

Micah 7

New King James Version (NKJV)

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Sorrow for Israel's Sins

1 Woe is me!

For I am like those who gather summer fruits,
Like those who glean vintage grapes;
There is no cluster to eat
Of the first-ripe fruit which my soul desires.

2 The faithful man has perished from the earth,
And there is no one upright among men.
They all lie in wait for blood;
Every man hunts his brother with a net.

3 That they may successfully do evil with both
hands—

The prince asks for gifts,
The judge seeks a bribe,
And the great man utters his evil desire;
So they scheme together.

4 The best of them is like a brier;
The most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge;
The day of your watchman and your punishment
comes;

Now shall be their perplexity.

5 Do not trust in a friend;
Do not put your confidence in a companion;
Guard the doors of your mouth
From her who lies in your bosom.

6 For son dishonors father,

Daughter rises against her mother,
Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
A man's enemies are the men of his own household.

7 Therefore I will look to the LORD;
I will wait for the God of my salvation;
My God will hear me.

Israel's Confession and Comfort

8 Do not rejoice over me, my enemy;
When I fall, I will arise;
When I sit in darkness,
The LORD will be a light to me.

9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD,
Because I have sinned against Him,
Until He pleads my case
And executes justice for me.
He will bring me forth to the light;
I will see His righteousness.

10 Then she who is my enemy will see,
And shame will cover her who said to me,

“Where is the LORD your God?”

My eyes will see her;
Now she will be trampled down
Like mud in the streets.

11 In the day when your walls are to be built,
In that day the decree shall go far and wide.[a]

12 In that day they[b] shall come to you
From Assyria and the fortified cities,[c]
From the fortress[d] to the River,[e]
From sea to sea,
And mountain to mountain.

13 Yet the land shall be desolate
Because of those who dwell in it,
And for the fruit of their deeds.

God Will Forgive Israel

14 Shepherd Your people with Your staff,
The flock of Your heritage,
Who dwell solitarily in a woodland,
In the midst of Carmel;
Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead,
As in days of old.

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

I will show them[f] wonders.”

16 The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their
might;

They shall put their hand over their mouth;
Their ears shall be deaf.

17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent;
They shall crawl from their holes like snakes of the
earth.

They shall be afraid of the LORD our God,
And shall fear because of You.

18 Who is a God like You,
Pardoning iniquity
And passing over the transgression of the remnant of
His heritage?

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

19 He will again have compassion on us,
And will subdue our iniquities.

You will cast all our[g] sins
Into the depths of the sea.
20 You will give truth to Jacob
And mercy to Abraham,
Which You have sworn to our fathers
From days of old.