

Then in ch. 7 you have a picture of the godly complaining about the condition the nation as a whole. That's the first part of the final chapter. Beginning in 7:8 Micah declares his faith in God. "Do not gloat over me, my enemy. . . . He will bring me out into the light, I will see his justice". Mine eyes will see her downfall; even now she will be trampled underfoot like mire in the streets. The day for building your walls will come, the day for extending your boundaries" (7:8-11).

Then we have a promise which probably looks forward to millennial days. "In that day people will come to you from Assyria and the cities of of Egypt . . . The earth will become desolate because of its inhabitants as the result of their deeds. . . . And then a prayer: "Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock of your inheritance . . . Let them feed in Bashan and Bilead as in days long ago." And in v. 18 we have an interesting verse: "Who is a God like you" and in Hebrew the word "who" is me which we pronounce my, and the word like is ka, so Micah's name really means "Who is like God?" He ends with his name here almost like his signature. Who is like God . . . Who is a God like you who pardons sin and forgives the transgressions of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever . . . You will again have compassion on us . . . and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea." What a wonderful prediction from the One who predicted that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem and who predicted that Jesus will eventually establish His millennial kingdom when there will be no more war and no more reason to fear upon this earth. What a marvelous statement? Who is a God like you would will have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot, and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. You will be true to Jacob, and show mercy to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our fathers in the days long ago."

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