

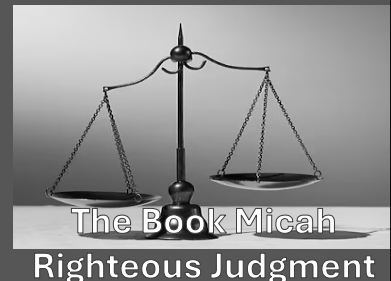
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Protector From Evil



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**With God, He Is Hope Even
In The Darkest Of Situations.**

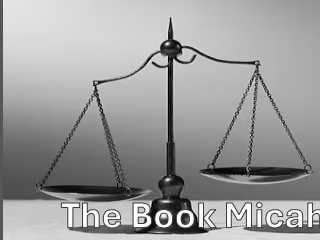


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Old Testament

- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah**
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

Micah 7



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Timeline	King of Judah // Event	Prophet to Judah	Prophet to Israel	King of Israel // Event
780 s.c.				Jeroboam II (781–753)
770				
760	Uzziah (Azariah) (767–740)		(c. 760) Amos	
			(c. 760) Jonah	
			(c. 755) Hosea	
750	Jotham (750–735)	Micah (c. 742)		Zechariah (753–752)
740		Isaiah (c. 740)		Shallum (752)
	Ahaz (735–715)			Menahem (752–742)
730				Pekahiah (742–740)
720				Pekah (740–732)
710	Hezekiah (715–686)			Hoshea (732–722)
700				Fall of Samaria (722)

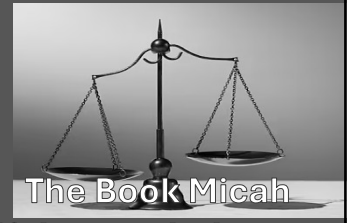
Uzziah – 2 Chronicles 26 // 2 Kings 15:1-7 – good king for a season
 Jotham – 2 Chronicles 27 // 2 Kings 15:32-38 – good king but bad people
 Ahaz – 2 Chronicles 28// 2 Kings 16 – horrible king
 Hezekiah – 2 Chronicles 29// 2 Kings 18-20 – overall good king

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Perishing vs. 1-7

Unmet Expectation

- Season for harvest
- Gleaning was commanded – Leviticus 19:9,10; 23:22



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Leviticus 19:9–10

“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.”

Leviticus 23:22

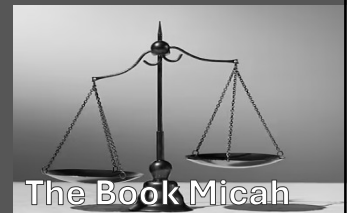
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Perishing vs. 1-7

Unmet Expectation

- Season for harvest
- Gleaning was commanded – Leviticus 19:9,10; 23:22
 - Gleaning – leaving extra for the impoverished
 - Greed hinders gleaning
 - Demonstration of the ungodly heart



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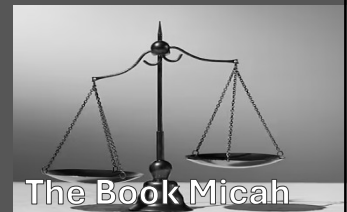
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Perishing vs. 1-7

Unmet Expectation

Desperate Loneliness

- Felt isolation
- Overpowering of the ungodly
- Passionate desire to destroy the godly
- Never truly alone – 1 Kings 19:17-18



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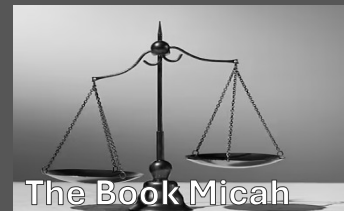
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Unmet Expectation

Desperate Loneliness

Evil Hearts Demonstrated

- Actions stem from the heart's desires
- Justice is not found – seeking a bribe instead of true justice
- Remember the evil kings of Judah and Israel



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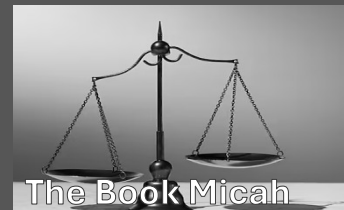
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Danger On The Horizon

- Instead of a fruitful grapevine... now a brier
- Watchmen needed to watch for danger approaching



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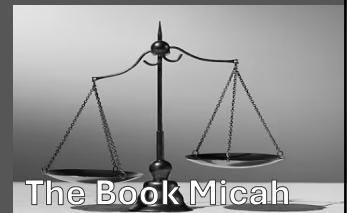
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Danger On The Horizon

Unexpected Turmoil

- No neighbors or friends to be trusted
- Family members against family members



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Matthew 10:34-39

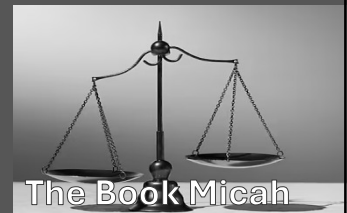
“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

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Perishing vs. 1-7

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But...

- Will look to the LORD not on circumstances
- Will wait on God's timing
- Knowing God is salvation
- God will hear... when we repent



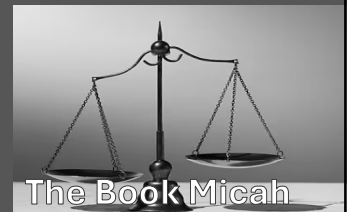
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Praise vs. 8-13

When We Fall

- What appears to be a failure will turn
- When I fall... I shall rise
- In darkness... the LORD is light



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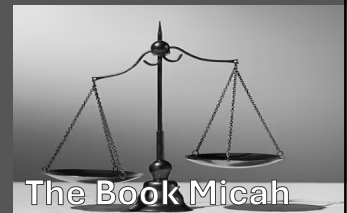
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Praise vs. 8-13

When We Fall

Repentance

- Humbleness to admit and repent
 - From comfort and pride in sin
 - To humility before God and justice
 - God's character – always perfect and righteous judge
 - From glamour of sin to humble before God
- Submitting to God's will



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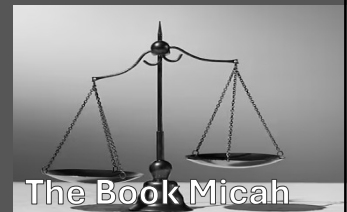
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When We Fall

Repentance

- Humbleness to admit and repent
- God convicts by bring sin to light
 - Forgiveness
 - Restoration



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John 1:9-13

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 8:12

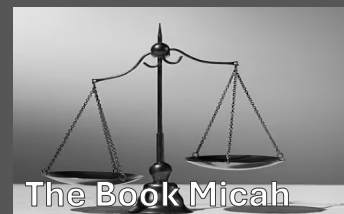
Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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Praise vs. 8-13

When We Fall
Repentance
Reversal

- The enemy will be put to shame
- Justice will come for the enemy
- Look... Wait... Plea
 - God will deliver
- In mire with no hope do to unwillingness to trust in God



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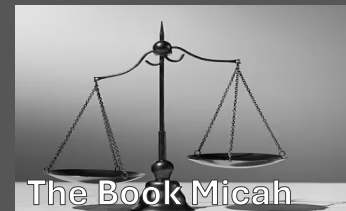
When We Fall

Repentance

Reversal

Desolation And Destruction To The Enemy

- Walls built and boundaries extended
- People come to the city
- Rest of the earth will be desolate
- Results of rejecting God



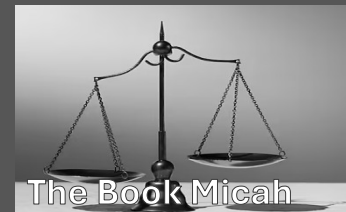
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Provider vs. 14-20

Shepherd - Psalm 23 & John 10:1-21

- Protector
- Provider
- For all... even the one
- Sustainer
 - The fertile lands of Bashan and Gilead – Deuteronomy 3
 - More than just sustainer, demonstrated protector and power



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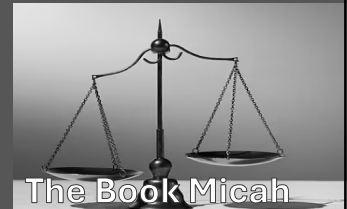
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The Enemy

- The nations will see
- Put to shame
- Mute and deaf in the presents of God
- Position of humiliation
- Fear of God's people not ridicule



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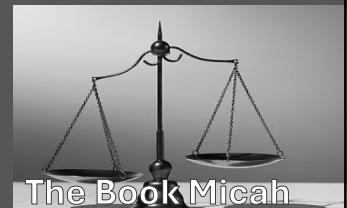
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Shepherd

The Enemy

God's Character Supreme

- No one is like God...
 - Pardoning iniquity
 - Passing over transgression
 - For His people



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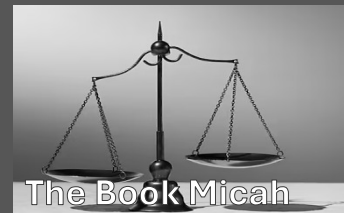
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God's Supreme Character

- No one is like God...
- Does not retain His anger forever
- Delights in steadfast, unchanging love
- Compassionate
- Protector
- Removes sin – will cast all our sins into the depth of the sea



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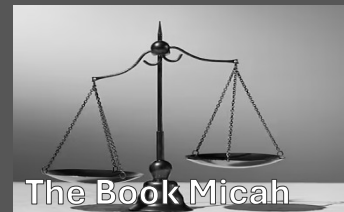
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God's Supreme Character

Covenant God

- Faithfulness to Jacob
- Steadfast love to Abraham
- Covenants continue



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Do Have Hope?

