

# *The Place of Peace*

*Micah 5:1-9*





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<sup>1</sup>"Now muster yourselves in troops, daughter of troops; They have laid siege against us; With a rod they will smite the judge of Israel on the cheek. <sup>2</sup>"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."<sup>3</sup> Therefore He will give them *up* until the time When she who is in labor has borne a child. Then the remainder of His brethren Will return to the sons of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And He will arise and



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shepherd *His flock* In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will remain, Because at that time He will be great To the ends of the earth. <sup>5</sup> This One will be *our* peace. When the Assyrian invades our land, When he tramples on our citadels, Then we will raise against him Seven shepherds and eight leaders of men.<sup>6</sup> They will shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword, The land of Nimrod at its entrances; And He will deliver *us* from the Assyrian When he attacks our land And when



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he tramples our territory. <sup>7</sup> Then the remnant of Jacob will be among many peoples Like dew from the LORD, Like showers on vegetation which do not wait for man Or delay for the sons of men. <sup>8</sup> The remnant of Jacob Will be among the nations, Among many peoples Like a lion among the beasts of the forest, Like a young lion among flocks of sheep, Which, if he passes through, Tramples down and tears, And there is none to rescue. <sup>9</sup> Your hand will be lifted up against your adversaries, And all your enemies will be cut off.





# Bethlehem Ephrathah

- Originally Ephrath Gen 35:16,19
  - Rachel's burial place
  - Ruth, Naomi, Boaz – David! Ruth 4:11
  - Fertile area 6 miles from Jerusalem
  - came to be known as "House of Bread"





# A People in Need

- “daughter of ‘bands’ – violence
- You need “One who will go forth for Me”
  - Ruler of hearts
  - Eternal “goings” – Deity of Jesus
  - Till the “brethren’ return to Israel
  - And what will He do?





# Shepherd

- Not military, financial, judicial or political
- We need the hand of OUR Shepherd!
  - Strength of the Lord
  - Majesty of His Name- Greatness in God
  - He **IS** OUR peace!





# Our Peace

John 14: 27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

Joh 20:21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."



# When the enemy comes...

- Fight, battle, resist???
- Raise up God's answer: *ra'ah* Psalm 23
  - 7 shepherds – Feed my sheep, tend my sheep!
  - 8 leaders – together a blessing to **His People**
  - More than just numbers...
  - Shepherd Assyria? He will deliver!





# Remnant Blessed

- Jacob restored from: 'peoples' & 'nations'
- Pictures of covering blessings – dew/showers
- Enemies "cut off"
- Jesus isn't worried about 'décor'
- He comes to the "ash heaps"...
- A gift from Him to you...



HE WILL BE OUR

*peace.*

MICAH 5:5

