

Micah 5:2-15

A Message of Hope for God's
Overwhelmed People

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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 coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.
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.
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.

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And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.
And he shall be their peace.
When the Assyrian comes into our land
and treads in our palaces,
then we will raise against him seven shepherds
and eight princes of men;
they shall shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword,
and the land of Nimrod at its entrances;
and he shall deliver us from the Assyrian
when he comes into our land
and treads within our border.

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Then the remnant of Jacob shall be
in the midst of many peoples
like dew from the LORD,
like showers on the grass,
which delay not for a man
nor wait for the children of man.
And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations,
in the midst of many peoples,
like a lion among the beasts of the forest,
like a young lion among the flocks of sheep,
which, when it goes through, treads down
and tears in pieces, and there is none to deliver.

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Your hand shall be lifted up over your adversaries,
and all your enemies shall be cut off.
And in that day, declares the LORD,
I will cut off your horses from among you
and will destroy your chariots;
and I will cut off the cities of your land
and throw down all your strongholds;
and I will cut off sorceries from your hand,
and you shall have no more tellers of fortunes;
and I will cut off your carved images
and your pillars from among you,

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and you shall bow down no more
to the work of your hands;
and I will root out your Asherah images from among you
and destroy your cities.
And in anger and wrath I will execute vengeance
on the nations that did not obey.

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1. God will gather a remnant and give them security (5:2-6)

- God will raise a ruler like David in fulfillment of his ancient promise (2 Sam 7:8-16)
- This ruler will be uniquely devoted to God, unlike many of the kings of Israel and Judah
- This would happen after God's people had endured exile in Babylon
- And there would also be a triumph over Assyria (v.5) and Babylon (v.6)

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Jesus is the ruler from Bethlehem

- Came from Bethlehem, from the family of David (Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2)
- Came to do his father's will (John 5:19; 5:30; 6:38)
- Is a shepherd to his people (John 10:11-16)

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2. God's remnant will overcome their enemies (5:7-9)

- And yet they will go forward in the power of God
- The remnant will overcome all of its enemies

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3. God will purify the remnant by removing their substitute gods (5:10-15)

- God promises to cut off their military resources (vv.10-11)
 - Their security was in their military might (Isaiah 31:1; Hosea 8:14)
- God promises to destroy their idols and other gods (vv.12-14)
- This is not a threat, it is an act of mercy.

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Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Hebrews 13:5-6

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