

The Coming Ruler of God's Kingdom: The Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ Micah 05:01–15

1. *The birth of the coming Messiah (Christ)*

a. The people's need for a Saviour

- 1) Jerusalem was under siege
- 2) Israel's ruler was helpless

b. The birth of the Saviour

- 1) His birthplace: Bethlehem
- 2) His purpose: Sent for God to rule over Israel (God's people)
- 3) His origin: The distant past — eternity (heaven)

2. *The work of the coming Messiah*

a. Christ will end Israel's alienation and separation from God

- 1) He will reconcile the people
- 2) He will reunite and restore the nation

b. Christ will shepherd His people and give them security

- 1) His ministry will be in the strength and majesty of God Himself
- 2) His greatness and rule will spread all over the world

c. Christ will be the source of peace

d. Christ will deliver His people from their enemies

- 1) He will enable them to defeat the Assyrians (represents all enemies)

1 Marshal your troops now,
city of troops,
for a siege is laid against us.
They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek
with a rod.

2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times."

3 Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time
when she who is in labour bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers
return to join the Israelites.

4 He will stand and shepherd his flock
in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty
of the name of the LORD his God.
And they will live securely,
for then his greatness will reach
to the ends of the earth.

5 And he will be our peace
when the Assyrians invade our land
and march through our fortresses.
We will raise against them seven shepherds,
even eight commanders,

2) He will enable them to rule the land of their enemies e. Christ will make true believers (the remnant) a blessing to many people: They will be like dew and share the water of life with the world f. Christ will make true believers (the remnant) triumphant over all other people 1) They will be like a lion: Dominate all the other nations (animals) of the world 2) They will be victorious over all their enemies: All enemies will be destroyed g. Christ will purge and purify His people: On that day 1) He will destroy their military power and fortress cities: They placed their trust in these instead of in God 2) He will destroy their false worship • Their witchcraft • Their idolatry — the work of their own hands — in which they trusted • Their Asherah poles • Their temples and the cities in which they stand h. Christ will execute judgment upon all who disobey Him	6 who will rule the land of Assyria with the sword, the land of Nimrod with drawn sword. He will deliver us from the Assyrians when they invade our land and march across our borders. 7 The remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of many peoples like dew from the LORD, like showers on the grass, which do not wait for anyone or depend on man. 8 The remnant of Jacob will be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among flocks of sheep, which mauls and mangles as it goes, and no one can rescue. 9 Your hand will be lifted up in triumph over your enemies, and all your foes will be destroyed. 10 “In that day,” declares the LORD, “I will destroy your horses from among you and demolish your chariots. 11 I will destroy the cities of your land and tear down all your strongholds. 12 I will destroy your witchcraft and you will no longer cast spells. 13 I will destroy your idols and your sacred stones from among you; you will no longer bow down to the work of your hands. 14 I will uproot from among you your Asherah poles when I demolish your cities. 15 I will take vengeance in anger and wrath on the nations that have not obeyed me.”
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