Micah 5:1-15 **Messiah born in Bethlehem of Judah Deliverance from Assyria – Israel's Reign among the Gentiles Destruction of Witchcraft and Idolatry**

1 Now gather yourself in troops, O daughter of troops; He has laid siege against us; They will strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek.

The Coming Messiah

- ² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."
- 3 Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth; Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel.
- ⁴ And He shall stand and feed His flock In the strength of Yahweh (the Lord), In the majesty of the name of Yahweh Eloheyw (the Lord His God); And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth;
- 5 And this One shall be peace.

Coming Deliverance from Assyria

When the Assyrian comes into our land, And when he treads in our palaces, Then we will raise against him Seven shepherds and eight princely men.

⁶ They shall waste with the sword the land of Assyria, And the land of Nimrod at its entrances; Thus He shall deliver us from the Assyrian, When he comes into our land And when he treads within our borders.

Israel's reign among the Gentiles

- ⁷ Then the remnant of Jacob Shall be in the midst of many peoples, Like dew from Yahweh (the Lord), Like showers on the grass, That tarry for no man Nor wait for the sons of men.
- 8 And the remnant of Jacob Shall be among the Gentiles, In the midst of many peoples, Like a lion among the beasts of the forest, Like a young lion among flocks of sheep, Who, if he passes through, Both treads down and tears in pieces, And none can deliver.
- 9 Your hand shall be lifted against your adversaries, And all your enemies shall be cut off.

Destruction of Idolatry and Witchcraft

- ¹⁰ "And it shall be in that day," says Yahweh (the Lord), "That I will cut off your horses from your midst And destroy your chariots.
- 11 I will cut off the cities of your land And throw down all your strongholds.
- 12 I will cut off sorceries from your hand, And you shall have no soothsayers.
- 13 Your carved images I will also cut off, And your sacred pillars from your midst; You shall no more worship the work of your hands;
- 14 I will pluck your wooden images from your midst; Thus I will destroy your cities.
- 15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury On the nations that have not heard." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ♦ Now gather yourself in troops, O daughter of troops; He has laid siege against us; They will strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek. [Micah 5:1]
 - ❖ Warning that Yahweh the Judge of Israel is bringing a siege against Israel because of her sins and abominations.
 - ♦ Before then He first will come in human form and they will strike Him on the cheek with a rod as they prepare to crucify Him to fulfill this prophesy.

The Coming Messiah [Micah 5:2-5]

- ❖ The birthplace of Messiah the Judge of Israel is specified as Bethlehem Ephrathah of the tribal region of Judah.
- ♦ He is identified as the One to be Ruler in Israel.
- ♦ He is identified as the Eternal One Whose goings forth are from Old, from Everlasting.
- ♦ Yahweh will give Israel up to her enemies until the time for Messiah's birth.
- ♦ A remnant will return from captivity to the land of Israel to be a people until the appointed time when She who is in labor has given birth. [Micah 5:3, Revelation 12:1-6]
- ♦ After the Great Tribulation, Messiah will return and set up His Kingdom.
- ♦ Then the remnant of Israel will be restored to their land as the head nation of all the earth. [Micah 5:3, Revelation 20:4-6]
- ♦ Messiah will feed His flock in the strength of Yahweh, the majesty of the name of Yahweh Eloheyw.
- ♦ They shall abide securely as His people, and He shall be great to the ends of the earth.
- ♦ This One shall be Peace. (Universal Peace is the rightful result of world wide pure righteousness). [Micah 5:5, Hosea 2:13, Isaiah 2:4, 11:6-9, 65:18-25]

Coming Deliverance from Assyria [Micah 5:5-6]

♦ The land of Assyria, and the land of Nimrod will be laid waste, and Israel will be delivered from their oppression.

Israel's reign among the Gentiles [Micah 5:7-9]

- ♦ The remnant of Jacob will be as a blessing among the nations of the Gentiles like dew from Yahweh and showers on the grass, fulfilling Yahweh's promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. [Micah 5:7, Genesis 18:18, 22:18, 28:14]
- ♦ All adversaries and enemies of Israel will be cut off. [Micah 5:8-9]

Destruction of Idolatry and Witchcraft [Micah 5:10-15]

♦ In the purge of evil from the earth, as Yahweh sets up His Kingdom, all instruments of war will be cut off and all forms of witchcraft and idolatry will be destroyed. [Micah 4:3, Daniel 7:26, Malachi 3:1-5, 4:1, Isaiah 2:4, 29:20-21, Zephaniah 3:8-9, Malachi 3:18, Matthew 13:37-42]