

Examples of prophetic critique of Jerusalem leaders + promise of salvation

MICAH 7.3-7

Their hands are skilled to do evil; **the official and the judge ask for a bribe**, and the powerful dictate what they desire; thus they pervert justice. The best of them is like a brier, the most upright of them a thorn hedge. The day of their sentinels, of their punishment, has come; now their confusion is at hand. Put no trust in a friend, have no confidence in a loved one; guard the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your embrace; for the son treats the father with contempt, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; your enemies are members of your own household. **But as for me, I will look to YHWH, I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.**

ISAIAH 52.4-7

For thus says the Lord YHWH: Long ago, my people went down into Egypt to reside there as aliens; the Assyrian, too, has oppressed them without cause. Now therefore what am I doing here, says YHWH, seeing that my people are taken away without cause? **Their rulers howl, says YHWH**, and continually, all day long, my name is despised. Therefore my people shall know my name; therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here am I. **How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."** (cf. Nahum 1.15)