

Micah 5:6-14 + 6:8

Micah points to the Messiah and the remnant of Jacob.

[See <http://www.hadavar.org/> - <http://buff.ly/2osAuZk> on this verse Micah 5:2]

Matthew 2:4-6 - "And when he [Herod] had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel."

The Matthew passage is probably a conflation of two scriptures, Micah 5:2 and 2 Samuel 5:2:

2 Samuel 5:2 - "In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the Lord said to you, 'You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.' "

This was spoken at the anointing of David as King over Israel. The King who brings the kingdom is a Shepherd-King, as was David. Jesus was called the "Son of David," a Messianic title.

Targum Jonathan on this verse: "And you, O Bethlehem Ephrath, you who were too small to be numbered among the thousands of the house of Judah, from you shall come forth before Me the Messiah, to exercise dominion over Israel, he whose name was mentioned from before, from the days of creation."

And the Palestinian Targum: "Out of thee Bethlehem shall Messiah go forth before me to exercise dominion over Israel."

The Pre-existent Messiah

Micah 5:2 - "whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

John 1:1 - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 8:58 - "Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.'"

1 Peter 1:20 - "He was known before the foundation of the world, but was revealed in the last times for your sake."

"You find that at the beginning of the creation of the world, King messiah was born and that he emerged in the thought of God even before the world was created." (Pesiqta Rabbati, written down circa 845 A.D.)

Micah 5:7 - "Those survivors from Jacob will live in the midst of many nations. They will be like the dew the LORD sends, like the rain on the grass, that does not hope for men to come or wait around for humans to arrive."

The remnant of Jacob will live among the nations, appearing like dew. The dew appears mysteriously without warning, all at once. The preached gospel wars against the doctrines of Babylon. (See previous notes on the Dew of Resurrection)

Micah 5:12-14 - "I will destroy the cities of your land, and tear down all your fortresses. I will remove your idols and sacred pillars from your midst; you will no longer worship what your own hands made. I will uproot your images of Asherah from your midst, and destroy your idols."

Compare **2 Corinthians 10** where Paul may have Micah 5 in mind - Spiritual warfare, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds" and toppling idols and high places.

Micah 5:15 - "I will angrily seek vengeance on the nations that do not obey me."

Compare **2 Corinthians 10:6** - "And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled."

The "comfort verse":

Micah 6:8 - "He has told you, O man, what is good, and what the LORD really wants from you: He wants you to promote justice, to be faithful, and to live obediently before your God."