Micah 2:1-13 Finding Christ in Micah

Woe to those who devise wickedness
and work evil on their beds!

When the morning dawns, they perform it,
because it is in the power of their hand.

They covet fields and seize them,
and houses, and take them away;
they oppress a man and his house,
a man and his inheritance.

Therefore thus says the LORD:
behold, against this family I am devising disaster,
from which you cannot remove your necks,
and you shall not walk haughtily,
for it will be a time of disaster.

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In that day they shall take up a taunt song against you and moan bitterly,
and say, "We are utterly ruined;
he changes the portion of my people;
how he removes it from me!
To an apostate he allots our fields."
Therefore you will have none to cast the line by lot in the assembly of the LORD.

"Do not preach"—thus they preach—
"one should not preach of such things; disgrace will not overtake us."
Should this be said, O house of Jacob?
Has the LORD grown impatient?
Are these his deeds?

Do not my words do good
to him who walks uprightly?
But lately my people have risen up as an enemy;
you strip the rich robe from those who pass by
trustingly
with no thought of war.
The women of my people you drive out
from their delightful houses;
from their young children you take away
my splendor forever.
Arise and go,
for this is no place to rest,
because of uncleanness that destroys
with a grievous destruction.

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If a man should go about and utter wind and lies, saying, "I will preach to you of wine and strong drink,"

he would be the preacher for this people!

I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob;

I will gather the remnant of Israel;

I will set them together
like sheep in a fold,
like a flock in its pasture,
a noisy multitude of men.

He who opens the breach goes up before them;
they break through and pass the gate, going out by it.

Their king passes on before them,
the LORD at their head.

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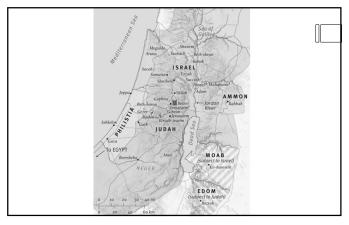
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Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart,

and they have not known my ways."
Therefore I swore in my wrath,
"They shall not enter my rest."

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Psalm 95:7-11

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I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:11-15

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