

Psalm 7 & Micah 7:9-17 + 20

Psalm 7

David is under attack from Cush the Benjamite, perhaps an ally of King Saul, also a Benjamite.

“Cush” - Nimrod’s ancestor - probably is the Torah reference here. This Cush is a reflection of Nimrod - wicked, an enemy, a persecutor.

Psalm 7:9 - “Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.”

Micah 7:9-17 + 20

A verse not included in the haftarah points to the sin of Ham against Noah:

Micah 7:6 - “For the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.”

The last Haftarah verses prefigures the victory of the Deliverer of Genesis 3:15 crushing the head of the seed of the serpent:

Micah 7:17 - “They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee.”

- and God’s blessing toward Shem:

Micah 7:20 - “Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.”