

God's wonderful promises of His certainty that God is going to continue His blessing upon His people and to perform His great work. You notice in verse 11 the definite looking forward to the return from exile. Here the walls hadn't even been destroyed. The city hasn't been taken yet, and yet we look forward to the rebuilding of the walls. Just as Isaiah did in the rest part of his book, so does Micah here. He has put himself into the future situation and is praising the Lord for that which is to come to past.

The 18th verse is very interesting because of the way it starts. Why is the way verse 18 starts interesting? There is a particular reason why the very beginning of verse 18 is extremely interesting. How many know that? Very specific and unusual reason. (Student). The thing I had in mind was the very beginning of the verse. The particular thing I had in mind here ; "Who is a God like thee." Now what is the name of the man who writes this? Who is like the Lord - who is like Jehovah. You notice that in all the names in the Hebrew ending with yah, the יָהּ stands for the Lord. Who is like the Lord is Micah's name, and towards the end of his book here, ; it gives one of these words, who is like a god unto thee. It is very clearly a play on the prophet's name. Very clearly, showing the fitness of his own name for one who takes the attitude that he is taking towards God, and it certainly was in the prophet's mind when he said this verse. There's no question of that, because his name is יְהוָה was not like the name ; of one of us which is derived from another language and we have not examined what it means. Most of you have names taken from another language and you have no idea what it means, but the Hebrew names are mostly Hebrew words with a specific definite meaning. It is just like a friend of mind, whose family is not usually called by his ordinary name, but he is called brother by the whole family. And he is still called that, even though he is his old man, now in a case like that, if you use this ordinary word which means the Lord is gracious, he wouldn't recognize the meaning of the name probably or see a play on