

# Readings: Feria

## First Reading: Bar 4:5-12.27-29

Fear not, my people!

Remember, Israel,  
You were sold to the nations  
not for your destruction;  
It was because you angered God  
that you were handed over to your foes.  
For you provoked your Maker  
with sacrifices to demons, to no-gods;  
You forsook the Eternal God who nourished you,  
and you grieved Jerusalem who fostered you.  
She indeed saw coming upon you

the anger of God; and she said:

"Hear, you neighbors of Zion!  
God has brought great mourning upon me,  
For I have seen the captivity  
that the Eternal God has brought  
upon my sons and daughters.  
With joy I fostered them;  
but with mourning and lament I let them go.  
Let no one gloat over me, a widow,  
bereft of many:  
For the sins of my children I am left desolate,

because they turned from the law of God.

Fear not, my children; call out to God!  
He who brought this upon you will remember you.  
As your hearts have been disposed to stray from God,  
turn now ten times the more to seek him;  
For he who has brought disaster upon you

will, in saving you, bring you back enduring joy."

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## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 69:33-35, 36-37

**R/ The Lord listens to the poor.**

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad:  
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!  
For the LORD hears the poor,  
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.  
Let the heavens and the earth praise him,  
the seas and whatever moves in them!"

**R/ The Lord listens to the poor.**

For God will save Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah.  
They shall dwell in the land and own it,  
and the descendants of his servants shall inherit it,  
and those who love his name shall inhabit it.

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**Gospel Reading: Lk 10:17-24**

The seventy-two disciples returned full of joy. They said, "Lord, even the demons obeyed us when we called on your name." Then Jesus replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. You see, I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the Enemy, so that nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, don't rejoice because the evil spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven."

At that time Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit and said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and made them known to the little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. I have been given all things by my Father, so that no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and he to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said to them privately, "Fortunate are you to see what you see, for I tell you that many prophets and kings would have liked to see what you see but did not, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

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