

Micah 2:12-13 Deliverance Promised

¹² *"I will surely gather all of you, Jacob; I will surely bring together the remnant of Israel. I will bring them together like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture; the place will throng with people.*

¹³ *The One who breaks open the way will go up before them; they will break through the gate and go out. Their King will pass through before them, the Lord at their head."*

The book of Micah describes God's coming judgment on Israel because of its rebellion. The Assyrian Empire and then the Babylon Empire would destroy the nation and leave Jerusalem in ruin.

Micah 2:3

Therefore, the Lord says: "I am planning disaster against this people, from which you cannot save yourselves. You will no longer walk proudly, for it will be a time of calamity.

However, Micah also gives the people hope. Like a shepherd, God will one day gather and restore a faithful remnant to the land.

Just like the Israelites, we too are facing so many disasters around the world. Even with vaccines and financial help from the government, we are still facing other issues. We need to realize that only the Lord will help us. This book also points to the coming of Jesus Christ. Let us look deeper into the scripture today and see how our Lord and Jesus provides us strength during challenging times.

1. He Gathers Us

When we look at Jacob, we know he lacks in many ways. However, the Lord has chosen and brought him into His arms. The Lord brings all people together...those who are weak, those who are sinners, and those who are gentiles.

Micah 2:12a

*I will surely gather all of you, **Jacob**; I will surely bring together the remnant of Israel. I will bring them together like sheep in a pen*

Micah 4:6 The Lord's Plan

⁶ *"In that day," declares the Lord, "I will gather the **lame**; I will assemble the **exiles** and those I have **brought to grief**.*

Isaiah 56:8

*The Sovereign Lord declares— he who **gathers the exiles of Israel**: "I will **gather** still others to them besides those already gathered."*

Just as the Lord gathered His people, Jesus Christ also did the same.

Luke 13:34

*"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and **you were not willing**.*

Matthew 24:31

³¹ *And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.*

At the end of the school trips, the teachers make announcement to gather all the students back to the bus. They make sure they don't forget or leave anyone behind. When we are in the airport, we hear announcements of names. They call these name to make sure they are not left behind and to make sure they gather to the checking point. Just like the teachers and flight attendants, the Lord is calling us and gathering us. We never know what will happen tomorrow...we must listen to our Lord's calling.

We see on the news about Asian hate crimes. Recently a woman was eating ice cream at the park and she was slapped by another woman because she was Asian. We just don't know where this world will head and what will happen in the future...we must be ready.

Matthew 24:44

⁴⁴ So you also **must be ready**, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

2. He Watches Over Us

As the Lord gathers us together, He will also watch over us.

Micah 2:12b

*I will bring them together like sheep of **Bozrah**, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.*

Bozrah can be translated to "fold"—sheep in the fold. Bozrah is also the magnificent "break-out" of God's covenant people as the Lord protects His people through bricked walls. He leads us to the green pasture to feed us and allowing us to grow in numbers. He will gather us to His land and watch over us.

Jeremiah 31:10

*"Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: "He who scattered Israel **will gather them and will watch over** his flock lie a shepherd."*

Just as the Lord gathered and watched over us, Jesus did the same. He is even mentioned in book of Micah.

John 10:28

*I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; **no one can snatch them out of my hand.***

Micah 5:2

"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."

Testimony - During a group trip to the mountains, they had to cross a steep gap to get to the destination. The tourist guide waved his hand out to the person who was in fear. The guide said, "no need to worry - I never dropped anyone for many years." At that moment, the guide's hand changed to Jesus' hand with nail mark and heard the voice saying, "this hand has never dropped anyone."

Remember...just as the Lord watched over Micah, He watches over us and shows us His mercy. The Lord brought His Son Jesus Christ to save us and watch over us.

Micah 7:18

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

John 14:1

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

3. He Guides Us

As the Lord gathers and watches over us, He also guides us.

Micah 2:13

¹³ *The One who breaks open the way will go up before them; they will break through the gate and go out. Their King will pass through before them, the Lord at their head."*

How will the Lord guide us?

A. He will go before you

Deuteronomy 1:33

³³ *who went ahead of you on your journey, in fire by night and in a cloud by day, to search out places for you to camp and to show you the way you should go.*

B. He will carry us in His arms

Psalms 28:9

Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.

C. He will carry us on His pinions

Deuteronomy 32:11

like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them aloft.

D. Until we die

Psalms 48:14

For this God is our God forever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.

As the Lord guided us, His Son Jesus Christ also guided us until the end.

John 6:39

And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.

From *Guide Post*, a testimony of a blind person - This event occurred in Long Island outside an apartment. There was a CA mountain guide dog name Dustin. The dog was confused by the first blizzard and was unable to find the house. Because of the state emergency, no one was around to help them. The blind started to pray, "Lord Please walk with Dustin and me. The wind is so bad we can't even see the road. Please guide us." The blizzard was so severe, the dog started to whine and couldn't navigate the road. The blind told the dog, "Dustin, the Lord is with us. He is with us! Follow Him!" Dustin got up and walked vigorously as if he knew the way. They finally arrived soon at the apartment, and a young woman came up to the door right after them. She said, "I only followed your footsteps. You and the dog and there was another person." She continued and said, "There was a dog's footprint, and there was a footprint of yours and a bigger one. Didn't you come with him?" The blind man said, "Oh, yes, He came with me." Jesus Christ was by the blind man and Dustin.

Psalms 23:6

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Micah 6:8

What does the Lord require of you? to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

In Summary

Gospel of Micah tells us Our Father...

- ***Gathers Us***
- ***Watches Us Over***
- ***Guides Us***

In this scary world, we do not know what is ahead of us.

Only Our Father knows and will guide us.

Let us follow the path He has provided for us.