

# An Unfailing God in an Ever-Failing World

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Micah 7:1–20 (LSB)

<sup>1</sup> Woe is me! For I am Like the fruit pickers, like the grape gatherers. There is not a cluster of grapes to eat, *Or* a first-ripe fig *which* my soul desires. <sup>2</sup> The holy one has perished from the land, And there is no upright *person* among men. All of them lie in wait for bloodshed; Each of them hunts the other with a net. <sup>3</sup> Concerning evil, both hands do it well. The prince asks, also the judge, for a payment, And a great man speaks the craving of his soul; So they weave it together. <sup>4</sup> The best of them is like a briar, The most upright like a thorn hedge. The day when you post your watchmen, Your punishment will come. At that time their panic will happen. <sup>5</sup> Do not believe in a neighbor; Do not have confidence in a close companion. From her who lies in your bosom Guard the openings of your mouth. <sup>6</sup> For son treats father as a wicked fool; Daughter rises up against her mother, Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; A man's enemies are the men of his own household.

<sup>7</sup> But as for me, I will watch expectantly for Yahweh; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me. <sup>8</sup> Do not be glad over me, O my enemy. Though I fall I will rise; Though I inhabit the darkness, Yahweh is a light for me. <sup>9</sup> I will bear the rage of Yahweh Because I have sinned against Him, Until He pleads my case and does justice for me. He will bring me out to the light, *And* I will see His righteousness. <sup>10</sup> Then my enemy will see, And shame will cover her who said to me, "Where is Yahweh your God?" My eyes will look on her; At that time she will be trampled down Like mire of the streets. <sup>11</sup> *It will be* a day for building your walls. On that day your boundary will be extended. <sup>12</sup> *It will be* a day when they will come to you From Assyria and the cities of Egypt, From Egypt even to the River, Even from sea to sea and mountain to mountain. <sup>13</sup> And the earth will become desolate because of her inhabitants, On account of the fruit of their deeds.

<sup>14</sup> Shepherd Your people with Your scepter, The flock of Your inheritance Which dwells by itself in the forest, In the midst of a fruitful orchard. Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead As in the ancient days. <sup>15</sup> "As in the days when you came out from the land of Egypt, I will show you





