

# Haftarah for Balak

## Micha 5:6 - 6:8

*This translation was taken from the JPS Tanakh*

<sup>6</sup> The remnant of Jacob shall be,  
In the midst of the many peoples,  
Like dew from the Lord,  
Like droplets on grass--  
Which do not look to any man  
Nor place their hope in mortals.

<sup>7</sup> The remnant of Jacob  
Shall be among the nations,  
In the midst of the many peoples,  
Like a lion among beasts of the wild,  
Like a fierce lion among flocks of sheep,  
Which tramples wherever it goes  
And rends, with none to deliver.

<sup>8</sup> Your hand shall prevail over your foes,  
And all your enemies shall be cut down!

<sup>9</sup> In that day

--declares the Lord--

I will destroy the horses in your midst  
And wreck your chariots.

<sup>10</sup> I will destroy the cities of your land  
And demolish all your fortresses.

<sup>11</sup> I will destroy the sorcery you practice,  
And you shall have no more soothsayers.

<sup>12</sup> I will destroy your idols  
And the sacred pillars in your midst;  
And no more shall you bow down  
To the work of your hands.

<sup>13</sup> I will tear down the sacred posts in your midst  
And destroy your cities.

<sup>14</sup> In anger and wrath  
Will I wreak retribution  
On the nations that have not obeyed.

## Chapter 6

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the Lord is saying:

Come, present [My] case before the mountains,  
And let the hills hear you pleading.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord--  
You firm foundations of the earth!  
For the Lord has a case against His people,  
He has a suit against Israel.

<sup>3</sup> "My people!  
What wrong have I done you?  
What hardship have I caused you?  
Testify against Me.

<sup>4</sup> In fact,  
I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
I redeemed you from the house of bondage,  
And I sent before you  
Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> "My people,  
Remember what Balak king of Moab  
Plotted against you,  
And how Balaam son of Beor  
Responded to him.  
[Recall your passage]  
From Shittim to Gilgal--  
And you will recognize  
The gracious acts of the Lord."

<sup>6</sup> With what shall I approach the Lord,  
Do homage to God on high?  
Shall I approach Him with burnt offerings,  
With calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Would the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
With myriads of streams of oil?  
Shall I give my first-born for my transgression,  
The fruit of my body for my sins?