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A. Time Line (see attached):

B. Micah Prophesied:

- * 1-750 to 710 BC (Contemporary of Isaiah)
- * 2-Prophet in Judah prophesying **both** to Samaria & Jerusalem

Read

--1:1, 6; 3:12

--Only Minor Prophet to address BOTH Kingdoms

3-Prophet of **UNIVERSAL PEACE**

4-Some portions **identical** with Isaiah (4:1-3)

Called "Isaiah in miniature"

5-Samaria goes **into captivity to Assyria** during his ministry of prophesying

6-Judah faces the **BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY**

NEAR

--3:12; 4:9-10

* * --Predicted **125 years** in advance of the fulfillment

7-Israelites also face Armageddon in the remote future (4:11-12)

FAR

8-Israel is to **be aware of their future**

--4:13--Empowered of God

--5:1--Smitten by foreign enemies

--4:1-8--Millennium ahead

KINGDOM

C. Our Message:

1-Outline:::I.-THE DELIVERER PROMISED:

II.-THE DELIVERER PARTICULARIZED:

III.-THE DELIVERER PERSONALIZED:

Micah 5

2-Prop:--See the **promises** of God **fulfilled** in the **Person** of our Lord, and that even **the place** of His birth was clearly foretold--along with many other details.

3-INTERROG

What promises?

I.-THE DELIVERER PROMISED:

A.-ILLUS.

--In an antique shop I once saw a skillfully engraved **copperplate picture**. When looked at closely, it appeared to be **only writing**. When viewed from a distance, it revealed the **face of George Washington**. The face was depicted distinctly in the shading of the letters. A **CLOSE view** revealed **only letters**; A **DISTANT view** revealed a **person**.

letters and
When we read God's Word meditatively, we see not mere **words**, but a **Person**--**JESUS CHRIST**. Long ago He said "Search the scriptures, for...they are they which testify of Me." (Jn. 5:39)

B.-To Adam:

1-Gen. 3:15--"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, between thy seed and her seed; He shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel."

2-Prot-Evangelium A Deliverer is promised

FIRST WORD

C.-To Abraham:

① A LAND ② A SEED ③ A BLESSING

1-Gen. 12:1-3 2-Seed of that "first Jew" The Deliverer will bring great blessing

D. - To Judah:

- 1-Gen. 49:8-12 "Sceptre" = KING "Lawgiver" = PROPHET
- 2-Special note of 49:10
- 3-"**Shiloh**" - A PERSON, not a place is in view
- "The Bringer of Rest or Peace"
- The Deliverer is the means of Peace for Israel ... AND THE WORLD

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E. - To Nation:

- 1-Num. 24:15-19
- 2-Reference to **STAR**; First Advent
- 3-Reference to **SCEPTRE**; Second Coming

The Deliverer is a Person of PROPHETIC HOPE

Related to MESSIAH + TO ISRAEL

F. - To David:

- 1-2 Samuel 7:10-17 exp 7:15-16
- 2-Kingdom to be established

"I will"

6 times

SOVEREIGN OMNIPOTENCE

"House"

"Throne"

"Kingdom"

"Forever"

The Deliverer is the Channel of unconditional promises to ISRAEL

3 times 7:13, 16 twice

G. - To The Nation While In Rebellion:

- 1-Hos. 3:4-5
- 2-"Many days without" - Without a king
- Without a prince
- Without a sacrifice
- Without an image
- Without an ephod
- Without teraphim (= household gods)

Days of spiritual leanness + dispersion, for Israel

- 3-"**AFTERWARD**" shall the children of Israel return, & seek the LORD... Time of repentance will come

Deliverance will come in response to REPENTANCE

H. - Historical Fulfillment:

- 1-Matt. 2:1-8 --- about the BIRTHPLACE
- 2-Quotation from Micah's prophecy that gave the answer.

II. - THE DELIVERER PARTICULARIZED: (Micah 5:2)

A. - The Place Particularized:

- 1-Double-Name - "Bethlehem" = "House of Bread"
- "Ephratah" = "Fruitful" or "Fruitfulness"
** Fertility of the region
- Distinguished from Bethlehem of Galilee (Josh. 19:15)

- 2-"**LITTLE** among the thousands of Judah"
- Areas distinguished by clans of 1000 which each had a "head of family"
- Bethlehem was too little in population for such recognition
- Natural smallness; YET EXALTED IN DIGNITY

- 3-Insignificant town; Magnificent Ruler
- 4-Expression of the principle of 1 Cor. 1:27-29
- 5-Birthplace of The Deliverer

• - Luke 2:4, 11

• - John 7:40-42, 52

Read!

Not even mentioned in Josh. 15, though inhabited from the time of Jacob (Gen. 48:7)

B.-The Person Particularized:

- 1-Out of **THIS PLACE** is to come a **PERSON** of note
- 2-"**Out of thee (Bethlehem)** shall **He** come forth unto Me that is to be Ruler in Israel"

Fulfillment of previous promises we've seen:

- ** Seed of the woman
- ** Of Abraham's lineage and seed
- ** Of Judah's line
- ** Symbolized by a STAR and a SCEPTRE
- ** Sit on the Throne of David's Kingdom

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Tremendous summary of previous promises

- 3-"Whose goings forth have been from of old; from everlasting" -- Strongest assertion of **infinite duration** of which the Hebrew language is capable

NASB

"from the days of ETERNITY"

"From of old" == "from before time"

** 16 times in O.T.

→ ** Ps. 55:19--"God shall hear, and afflict them, even He that abideth of old."

→ ** Ps. 102:24-25--"I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations. Of old has thou laid the foundations of the earth; and the heavens are the work of thy hands."

** Prov. 8:22-26

READ!

"From everlasting"

** So translated 11 times

** Translated "old" 7 times

** Translated "ever" 267 times

** Translated "evermore" 15 times

→ Combined these terms clearly present the **ETERNALITY** of this **Ruler in Israel** that is to come out of Bethlehem Ephrathah

no! -His real beginning is **not in Bethlehem**, but in **Eternity**

* 4-DIVINE/HUMAN Person is in view

BOTH → Comes forth from Bethlehem (Humanity)
→ Goes forth from eternity (Deity)

- 5-Isa. 9:6--"For unto us a child is **born**, unto us a son is **given**; and the government shall be upon His shoulder: & His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

→ Child is **BORN**

→ Son is **GIVEN**

→ Person is "The Mighty God"

Romans 1:3-4 also

- 6-Of this Person one has written:

"The name of Jesus is not so much **written** into history as it is **plowed** into history."

(Emerson)

III.-THE DELIVERER PERSONALIZED? (Micah 5:1, 3-15)

A.-The Judge Smitten:

Micah 5:1

5:1

- 2-Historically--Captivity of Hoshea (Israel) to Assyria
--Captivity of Zedekiah (Judah) to Babylon

→ One of 4 Titles of Messiah in Mic.
2:13 - BREAKER
5:1 - JUDGE
5:2 - RULER
5:5 - PEACE

3-Dramatically to Jesus Christ — THE JUDGE smitten

- Mt. 26:67--"Then did they spit in His face & buffeted Him: and others smote him with the palms of their hands"
- By Jews of Sanhedrin:: COUNTRYMEN
- Mt. 27:30--"And they spit upon Him; and took the reed, and smote Him on the head."
- By Soldiers of Rome-- FOREIGNERS

4-Related to Christ's first advent when He came in humility and was abused

B. The Judgment Stated:

1-Micah 5:3

2-REJECTION--"Therefore will He give them up"

--Divinely imposed blindness on Israel

→ Rom. 11:25--"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."

--The One Smitten (5:1) is the One that is to be Ruler in Israel (5:2) and it is He that rejects the nation of Israel in (5:3a)...

--Hos. 3:4-5 covers the same truth

3-RETURN--"..until the time..then the remnant of His brethren shall return."

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LONG INTERVAL

"until...then"

--The day is coming when Israel shall be born again in a day.

--Rom. 11:26--"And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:"

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--Related to the SECOND COMING

4-Aftermath of Israel's return to God

--Millennial ministry

--Micah 5:4

** Stand & Feed

** Strength & Majesty

** "He shall be great"

King in His
KING-DOM

→ Ps. 72:8--"He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth

Must READ → Luke 1:30-33

C. The Justifier Seen:

1-Micah 5:5

2-"MAN" is in italics -- Could as well read "ONE"

--In either case it is a reference backward

** To the smitten Judge (5:1)

** To the Ruler in Israel (5:2)

** To the One Who gives up Israel to judgment (5:3)

** To the "One Who is Great" (5:4)

3-Thru THIS MAN -- Peace comes

--our peace acc. to ASV * NASB

--Rom. 5:1--"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

--No other way to gain peace, but through Jesus C.

4-Progression concerning peace:

5 → **Gen. 49:10**--"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between His feet, until **Shiloh** come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be."

→ **Isa. 9:6**--"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The **Prince of Peace**."

→ **Lk. 2:10-11, 14** "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, **peace**, good will toward men"

→ **John 14:27**--"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

* **Eph. 2:11-18** **READ especially 2:17**

5 **TIENS**--Next to the **Cremona violins**, those made by **Jacob Stainer**, in the **Tyrol** in the early part of the 17th Century, are considered **the best** in the world, and bring fabulous prices when one of them is on the market. **One** of these instruments was **sold in 1791** under very strange conditions.

A **German Count** had heard a gifted musician play on a Cremona violin of unusual value, and he **spared no pains** to secure the instrument for himself. He offered enormous sums; but **Allessi**, the **great violinist**, said he would **sooner sell his life**.

The rumor of the Count's attempt to get the Cremona went abroad, and some weeks later an **unknown old man appeared** at the castle door with a **worn and shabby** violin case under his arm. The servants refused to admit him.

11 **"Tell your Master,"** he said to them, **"that heaven's music is waiting at his door."**

The Count received him. The old man drew from the unworthy case a **perfect instrument**--the work of Jacob Stainer's own hand, and played it so marvellously that the **Count** and his **people forgot** all about the Cremona.

The old man would **only sell** his instrument on condition that he might **pass the remainder of his life in the same house** with it and **play it once daily**. And the Count bought it on those terms.

XX Concerning that incident Dr. Howard Banks made the comment: **"The melodies of divine peace can only be heard in your life by opening the door to Christ, who will come in and dwell in your heart and daily sweeten your life with the music of heaven."**

6 **QUESTION**--Is Jesus Christ **your Savior** ??

--Have you **opened your heart** to Him ??

--Do you have **the PEACE** that comes only by receiving Him??

--**Nothing else** is of **SUPREME IMPORTANCE** in all of life.....nothing!!

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A. Names Of The Promised Deliverer:

- 1-(5:1) Judge
- 2-(5:2) Ruler of Israel
- 3-(5:3) MAN Who is our Peace
- 4-He is all of these---and more---in actual fact *shortly*
- 5-**FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS** was born in A.D. 37, ~~shortly~~ after the crucifixion of Jesus. In referring to events that occurred within ^{few} years of his birth, he said:

"At the same time there appeared in Judea an extraordinary Person called Jesus, if it be lawful to call Him a man. He was a famous Worker of miracles and a Teacher of those who were desirous of receiving the truth in simplicity, and brought over to Him many disciples, both Jews and Gentiles.

"This was the Christ, whom Pilate, at the accusation of the princes and great men of the nation, delivered up to the ignominious punishment of the cross, notwithstanding which those who first loved Him did not forsake Him.

"He appeared to them alive again the third day after His crucifixion, which the divine prophets had foretold together with numberless other wonders concerning Him. And thence to this day there is a set of people who bear the name of CHRISTIAN, as owning Him for their Head, Lord and Master." (Antiquities, Chapter 4, Paragraph 3)

6. WHAT IS HE TO YOU???

Peter--"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God"

Thomas--"My Lord and My God."

Philip--"We have found Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Andrew--"We have found the Messias, which is being interpreted, the Christ."

How do you look at Jesus??

*Called this in
Micah 5:1-2*

** RECEIVE Him now as your SAVIOR from sin

** FACE Him later as your JUDGE for your sin

Which will it be? ?

*Won't you accept God's pro-
vided **DELIVERER**?*

ALTERNATIVES

*Experience His
PEACE*

Calvary Columbus--12/8/74--#53--"There's A Song IN The Air" (92)

Daniels Missy Bapt. Ch--12/13/77 #52--"I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day" (92)

ABC Chapel 12/5/80 + 12/1/99 #42--"O Little Town Of Bethlehem" (92)

Old Kanawha Bapt. Ch--12/23/84

Grace Gospel Ch, Beaver--12/6+13/89--SS classes of Lou + Paul--11/26/2000

Hilltop Bapt. Ch--12/23/02--Men's Class + 12/18/14

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Pace and prosperity unmatched since the reign of Solomon marked life in Israel and Judah in the eighth century before Christ. Yet in the midst of affluence, external strength and success, the prophet Micah warned of judgment from God. Why? Because God's people had turned from Him. Like many people today, they, though affluent, were indifferent to spiritual things. Externally strong, they had internal decay. They pursued personal pleasure rather than spiritual intimacy with the Lord.

But Micah also offered a message of deliverance and hope through Messiah, the promised One.

He would come from Bethlehem. This town, too small to be listed among the towns of Judah's clans, was rich in the history of God's people. The burial place of Rachel and the home of Naomi, Bethlehem was the birthplace of David and the site of his anointing as God's chosen one to rule His people. Once more, this small, insignificant town would be the scene of the most significant birth in human history, that of another One chosen by God, His only and unique Son, Jesus Christ.

His existence preceded His human birth at Bethlehem. He existed from eternity. He will be ruler over Israel and accomplish the purpose of His Father. And like David, He will be a shepherd of God's people. He would bring peace to sin-troubled hearts "through the blood of His cross." This Shepherd King will ultimately rule the earth and God's people will live securely. He will be their peace.

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Conclusion



IMMANUEL

Not amid pomp and circumstance,
Nor in a palace, as befits a king,
Not even in the over-crowded inn
Was born the Babe Whose praises Angels sing.

Ignored by monarchs, unreceived by kings,
Rejected by the nobles of the land --
Yet Angels shout with gladness at His birth
And lowly shepherds kneel to kiss His hand.

The Prince of Peace, the Great Eternal God,
The Lord of Hosts, All-powerful and All-wise,
The Love of God, embodied in the flesh
Of that small Babe Who laughs in Mary's eyes.

The Great Creator in the creature's form --
Wonder of wonders that this thing could be!
Renouncing power and wealth and praise
To take the feebleness of you and me.

Immanuel, -- God with us, in the flesh!
The languages of earth must ever fail
To put in words the matchless, wondrous love
That found a way to rend the inner veil.

Eunice L. Newman