

The Consolation of Israel: Micah 4:9-5:5a

MICAH 1:2-2:13

MICAH 3:1-5:15

MICAH 6:1-7:20

Micah 4:9 Now, why are you shouting loudly? Is there no king with you? Has your counselor perished, so that anguish grips you like a woman in labor?

Micah 4:10 Writhe and cry out, Daughter Zion, like a woman in labor.

Micah 4:10 For now you will leave the city and camp in the open fields. You will go to Babylon;

Micah 4:10-13 there you will be rescued; there the LORD will redeem you from the power of your enemies! ¹¹ Many nations have now assembled against you; they say, "Let her be defiled, and let us feast our eyes on Zion." ¹² But they do not know the LORD's intentions or understand His plan, that He has gathered them like sheaves to the threshing floor. ¹³ Rise and thresh, Daughter Zion, for I will make your horns iron and your hooves bronze, so you can crush many peoples. Then you will devote what they plundered to the LORD, their wealth to the Lord of all the earth.

Micah 5:1 Now daughter who is under attack, you slash yourself in grief; a siege is set against us! They are striking the judge of Israel on the cheek with a rod.

Micah 5:2-5a Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among the clans of Judah; One will come from you to be ruler over Israel for Me. His origin is from antiquity, from eternity. ³ Therefore, He will abandon them until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of His brothers will return to the people of Israel. ⁴ He will stand and shepherd them in the strength of Yahweh, in the majestic name of Yahweh His God. They will live securely, for then His greatness will extend to the ends of the earth. ^{5a} There will be peace.