



# MICAH

a minor prophet

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<sup>6</sup>They will shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword, The land of Nimrod at its entrances; And He will rescue us from the Assyrian When he invades our land, And when 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 That do not wait for man, Or delay for mankind. <sup>8</sup> The remnant of Jacob Will be among the nations, Among many peoples Like a lion among the animals of the forest, Like a young lion among flocks of sheep, Which, if he passes through, Tramples and tears, And there is no one who can rescue. <sup>9</sup> Your hand will be lifted up against your adversaries, And all your enemies will be eliminated.

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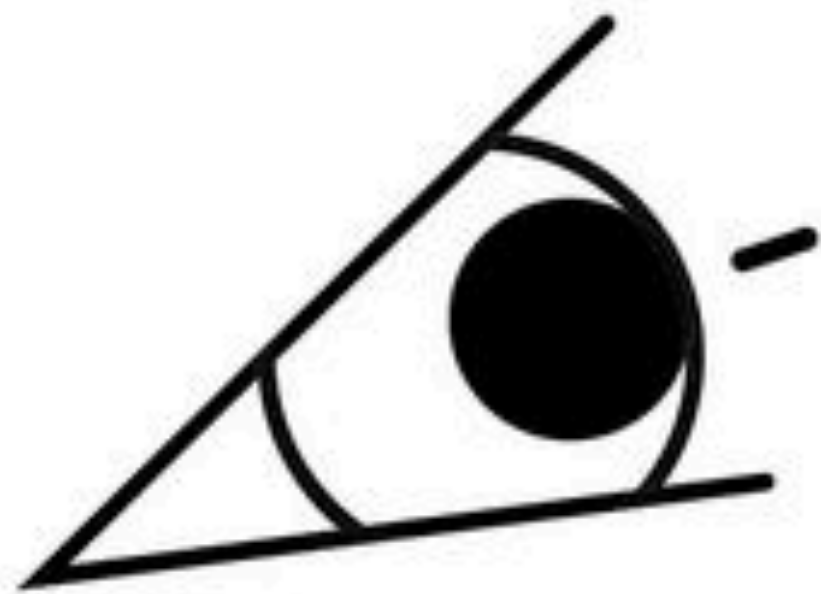
—*Micah 5:2-15*

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## **Main Point:**

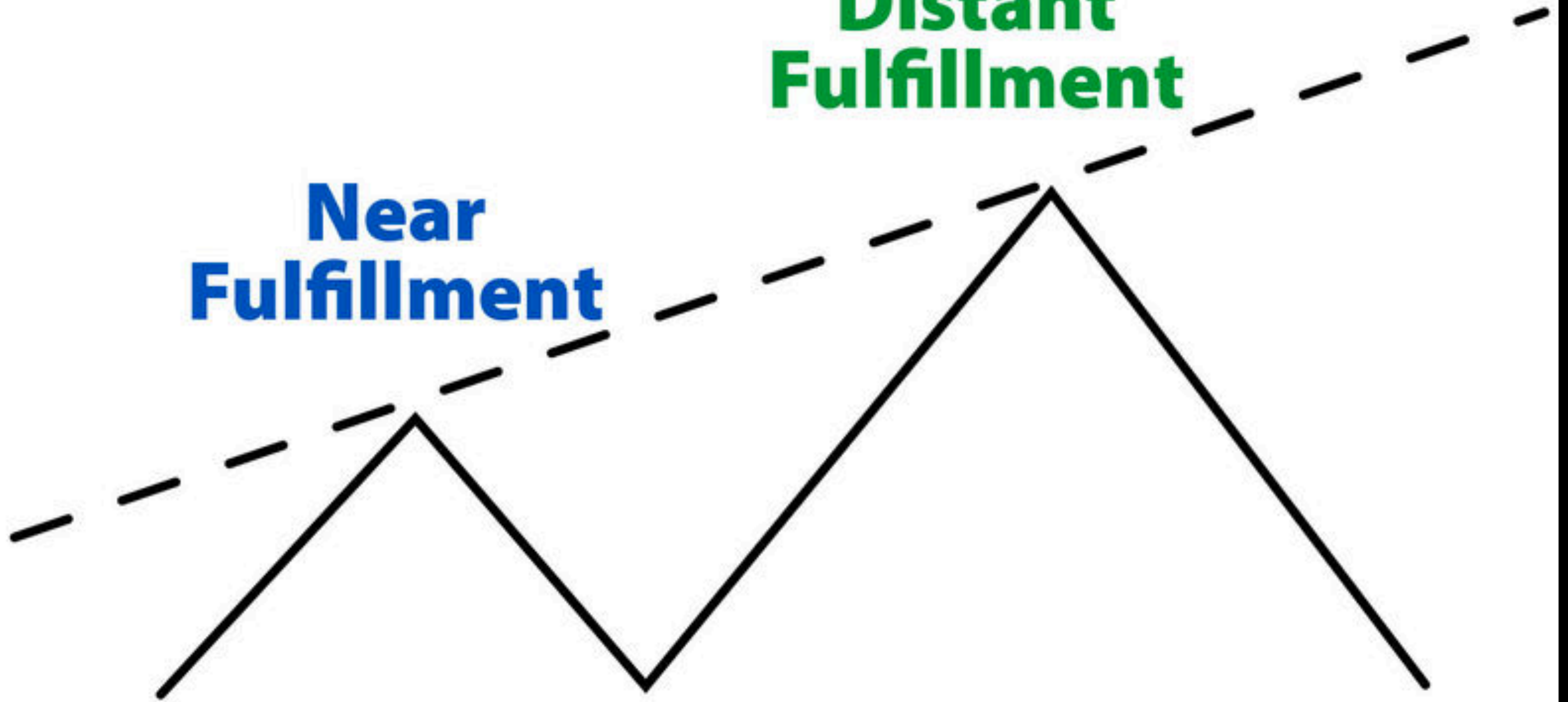
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**Prophet's  
Vision**



**Near  
Fulfillment**

**Distant  
Fulfillment**



## **Micah 5:2-15:**

- Promise 1: The coming of Christ – the perfect ruler! (v. 2-5a)
- Promise 2: The Peace of Christ (v. 5b-6)
- Promise 3: The Power of Christ's Church (v. 7-8)
- Promise 4: Freedom in Christ (v. 9-15)



## **Micah 5:2-5a: Promise I – The coming of Christ, the perfect ruler.**

- where will He come
- how will He come
- what will He do

## **Promise 1 – The coming of Christ, the perfect ruler.**

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<sup>3</sup>Therefore He will give them up until the time When she who is in labor has given birth. Then the remainder of His kinsmen Will return to the sons of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And He will arise and 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.

—*Micah 5:2-5a*

<sup>12</sup>When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

—2 Samuel 7:12-13

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—*Micah 5:3-4*

<sup>4</sup>And He will arise and 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.

—*Micah 5:4-5a*

## **Main Point:**

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## **Promise 2 – The peace of Christ**

When the Assyrian invades our land, When he tramples on our citadels, Then we will raise against him Seven shepherds and eight leaders of people. <sup>6</sup>They will shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword, The land of Nimrod at its entrances; And He will rescue us from the Assyrian When he invades our land, And when he tramples our territory.

—*Micah 5:5b-6*

<sup>18</sup> “Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah. He told all the people of Judah, ‘This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets.’ <sup>19</sup> “Did Hezekiah king of Judah or anyone else in Judah put him to death? Did not Hezekiah fear the Lord and seek his favor? And did not the Lord relent, so that he did not bring the disaster he pronounced against them?

—*Jeremiah 26:18-19*

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## **Promise 3 – The Power of Christ’s Church**

<sup>7</sup>Then the remnant of Jacob Will be among many peoples Like dew from the Lord, Like showers on vegetation That do not wait for man, Or delay for mankind. <sup>8</sup>The remnant of Jacob Will be among the nations, Among many peoples Like a lion among the animals of the forest, Like a young lion among flocks of sheep, Which, if he passes through, Tramples and tears, And there is no one who can rescue.

—*Micah 5:7-8*

“That they shall be as a dew in the midst of the nations. God's church is dispersed all over the world; it is in the midst of many people... Israel according to the flesh dwelt alone, and was not numbered among the nations; but the spiritual Israel lies scattered in the midst of many people. Now this remnant shall be as dew from the Lord. Spiritual Israel is characterized by the following:

- They are born from above
- Though a remnant, they shall be numerous
- They shall be produced silently and without noise, we don't know how; such is the way of the Spirit
- They shall be great blessings to those among whom they live, as the dew and the showers are to the grass, to make it grow without the help of man.”

—Matthew Henry, *Commentary on Hosea*

As they shall be silent, and gentle, and communicative of all good, to those that receive the truth in the love of it, so they shall be bold as a lion in witnessing against the corruptions of the times and places they live in, and strong as a lion, in the strength of God, to resist and overcome their spiritual enemies”

— *Matthew Henry, (cont)*

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## **Promise 4 – Freedom in Christ**

<sup>9</sup>Your hand will be lifted up against your adversaries, And all your enemies will be eliminated. <sup>10</sup>“And it will be on that day,” declares the Lord,“That I will eliminate your horses from among you,And destroy your chariots. <sup>11</sup>I will also eliminate the cities of your land,And tear down all your fortifications. <sup>12</sup>I will eliminate sorceries from your hand,And you will have no fortune-tellers. <sup>13</sup>I will eliminate your carved images And your memorial stones from among you, So that you will no longer bow down To the work of your hands. <sup>14</sup>I will uproot your Asherim from among you,And destroy your cities. <sup>15</sup>And I will execute vengeance in anger and wrath On the nations which have not obeyed.”

—*Micah 5:9-15*





<b>Verses</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Idol of the Heart</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
<b>vss.10-11</b>	Horses and chariots – Cities and fortifications	Self-Confidence	Psalm 20:7
<b>vs. 12</b>	Sorceries and Fortune-Tellers	Self-Deception	Proverbs: 3:5-6
<b>vss 13-14</b>	Carved Images and “sacred” pillars	Self-Worship	Lev. 26:1, Ex. 20:3-4, 1Jn 5:21, Col. 3:5

## **Micah 5:2-15: THROUGH A GOSPEL LENS**

- **Promise 1: The coming of Christ — GOSPEL PROCLAMATION**
- **Promise 2: The Peace of Christ — REPENTANCE + FAITH**
- **Promise 3: Christ's Church — ADOPTION INTO GOD'S FAMILY**
- **Promise 4: Freedom in Christ — SANCTIFICATION —> GOD'S SPIRIT**

