



God Wants Worship

Who is a God like you; Who carries guilt, Who passes over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance? He will not hold onto His anger because He delights in love. He will relent and He will have compassion on us, He will subdue our guilt and throw all our sin into the depths of the sea. He will give truth to Jacob, He will give love to Abraham, the one whom you yourself swore to our fathers from long ago.

> Micah 7:18-20





Chapters 1-2

Consequences of Counterfeit Comforts—Judgments

God responds to unjust Israelite leaders with...

Chapters 3-5

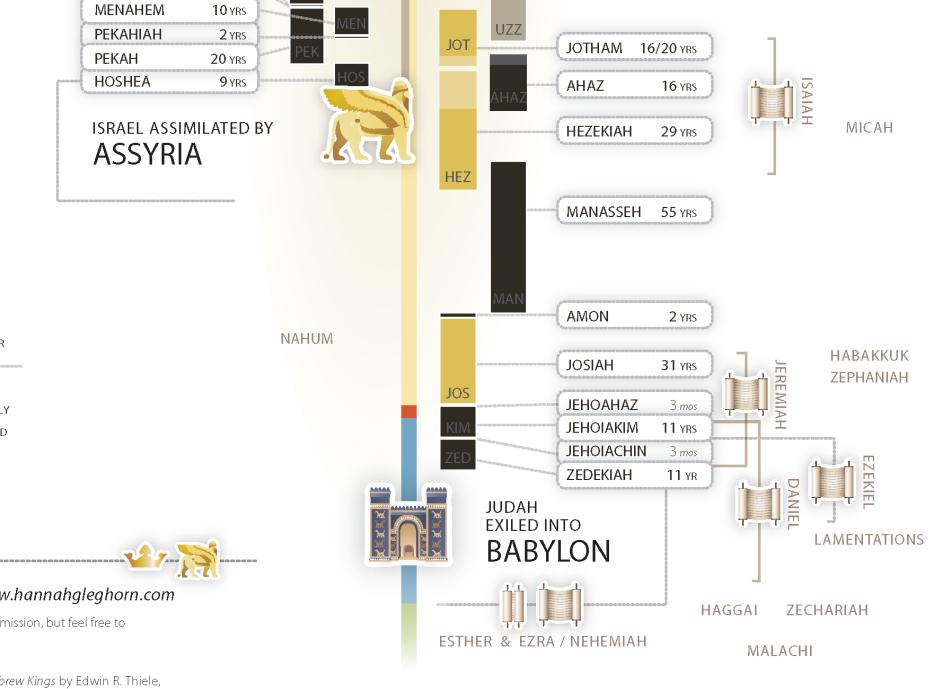
Proof & Promise—Focus on the Coming King

Chapters 6-7

What He Wants
Remember, Fear, Wait, Worship

- **1:5** All this is for the transgression of Jacob and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what is the high place of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem?
- **3:1** And I said: Hear, you heads of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel! Is it not for you to know justice?— you who hate the good and love the evil
- **5:2** But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.
- **7:7** But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.
- **7:18-20** Who is a God like you? ...





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JUSTICE

NOT

A law external to God

Mercy or Grace

Truth or Punishment

Loyal Love or Fairness

Part of God's Moral Perfection

Deut. 32:4

Expression of God's Holiness Romans 3

Impartiality 1 Peter 1:17

Actions bringing peace to a community

Isaiah 1:17; Psalm 9:4 IS

The result of keeping the law Psalm 119

The result of loving God's commands

Psalm 119

The result of faith James 1:27

Care of the poor and oppressed Psalm 72:12-14

Justice: Towards a Definition

God's moral perfection—His *righteousness*—is comprised of two co-equal elements; namely, his perfect *justice* and *love*

Justice is any action that brings peace* by giving to God what He deserves and to people what they deserve.**

How does Micah exalt God and point specifically to the Messiah?

Micah is about How God responds to unjust Israelite leaders What kind of sin, what kind of injustice, is Micah calling out?

How does leadership, and your leadership in particular, affect people?

How is God going to solve Micah's and the Israelite—and our!—problems?

