

# Micah 4:6-13

## Section

Micah 4:6 – “In that day, declares the Lord,  
I will assemble the lame  
and gather those who have been driven away  
and those whom I have afflicted;

6760 [e]	622 [e]	3068 [e]	5002 [e]	1931 [e]	3117 [e]
haṣ·ṣō·lē·‘āh,	’ō·sə·pāh	Yah·weh	ne·‘um-	ha·hū	bay·yō·wm
הַצִּלְעָה	אֶסְפֶּה	יְהוָה	נְאֻם־	הַהוּא	בַּיּוֹם 6
the lame	I will assemble	Yahweh	says	that	In day
Art   V-Qal-Prtcpl-fs	V-Qal-Imperf.Cohort-1cs	N-proper-ms	N-misc	Art   Pro-3ms	Prep-b, Art   N-ms

7489 [e]	834 [e]	6908 [e]	5080 [e]
hā·rê·‘ō·tī.	wa·’ā·šer	’ā·qab·bê·šāh;	wə·han·nid·dā·ḥāh
הִרְעִיתִי:	וְאֲשֶׁר	אֶקְבֹּצֶה	וְהַנִּדְחָה
I have afflicted	and those whom	I will gather	and the outcast
V-Hifil-Perf-1cs	Conj-w   Pro-r	V-Piel-Imperf.Cohort-1cs	Conj-w, Art   V-Nifal-Prtcpl-fs

4:7 - and the lame I will make the remnant,  
and those who were cast off, a strong nation;  
and the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion  
from this time forth and forevermore.

6099 [e]	1471 [e]	1972 [e]	7611 [e]	6760 [e]	853 [e]	7760 [e]
’ā·ṣūm;	le·ḡō·w	wə·han·na·hā·lā·’āh	liš·’ê·rīt,	haṣ·ṣō·lē·‘āh	’et-	wə·śam·tī
עַצוּם	לְגוֹי	וְהַנִּלְאָה	לְשְׂאֵרִית	הַצִּלְעָה	אֶת־	וְשָׁמַתִּי 7
strong	a nation	and the outcast	a remnant	the lame	-	and I will make
Adj-ms	Prep-I   N-ms	Conj-w, Art   V-Nifal-Prtcpl-fs	Prep-I   N-fs	Art   V-Qal-Prtcpl-fs	DirObjM	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-1cs

5769 [e]	5704 [e]	6258 [e]	6726 [e]	2022 [e]	5921 [e]	3068 [e]	4427 [e]	
’ō·w·lām.	wə·’ad-	mê·‘at·tāh	ṣi·yō·wn,	bə·har	’ā·lē·hem	Yah·weh	ū·mā·lak	
פְּ	וְעַד־	מֵעַתָּה	צִיּוֹן	בְּהַר	עֲלֵיהֶם	יְהוָה	וּמִלֶּקְדָּה	
-	forever	and even	from now on	Zion	in Mount	over them	Yahweh	so will reign
Punc	N-ms	Conj-w   Prep	Prep-m   Adv	N-proper-fs	Prep-b   N-misc	Prep   3mp	N-proper-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms

1. “In that day” points forward to the day of Israel’s restoration and glory.
2. The “lame” that are restored are “afflicted” because they had “been driven away” by the Lord.
3. These regathered “lame” that “were cast off” are made into the remnant. They are not merely the people left over from the destruction, but a group of people that were “made into” the

remnant according to the Hebrew word *sim le* which means “to make into” (above *we sam ti* from *sum* or *sim* which means “to put”, “place”, “set”).

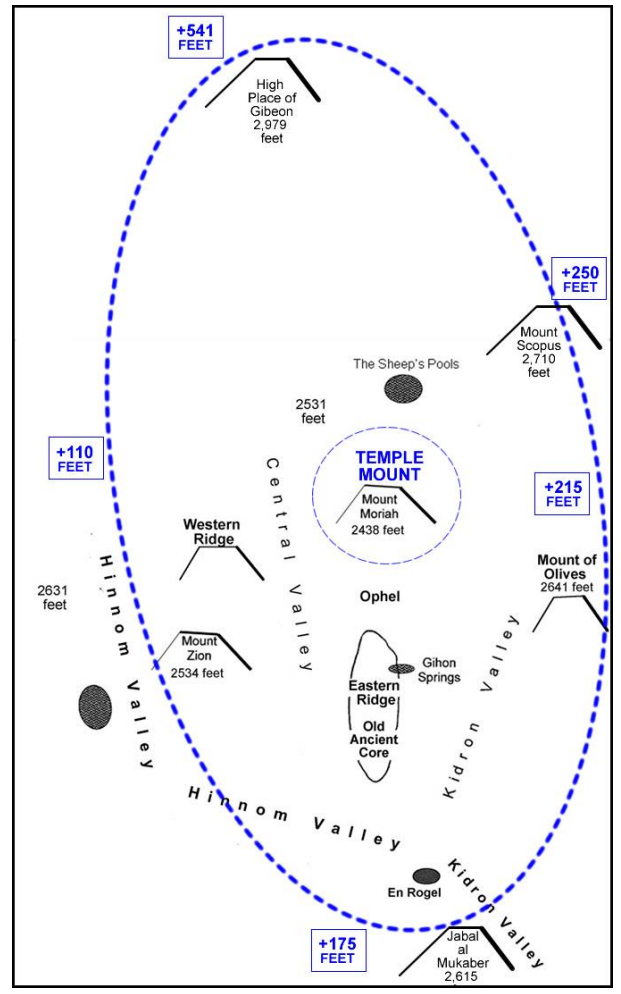
- a. The returning remnant became the worthy remnant through the process of the exile
  - b. God was going to do a work in those who were spared.
4. The concept of “the Remnant” develops into a concept with heavy theological meaning. These are not just those who remain, but a group who develop into the faithful.

**4:8 - And you, O tower of the flock,  
hill of the daughter of Zion,  
to you shall it come,  
the former dominion shall come,  
kingship for the daughter of Jerusalem.**

5704 [e]	6726 [e]	1323 [e]	6076 [e]	5739 [e]	4026 [e]	859 [e]
'ā-de-kā	šī-yō·wn	bat-	'ō·pel	'ê-der,	miḡ·dal-	we-'at-tāh
עַדְיָךְ	צִיּוֹן	בַּת־	עִפְלָי	עֵדֶר	מִגְדַּל־	וְאַתָּה 8
to you	of Zion	of the daughter	the stronghold	of the flock	the Eder Tower	And you
Prep   2ms	N-proper-fs	N-fsc	N-ms	Noun	N-proper-fs	Conj-w   Pro-2ms

3389 [e]	1323 [e]	4467 [e]	7223 [e]	4475 [e]	935 [e]	857 [e]
ye-rū-šā·lim.	le-bat-	mam·le·ket	hā·ri-šō·nāh,	ham·mem·šā·lāh	ū·bā-'āh,	tē·teh;
יְרוּשָׁלַיִם:	לְבַת־	מַמְלַכַת	הַרְאֲשֹׁנָה	הַמְּמִשְׁלָה	וּבָאָה	תָּאֲתֶה
of Jerusalem	of the daughter	the kingdom	former	the dominion	and Even shall come	shall it come
N-proper-fs	Prep-l   N-fsc	N-fsc	Art   Adj-fs	Art   N-fs	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3fs	V-Qal-Imperf-3fs

1. “Tower of the flock” (or, “the Eder Tower of the flock”) is synonymous with “hill of the daughter of Zion” (or, “the stronghold of the daughter of Zion” with “stronghold” being the Hebrew word *opel*.)
  - a. The *opel* is the area just south of the Temple Mount and north of David’s palace. It was the fortified section of Jerusalem which was the City of David.
  - b. This tower, hill, stronghold or *opel* is most likely the old city of David, the original fortress of Jerusalem
  - c. This would not be referring to Bethlehem or a tower in the fields outside Bethlehem.
2. The “former dominion” would refer to David’s reign.
3. Micah, Isaiah and Amos all said the same:
  - a. Hosea 3:5 – “Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.”
  - b. Isaiah 16:4-5 – “When the oppressor is no more, and destruction has ceased, and he who tramples underfoot has vanished from the land, then a throne will be established in steadfast love, and on it will sit in faithfulness in the tent of David one who judges and seeks justice and is swift to do righteousness.”
  - c. Amos 9:11 – “In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old.”



**Section**

**4:9 - Now why do you cry aloud?**

**Is there no king in you?**

**Has your counselor perished,  
that pain seized you like a woman in labor?**

**4:10 - Writhe and groan, O daughter of Zion,  
like a woman in labor,**

**for now you shall go out from the city  
and dwell in the open country;  
you shall go to Babylon.**

**There you shall be rescued;  
there the Lord will redeem you  
from the hand of your enemies.**

1. The nations have gathered against Jerusalem
  - a. Could refer to the days of Micah
  - b. Could refer to the days Hezekiah was invaded by Sennacherib
  - c. Could anticipate the Babylonian invasion
  - d. Could refer to the later days

- Jerusalem may be mocked in the first words “why do you cry aloud” and “is there no king in you” because their king was there yet they had no confidence. Even with their mighty king present Jerusalem was afraid.

## Section

4:11 - **Now many nations**

**are assembled against you,  
saying,**

**“Let her be defiled, and let our eyes gaze upon Zion.”**

4:12 - **But they do not know**

**the thoughts of the Lord;  
they do not understand his plan,  
that he has gathered them as sheaves to the threshing floor.**

13 - **Arise and thresh,**

**O daughter of Zion,  
for I will make your horn iron,  
and I will make your hoofs bronze;  
you shall beat in pieces many peoples;  
and shall devote their gain to the Lord,  
their wealth to the Lord of the whole earth.**

1270 [e]	7760 [e]	7161 [e]	3588 [e]	6726 [e]	1323 [e]	1758 [e]	6965 [e]
bar·zel	'ā·śîm	qar·nêk	kî-	šî·yō·wn,	bat-	wā·dō·wō·šî	qū·mî
בַּרְזֶל	אֲשִׁים	קַרְנְךָ	כִּי	צִיּוֹן	בַּת	וְדוֹשִׁי	קוּמִי
iron	I will make	your horn	for	of Zion	daughter	and thresh	Arise
N-ms	V-Qal-Imperf-1cs	N-fsc   2fs	Conj	N-proper-fs	N-fsc	Conj-w   V-Qal-Imp-fs	V-Qal-Imp-fs

7227 [e]	5971 [e]	1854 [e]	5154 [e]	7760 [e]	6541 [e]
rab·bîm;	'am·mîm	wa·hā·dîq·qō·wî	nə·hū·šāh,	'ā·śîm	ū·pār·sō·ta·yîk
רַבִּים	עַמִּים	וְהַדְקוֹת	נְחוֹשֶׁה	אֲשִׁים	וּפְרַסְתֶּךָ
many	peoples	and You shall beat in pieces	bronze	I will make	and your hooves
Adj-mp	N-mp	Conj-w   V-Hifil-ConjPerf-2fs	N-fs	V-Qal-Imperf-1cs	Conj-w   N-fpc   2fs

776 [e]	3605 [e]	113 [e]	2428 [e]	1214 [e]	3068 [e]	2763 [e]
hā·'ā·reš.	kāl-	la·'ā·dō·wn	wə·hê·lām	biš·'ām,	Yah·weh	wə·ha·hā·ram·tî
הָאָרֶץ:	כָּל-	לְאֲדוֹן	וְחֵילָם	בְּצַעֲמָם	לְיְהוָה	וְהִתְקַדַּשְׁתִּי
the earth	of all	to the Lord	and their substance	covet	to Yahweh	and I will consecrate
Art   N-fs	N-msc	Prep-I   N-msc	Conj-w   N-msc   3mp	N-msc   3mp	Prep-I   N-proper-ms	Conj-w   V-Hifil-ConjPerf-1cs

- The nations are gathered against Jerusalem, but it is a plan, design of God against the nations
- Isaiah 9:2-7
- The hoofs tread the grain. The horn is a sign of strength and power.
- “devote” can mean “devote to destruction” as in the Hebrew word *cherem* or *herem*.