

Micah 5:2–5a

2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
 who are too little to be among
 the clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to be ruler in Israel,
 whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.

3 Therefore he shall give them up until
 the time

when she who is in labor has
 given birth;

then the rest of his brothers shall return
 to the people of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and shepherd his
 flock in the strength of the Lord,
 in the majesty of the name
 of the Lord his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he
 shall be great
 to the ends of the earth.

5 And he shall be their peace.

**Psalm 80:1–7**

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
 you who lead Joseph | like a flock!*

You who are enthroned upon
 the cherubim, | shine forth.

2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin
 and Ma- | nasseh,*

stir up your might
 and come to | save us!

3 Restore us, | O God; *
 let your face shine,
 that we | may be saved!

4 O Lord | God of hosts,*
 how long will you be angry
 with your | people's prayers?

5 You have fed them with
 the | bread of tears*
 and given them tears to drink
 in full | measure.

6 You make us an object of contention
 for our | neighbors,*

and our enemies laugh
 a- | mong themselves.

7 Restore us, O | God of hosts; *
 let your face shine,
 that we | may be saved!

Hebrews 10:5–10

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said,
"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body
have you prepared for me;

⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do
your will, O God,
as it is written of me in
the scroll of the book.'

⁸When he said above, "You have neither
desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices
and offerings and burnt offerings and sin
offerings" (these are offered according
to the law), ⁹then he added, "Behold, I
have come to do your will." He
abolishes the first in order to establish
the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have
been sanctified through the offering of
the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1:39–56

³⁹In those days Mary arose and
went with haste into the hill country, to
a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the
house of Zechariah and greeted
Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard
the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in
her womb. And Elizabeth was filled
with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she
exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are
you among women, and blessed is the
fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this
granted to me that the mother of my

Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold,
when the sound of your greeting came to
my ears, the baby in my womb leaped
for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who
believed that there would be a
fulfillment of what was spoken to her
from the Lord."

⁴⁶And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate
of his servant.

For behold, from now on all
generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great
things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰And his mercy is for those
who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud
in the thoughts of their hearts;
⁵²he has brought down the mighty
from their thrones

and exalted those of humble estate;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good
things,
and the rich he has sent
empty away.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and
to his offspring forever."

⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about
three months and returned to her home.