Listen to what the Lord says:

"Stand up, plead my case before the mountains;

let the hills hear what you have to say.

2 "Hear, you mountains, the Lord's accusation;

listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.

For the Lord has a case against his people;

3 "My people, what have I done to you?

How have I burdened you? Answer me.

4 I brought you up out of Egypt

and redeemed you from the land of slavery.

I sent Moses to lead you,

also Aaron and Miriam.

5 My people, remember

what Balak king of Moab plotted

and what Balaam son of Beor answered.

Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord."

6 With what shall I come before the Lord

and bow down before the exalted God?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,

with calves a year old?

7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,

with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly with your God.

9 Listen! The Lord is calling to the city—

and to fear your name is wisdom—

"Heed the rod and the One who appointed it.

10 Am I still to forget your ill-gotten treasures, you wicked house,

and the short ephah, which is accursed?

11 Shall I acquit someone with dishonest scales,

with a bag of false weights?

12 Your rich people are violent;

your inhabitants are liars

and their tongues speak deceitfully.

13 Therefore, I have begun to destroy you,

to ruin you because of your sins.

14 You will eat but not be satisfied;

your stomach will still be empty.

You will store up but save nothing,

15 You will plant but not harvest;

you will press olives but not use the oil,

you will crush grapes but not drink the wine.

16 You have observed the statutes of Omri

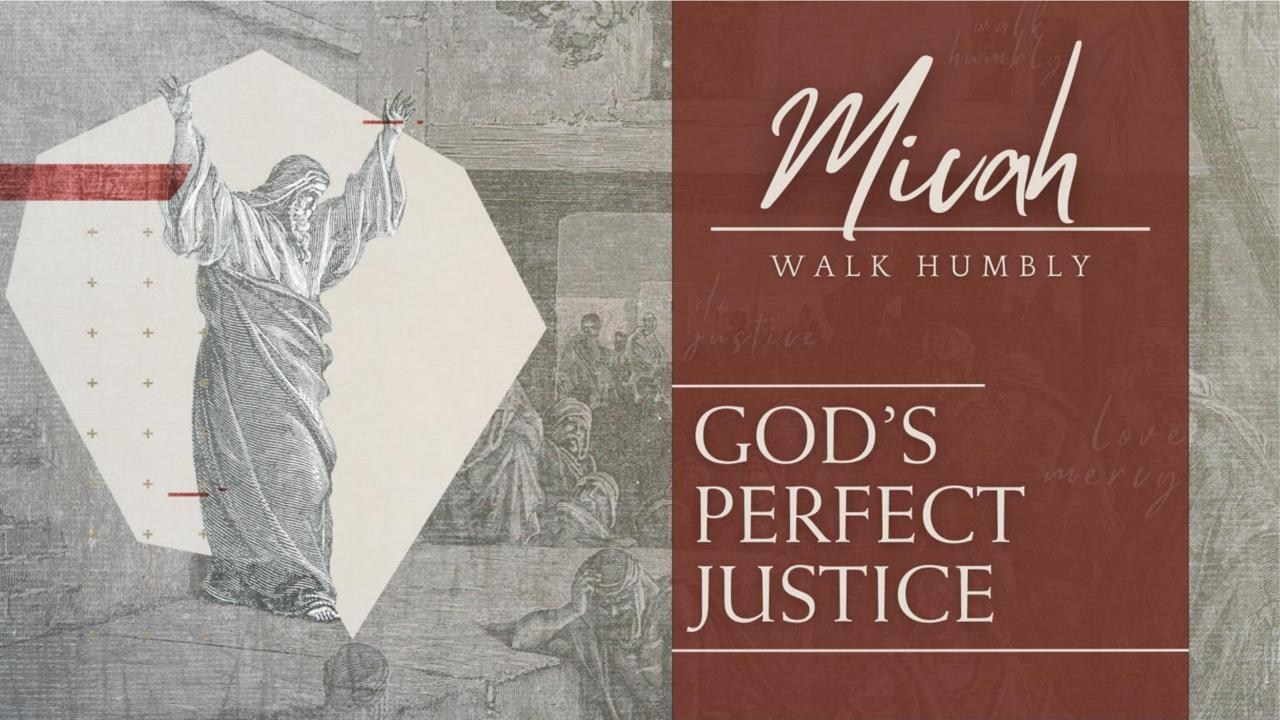
and all the practices of Ahab's house;

you have followed their traditions.

Therefore I will give you over to ruin

and your people to derision;





Micah 4:5

"All the nations may walk in the name of their gods, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever."

Micah 4:10

"Writhe in agony, Daughter Zion,

like a woman in labor,

for now you must leave the city

to camp in the open field.

You will go to Babylon;

there you will be rescued.

There the Lord will redeem you

Micah 6:1-5

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Remember = Reidentify

Who do you belong to? The world or the Lord.

Micah 6:6-8

Micah 6:9-16

Therefore, I have begun to destroy you, to ruin you because of your sins.

You will eat but not be satisfied; your stomach will still be empty.

You will store up but save nothing, because what you save I will give to the sword.

You will plant but not harvest;

you will press olives but not use the oil.

Leviticus 26:14-16

"But if you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands, and if you reject my decrees and abhor my laws and fail to carry out all my commands and so violate my covenant, then I will do this to you:

Leviticus 26:14-16

"I will bring on you sudden terror, wasting diseases and fever that will destroy your sight and sap your strength. You will plant seed in vain, because your enemies will eat it."

Leviticus 26:26

"When I cut off your supply of bread, ten women will be able to bake your bread in one oven, and they will dole out the bread by weight. You will eat, but you will not be satisfied."

Deuteronomy 28:40

"You will have olive trees throughout your country but you will not use the oil, because the olives will drop off."

Deuteronomy 28:51

"They will devour the young of your livestock and the crops of your land until you are destroyed. They will leave you no grain, new wine or olive oil, nor any calves of your herds or lambs of your flocks until you are ruined."



² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old,

from ancient times."

³ "Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,

and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites."

4 "He will stand and shepherd his flock

in the strength of the Lord,

in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they will live securely, for then his greatness

will reach to the ends of the earth."