



**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).