

Micah 5:2-15*

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Micah 4-5

- ▶ Yahweh's reign over nations established (4:1-5)
 - ▶ Good news for exiles, the remnant (4:6-7)
 - ▶ Rulership (4:8-10)
 - ▶ Turning point (4:11 – 5:1)
 - ▶ Rulership (5:2-6)
 - ▶ Good news for exiles, the remnant (5:7-9)
- ▶ Yahweh's reign over nations established (5:10-15)



Micah 5: three messages

- ❑ First message (5:2-6): the coming ruler
- ❑ Second message (5:7-9): the remnant
- ❑ Third message (5:10-15): holy judgment

The first message (5:2-6): the coming Ruler

- ▶ Bethlehem: history and humility (2)
- ▶ She who is in labour (3)
- ▶ He shall shepherd his flock (4)
- ▶ He shall be peace (5)
- ▶ The Assyrian





He will stand (1 word)

He will shepherd (1 word)

In the strength of Yahweh, (2 words)

In the majesty of the name of Yahweh his God. (4 words)

They shall dwell securely, (1 word)

For now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. (6 words)

Micah 2:4

HE IS SHALOM! (2:5-6)

He is one of 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.

The Messiah!

- ▶ His human standing: born in obscurity (Luke 2:4-7)
- ▶ His divine standing: fulfilment of a promise (2 Sam 7:13, 16; Matt 2:6)
- ▶ His role: Shepherd (John 10:11-18)
- ▶ His work: peace-maker (Eph 2:14-17; Col 1:20)

Sharing in and longing for the Messiah's rule

- ▶ Re-think our definition of greatness
- ▶ Rest in shalom
- ▶ Resist the Assyrian!



The second message (5:7-9): The remnant

- ▶ In the midst of many peoples
- ▶ Like dew: the remnant's benefit
- ▶ Like a lion: the remnant's victory



The third message (5:10-15): holy judgment

- ▶ In that day...
- ▶ I will cut off (4 times)
- ▶ Objects of God's judgment:
 - ▶ Sorceries
 - ▶ Idols
 - ▶ Enemies



Small group



1. What are some ways that the church can participate with the Messiah's mission of making shalom (peace)?
2. Who is "the Assyrian" in our lives?
3. Consider the idiom "cut off." How does this expression help you think about the battle with sin?