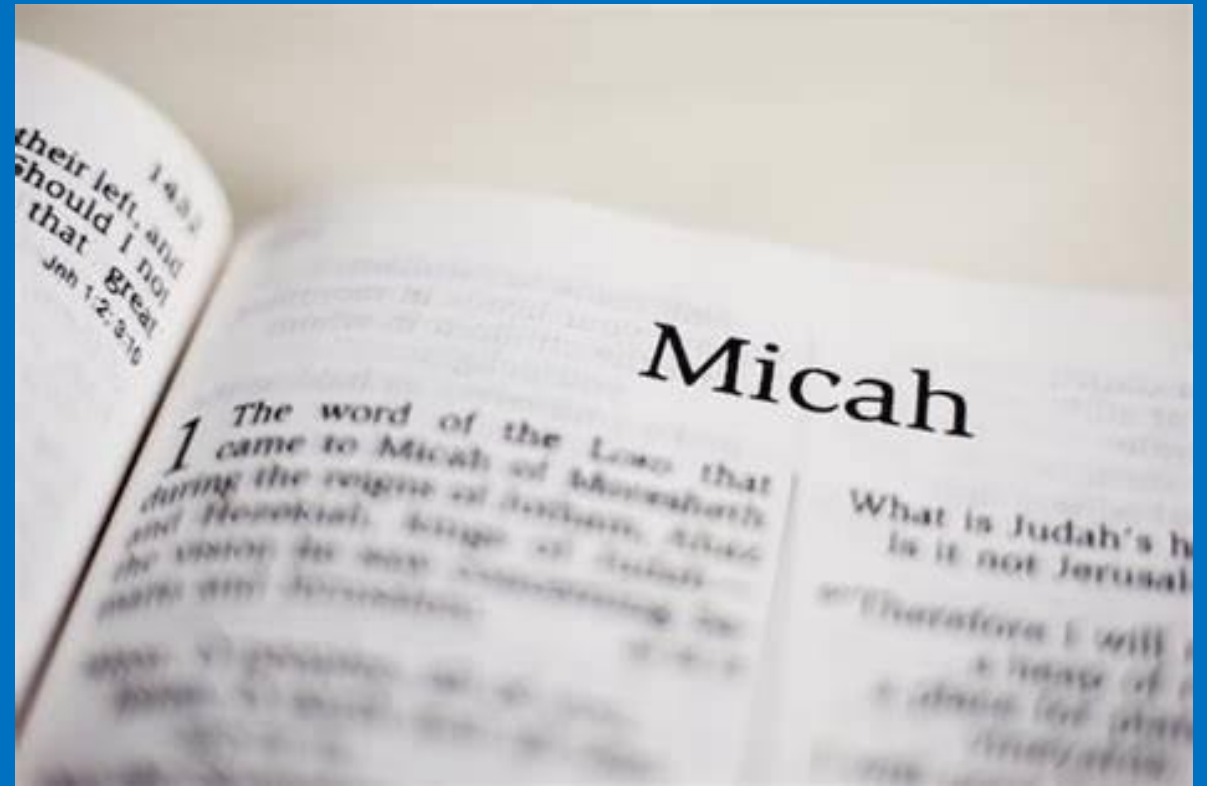
- Micah preached to the common people of Judah around 730 B.C. to 700 B.C.
- Micah prophesied concerning Israel's and Judah's destruction.



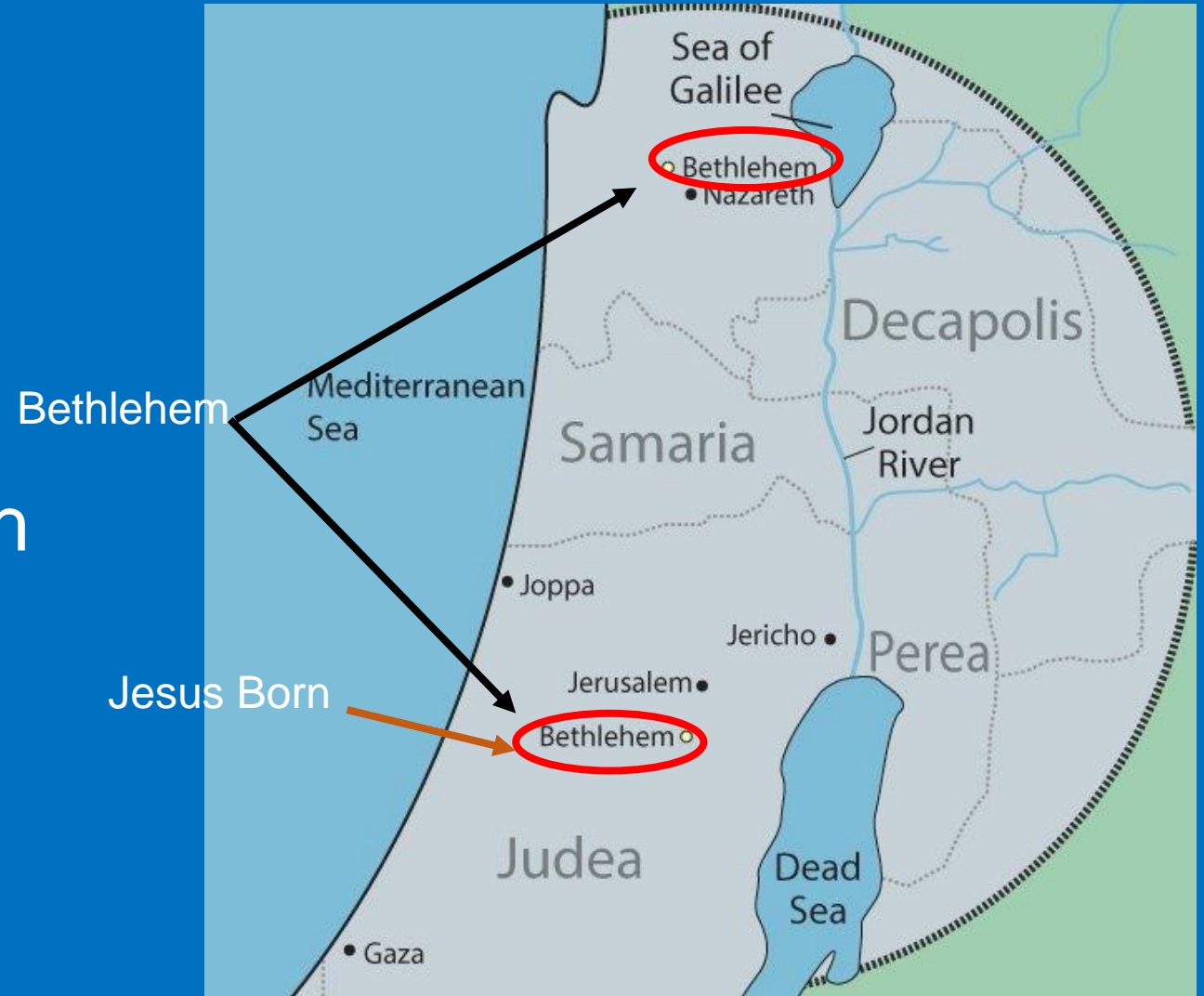
- Micah prophesied just prior to Israel's captivity in 722 B.C. and prior to Judah's captivity in 605 B.C.



- There are three important quotations from Micah found elsewhere in the Bible:
 - One quote saved Jeremiah's life (Jeremiah 26:18) after quoting Micah 3:12 []



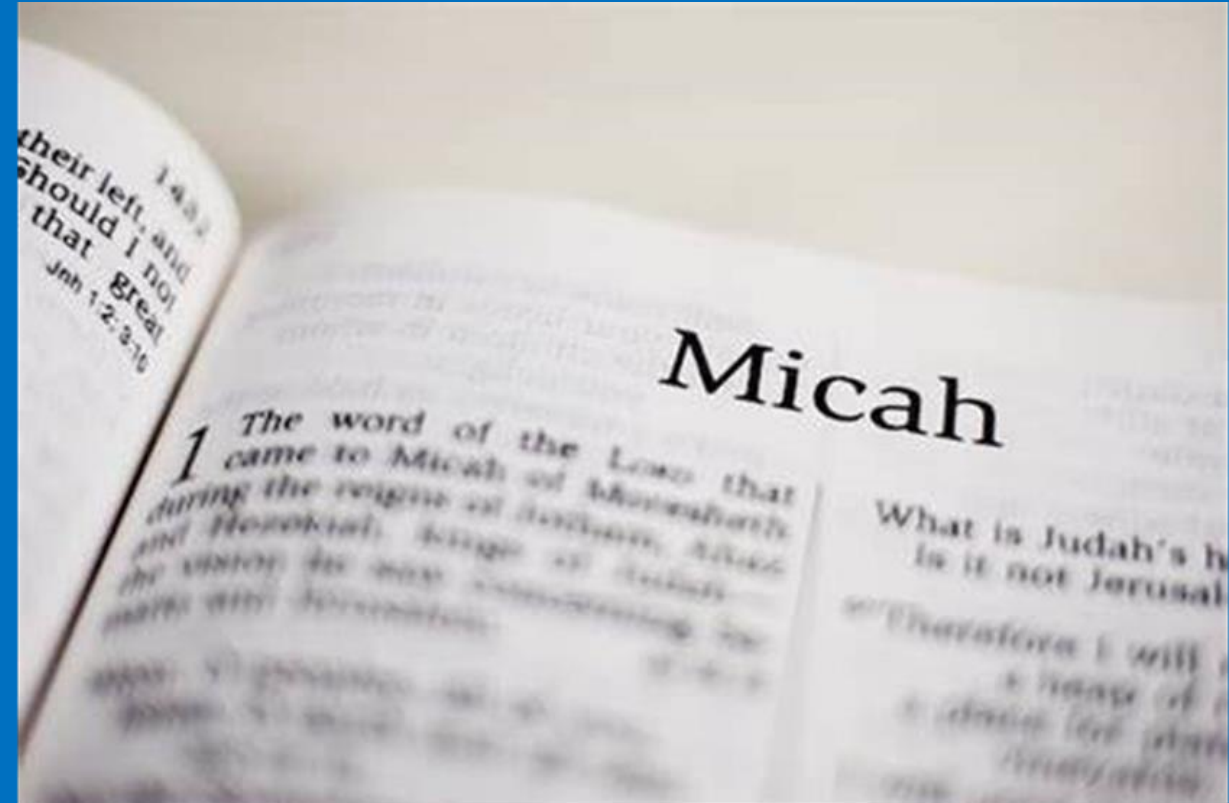
- The priests and scribes quoted Micah 5:2 when answering Herod's question about the birthplace of the Messiah (Matthew 2:6) []
- Jesus quoted Micah 7:6 when He commissioned His disciples (Matthew 10:35-36). []



- Micah 6:8 is often quoted.

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- The major portions of Micah begin with the word “hear.”
- God used the word “here” as an important wake-up call for Israel and Judah. (1:2; 3:1-2; 6:1). []



<https://bibleask.org/who-was-micah-in-the-old-testament>

Chapters 1-2-A Message of Destruction against Israel and Judah

<https://www.israel-agency.com/gallery-view/samaria-the-capital-of-israel-kingdom/>

- Micah prophesied against Israel and Judah by denouncing Samaria, Israel's capital (1:5-6) [] and by denouncing Jerusalem, Judah's capital (1:5, 9, 12). []
- Her wound is incurable (Luke 12:8-10) []
- John 16:7-8 []

Ancient Samaria



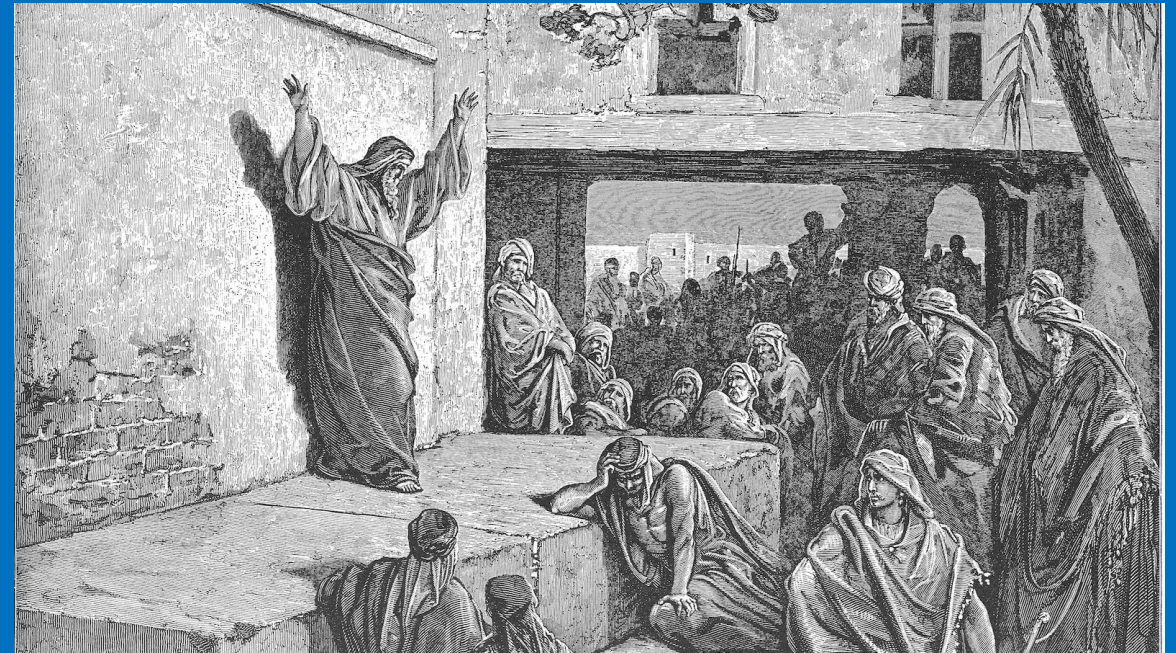
- Micah gave reasons for the coming judgment (2:1-2). []
- Micah 2:12 predicted Israel's future restoration and the Messiah's second coming.[]
- Micah references the Messiah as the “breaker” (2:13). The “breaker” means one who removes obstacles in the path. []



<https://rodiagnusdei.wordpress.com/2014/05/01/what-does-revelation-2115-tell-us-about-the-new-jerusalem-randy-alcorn/>

Chapter 3-A Message of Doom and Deliverance for Israel

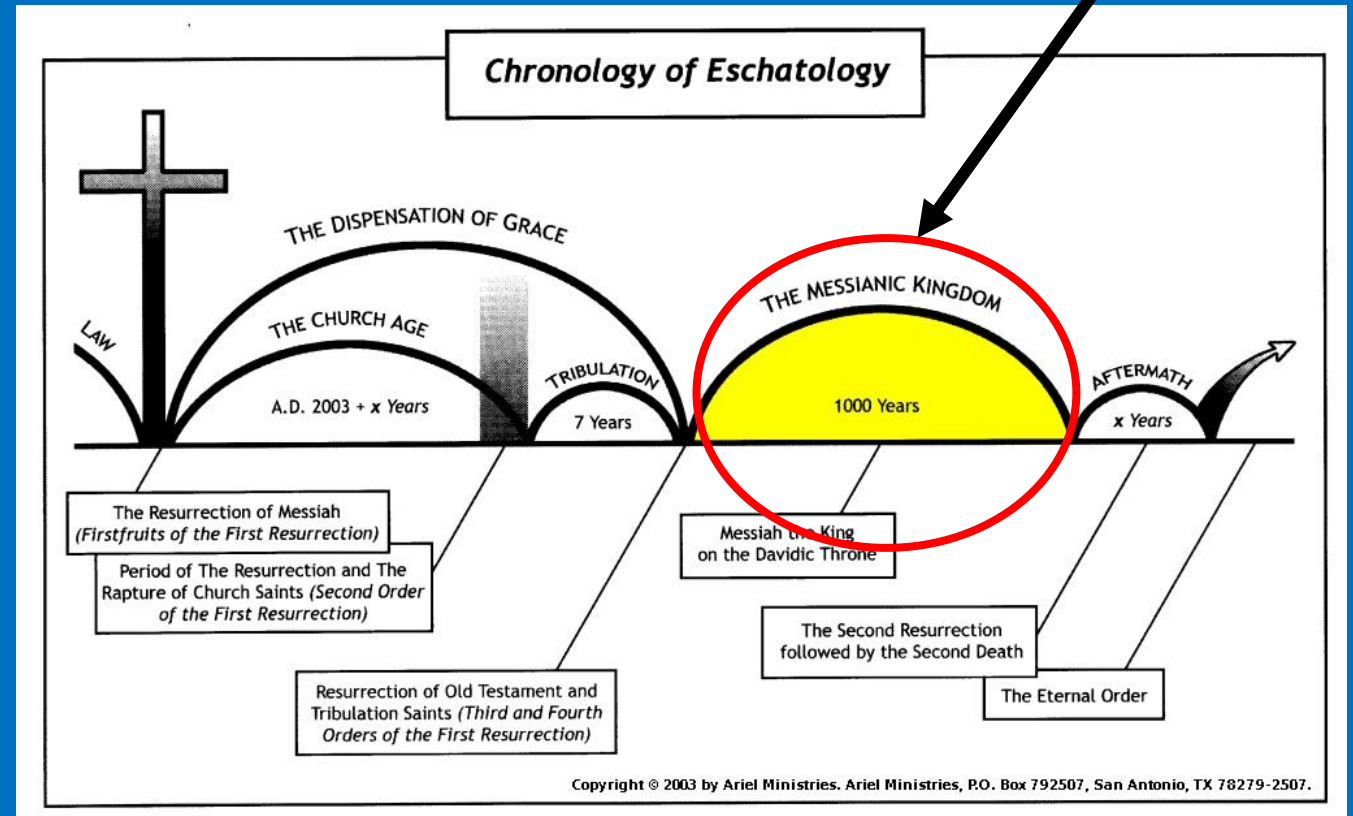
- Micah condemns the leaders of Israel for showing no more consideration for the people than butchers do for carcasses (3:1-4). []
- Micah condemned Israel's leaders for their ill treatment toward the people (3:11-12). []



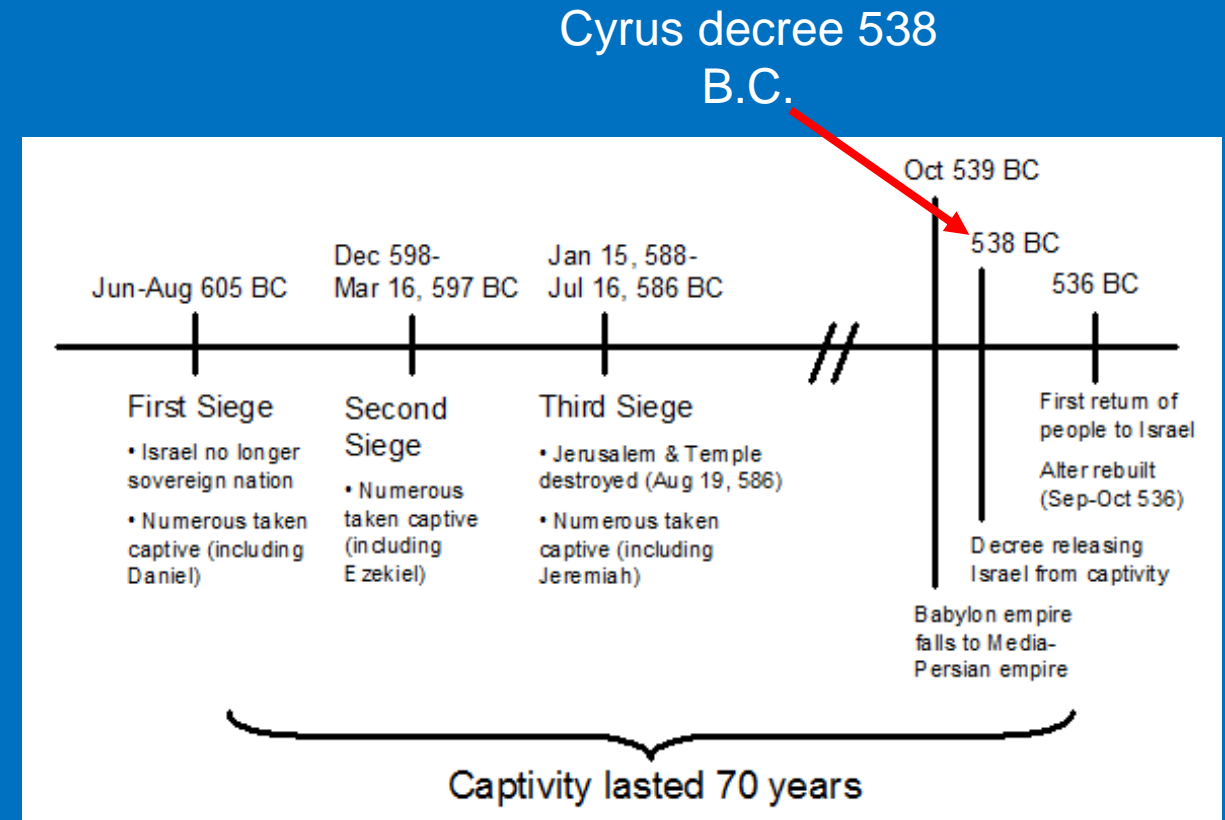
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Chapters 4-5-The Glories of Christ's Millennial Reign Millennium Reign

- Micah 4:1-3 parallels Isaiah 2:2-4 stating Israel's future glory during Christ's Millennial reign. []

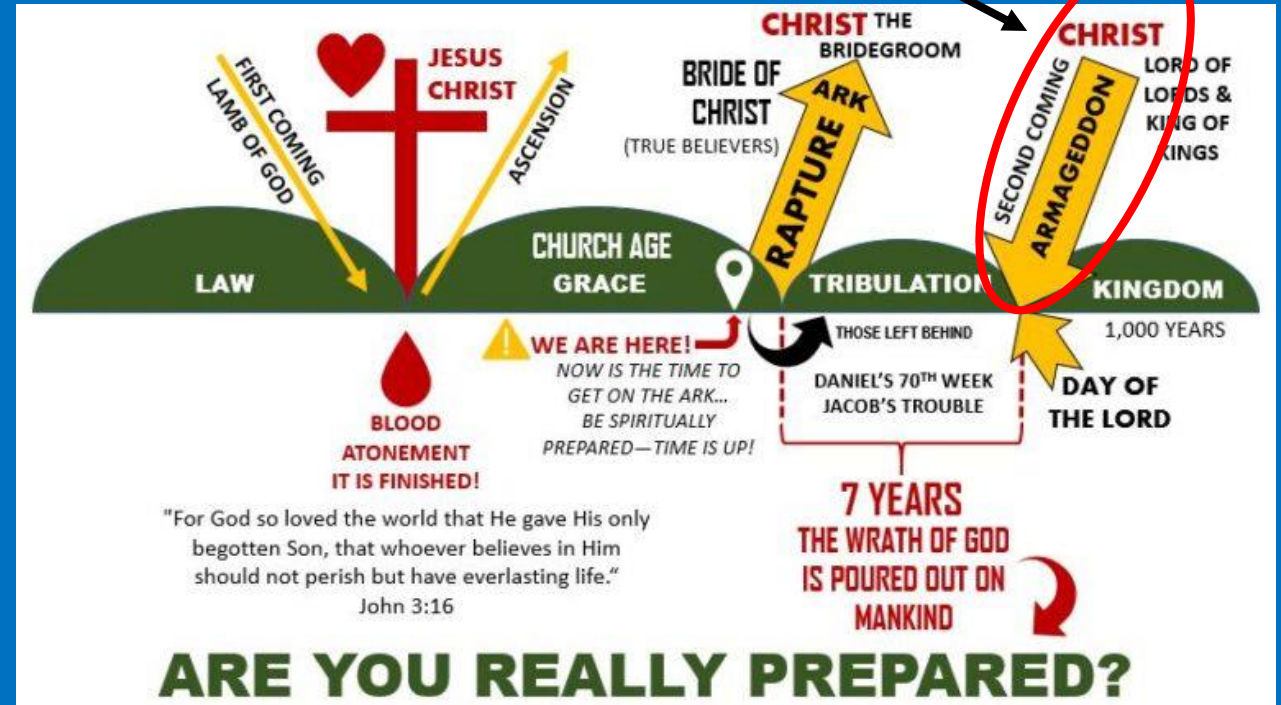


- Micah 4:6-8 prophecies that during the Millennium, Jerusalem's prosperity and importance will far exceed the reign of King David and King Solomon. []
- Micah 4:9-10 prophecies the Babylonian captivity and Judah's return under King Cyrus in 538 B.C. []



Armageddon

- Micah 4:11-13 referenced the battle of Armageddon and Israel's victory with Christ as Messiah. []



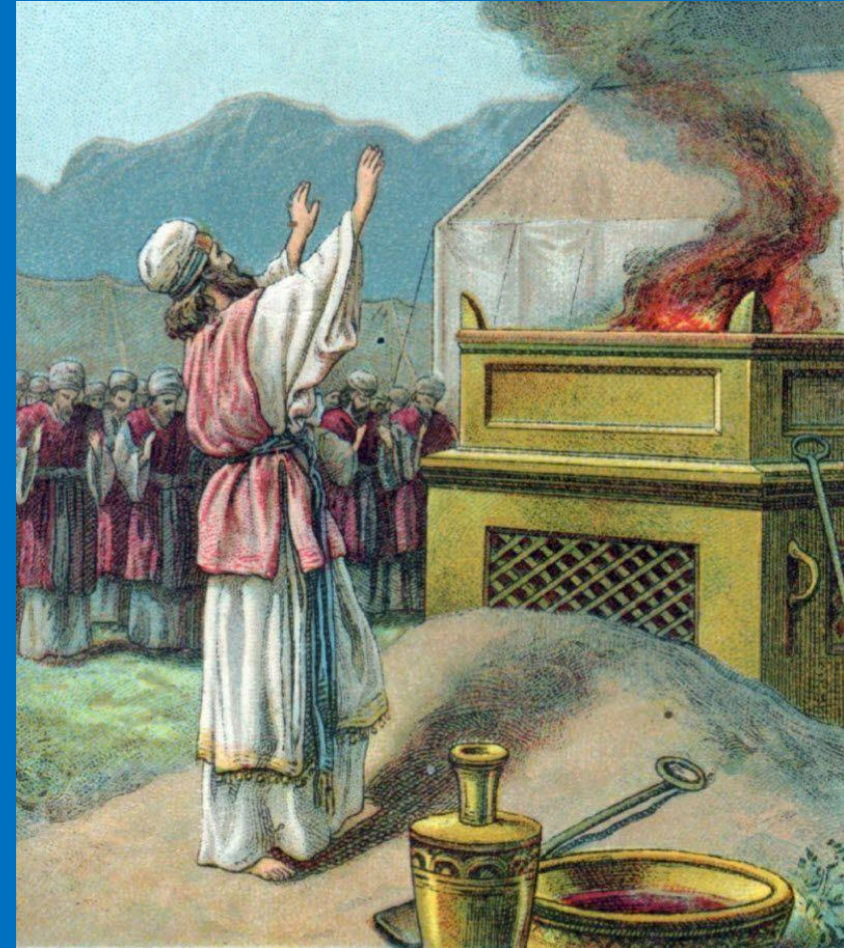
<https://wickedprepping.com/coming-apocalypse-are-you-really-prepared-for-armageddon/>

- Micah 5:2 indicates the importance of Bethlehem (Ephrathah-Bethlehem's ancient name). []
- Bethlehem was the birthplace of King David and Jesus.
- Micah 5:3 foretells Christ's birth (Isaiah 7:14). []
- Micah 5:4-15 reiterates the glories of the Millennial kingdom. []

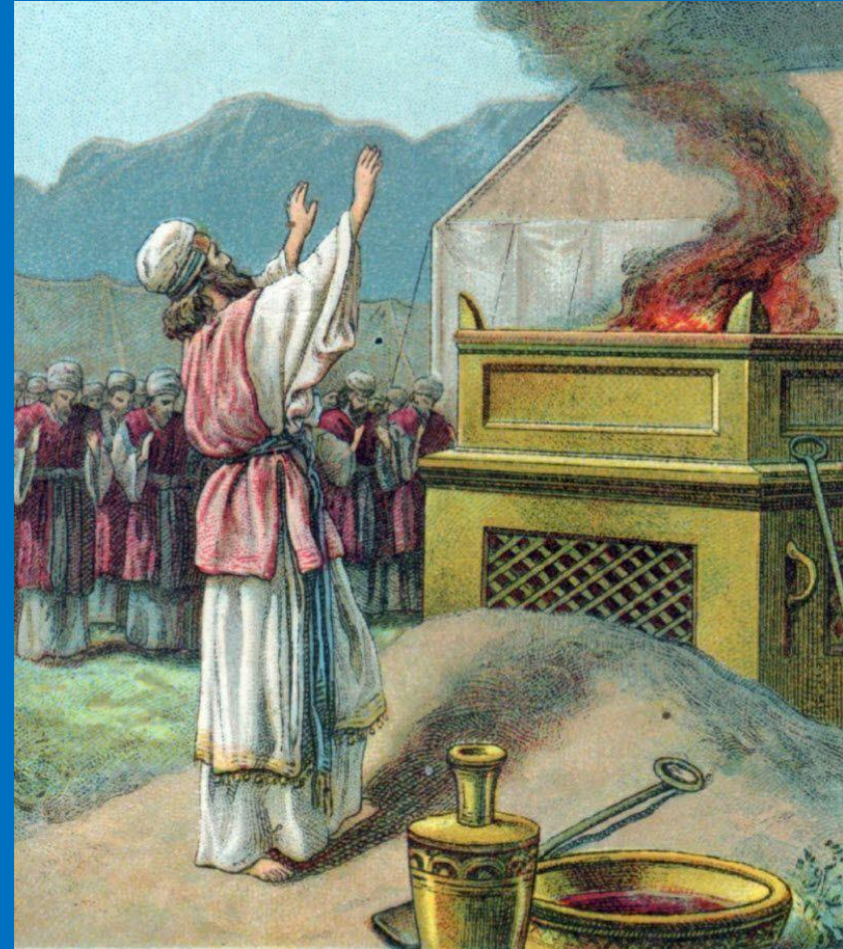


Chapter 6-7-Denunciations against Israel for not Obeying God

- God gave denunciations to Israel for their disobedience (6:1-5). []
- Israel replied they would atone for their sins by offering sacrifices (6:6). []



- God said He would rather they do right, practice justice, embrace kindness, and walk humbly with their God (6:8). []
- Micah laments over the sinfulness of Israel (Micah 7:1-10). []
- Micah ends his book with God affirming blessing to Israel during the Millennial reign (7:14-20). []



Summary

- God never lost His love for Israel.
- God punished Israel due to sin.
- God always affirmed His love for Israel by foretelling their future restoration and eternal communion with Him.
- As with Israel, God will never leave us nor forsake us.
- Though discipline may come, God will never cease to love us or to bless us.

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Micah 3:12

12 Therefore on account of you, Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the temple will become high places of a forest.

Jeremiah 26:16-18

16 Then the officials and all the people said to the priests and the prophets, “No death sentence for this man! For he has spoken to us in the name of the Lord our God.” 17 Then some of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying,

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18 “Micah of Moresheth used to prophesy in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, ‘This is what the Lord of armies has said: “Zion will be plowed like a field, And Jerusalem will become heaps of ruins, And the mountain of the house like the high places of a forest.”’ []

Micah 5:2

2 “But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Too little to be among the clans of Judah,
From you One will come forth for Me to be ruler in Israel.
His times of coming forth are from long ago,
From the days of eternity.”

Matthew 2:6

6 ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, Are by no means
least among the leaders of Judah; For from you will come
forth a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ” []

Micah 7:6

6 For son disavows father,

Daughter rises up against her mother,

Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

A person's enemies are the people of his own household.

Matthew 10:35-36

5 For I came to turn a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; 36 and a person's enemies will be the members of his household. []

Micah 6:8

8 He has told you, mortal one, what is good;
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice, to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God? []

Micah 1:2

2 Hear, you peoples, all of you;

Listen carefully, earth and all it contains,

And may the Lord God be a witness against you,

The Lord from His holy temple.

Micah 3:1-2

1 And I said, "Hear now, you leaders of Jacob And rulers of the house of Israel: Is it not for you to know justice? 2

"You who hate good and love evil, Who tear off their skin from them And their flesh from their bones...

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Micah 6:1

1 Hear now what the Lord is saying,

“Arise, plead your case before the mountains,

And let the hills hear your voice. []

Micah 1:5-6

5 All this is due to the wrongdoing of Jacob

And the sins of the house of Israel.

What is the wrongdoing of Jacob?

Is it not Samaria?

What is the high place of Judah?

Is it not Jerusalem?

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6 For I will make Samaria a heap of ruins in the open country,

Planting places for a vineyard.

I will hurl her stones down into the valley,

And lay bare her foundations. []

Micah 1:5, 9, 12

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Micah 1:9

9 For her wound is incurable [Israel's sin was incurable],

For it has come to Judah;

It has reached the gate of my people,

Even to Jerusalem...12 For the inhabitant of Maroth

Waits for something good,

Because a disaster has come down from the Lord

To the gate of Jerusalem. []

Micah 2:1-2

1 Woe to those who devise wrongdoing,
Who practice evil on their beds!
When morning comes, they do it,
Because it is in the power of their hands.

2 They covet fields, so they seize them;
And houses, so they take them.

They exploit a man and his house,
A person and his inheritance. []

Micah 2:13

13 “The one who breaks through goes up before them;
They break through, pass through the gate, and go out by it.
So their king passes on before them,
And the Lord at their head.” []

Micah 3:1-4

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3 Who eat the flesh of my people,
Strip off their skin from them,
Smash their bones,
And chop them up as for the pot,
And as meat in a cauldron!”

4 Then they will cry out to the Lord,
But He will not answer them.

Instead, He will hide His face from them at that time
Because they have practiced evil deeds. (See Luke 23:39-
43) []

Micah 3:11-12

11 Her leaders pronounce judgment for a bribe,

Her priests teach for pay,

And her prophets divine for money.

Yet they lean on the Lord, saying,

“Is the Lord not in our midst?

Catastrophe will not come upon us.”

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12 Therefore on account of you,
Zion will be plowed like a field,
Jerusalem will become a heap of ruins,
And the mountain of the temple will become high places of
a forest. []

Micah 4:1-3

1 And it will come about in the last days

That the mountain of the house of the Lord [Jerusalem]

Will be established as the chief of the mountains.

It will be raised above the hills,

And the peoples will stream to it.

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2 Many nations will come and say,
“Come and let’s go up to the mountain of the Lord
And to the house of the God of Jacob,
So that He may teach us about His ways,
And that we may walk in His paths.”
For from Zion will go forth the law,
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
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3 And He will judge between many peoples
And render decisions for mighty, distant nations.
Then they will beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation will not lift a sword against nation,
And never again will they train for war.
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Isaiah 2:2-4

2 Now it will come about that

In the last days

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And will be raised above the hills;

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4 And He will judge between the nations,
And will mediate for many peoples;
And they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their
spears into pruning knives.

Nation will not lift up a sword against nation,
And never again will they learn war. []

Micah 4:6-8

6 “On that day,” declares the Lord,

“I will assemble those who limp

And gather the scattered,

Those whom I have afflicted.

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7 “I will make those who limp a remnant,
And those who have strayed a mighty nation,
And the Lord will reign over them on Mount Zion
[Jerusalem] From now on and forever.

8 “As for you, tower of the flock,
Hill of the daughter of Zion,
To you it will come—
Yes, the former dominion will come,
The kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem. []

Micah 4:9-10

9 “Now, why do you cry out loudly?

Is there no king among you,

Or has your counselor perished,

That agony has gripped you like a woman in childbirth?

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10 “Writhe and scream,
Daughter of Zion,
Like a woman in childbirth;
For now you will go out of the city,
Live in the field,
And go to Babylon.
There you will be rescued,
There the Lord will redeem you
From the hand of your enemies. []

Micah 4:11-13

11 “And now many nations have been assembled
against you

Who say, ‘Let her be defiled,
And let our eyes gloat over Zion!’

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12 “But they do not know the thoughts of the Lord,
And they do not understand His plan;
For He has gathered them like sheaves to the threshing
floor.

13 “Arise and thresh, daughter of Zion,
For I will make your horn iron,
And I will make your hoofs bronze,
So that you may pulverize many peoples (Zachariah will
describe this battle),
And dedicate to the Lord their unjust profit,
And their wealth to the Lord of all the earth. []

Micah 5:2

2 “But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Too little to be among the clans of Judah,
From you One will come forth for Me to be ruler in Israel.
His times of coming forth are from long ago,
From the days of eternity.” []

Micah 5:3

3 Therefore He will give them up until the time
When she who is in labor has given birth.

Then the remainder of His kinsmen
Will return to the sons of Israel.

Isaiah 7:4

14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold,
the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and she will
name Him Immanuel. []

Micah 5:4-15

4 And He [Jesus] will arise and shepherd His flock In the strength of the Lord, In the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they will remain, Because at that time He will be great To the ends of the earth. 5 This One will be our peace. When the Assyrian invades our land, When he tramples on our citadels, Then we will raise against him Seven shepherds and eight leaders [in other words, “more than enough”] of people.

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6 They will shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword,
The land of Nimrod [Assyria and/or Babylon] at its
entrances; And He will rescue us from the Assyrian When
he invades our land, And when he tramples our territory. 7
Then the remnant of Jacob Will be among many peoples
Like dew from the Lord, Like showers on vegetation That
do not wait for man, Or delay for mankind. 8 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 flocks of sheep, Which, if he passes through,
Tramples and tears, And there is no one who can rescue.

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9 Your hand will be lifted up against your adversaries,
And all your enemies will be eliminated. 10 “And it will be
on that day,” declares the Lord, “That I will eliminate your
horses from among you, And destroy your chariots.

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11 “I will also eliminate the cities of your land,
And tear down all your fortifications. 12 “I will eliminate
sorceries from your hand, And you will have no fortune-
tellers. 13 “I will eliminate your carved images And your
memorial stones from among you, So that you will no
longer bow down To the work of your hands. 14“I will
uproot your Asherim from among you, And destroy your
cities. 15“And I will execute vengeance in anger and
wrath On the nations which have not obeyed.” []

Micah 6:1-5

1 Hear now what the Lord is saying,

“Arise, plead your case before the mountains,

And let the hills hear your voice.

2 “Listen, you mountains, to the indictment by the Lord,

And you enduring foundations of the earth,

Because the Lord has a case against His people;

And He will dispute with Israel.

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3 “My people, what have I done to you,
And how have I wearied you? Answer Me.

4“Indeed, I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
I redeemed you from the house of slavery,
And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

5“My people, remember now
What Balak king of Moab planned
And what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
And what happened from Shittim to Gilgal [crossing the
Jordan river by Joshua],
So that you might know the righteous acts of the Lord.” []

Micah 6:6

6 With what shall I come to the Lord

And bow myself before the God on high?

Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings,

With yearling calves? []

Micah 6:8

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Micah 7:1-2

1 Woe to me! For I am

Like harvests of summer fruit, like gleanings of grapes.

There is not a cluster of grapes left to eat,

Nor an early fig, which I crave.

2 The godly person has perished from the land,

And there is no upright person among mankind.

All of them lie in wait for bloodshed;

Each of them hunts the other with a net. []

Micah 7:14-20

14 Shepherd Your people with Your scepter,

The flock of Your possession

Which lives by itself in the woodland,

In the midst of a fruitful field.

Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead

As in the days of old.

15 “As in the days when you went out from the land of
Egypt,

I will show you miracles.” Over---

16 Nations will see and be ashamed
Of all their might.

18 Who is a God like You, who pardons wrongdoing
And passes over a rebellious act of the remnant of His
possession?

He does not retain His anger forever,
Because He delights in mercy.

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19 He will again take pity on us;
He will trample on our wrongdoings.
Yes, You will cast all their sins
Into the depths of the sea. []

Micah 2:12

12 “I will surely assemble all of you, Jacob,

I will surely gather the remnant of Israel.

I will put them together like sheep in the fold;

Like a flock in the midst of its pasture...[]

- Luke 12:8-10

8 “And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God; 9 but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

10 And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him. []

Luke 23:39-43

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” 40 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”

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41 And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!” 43 And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”

Two people cried out to Jesus. One was not heard and the other was. []

John 16:7-8

7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper [Holy Spirit] will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8 And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me...[]