



Title: Israel's Kingdom Blessings (part 2)

Text: Micah 5:1-15

I. The Birth of the Coming Messiah. (vv.1-2)

1 Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek. 2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

II. The Work of the Coming Messiah. (vv.3-15)

“3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.”

A.) Christ will end Israel's separation from God.

“4 And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.”

B.) Christ will Shepherd His people and give them security.

“5 And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men. 6 And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.”

C.) Christ will be the source of peace and will deliver His people from their enemies.

“7 And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men. 8 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. 9 Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.”

D.) Christ's remnant will be a blessing to many people.

“10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots: 11 And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds:”

E.) Christ will cut off Israel's military – their confidence will be on the LORD instead.

“12 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers: 13 Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands. 14 And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee: so will I destroy thy cities.”

F.) Christ will cut off Israel's false worship.

“15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.”

G.) Christ will execute judgment on all who will disobey Him.

Conclusion: Israel's King is coming, as Micah prophesied concerning the First and Second Advents all compressed in this chapter. Here is great deal of eschatology in a few words. (5:1-2, relate to Christ's birth and suffering, see Matt. 2:5,6 – the magi cited this passage); (5:3-15, relate to future events that are yet to take place).