### Micah

## Chapter 5

1[Micah continues:]  
  
 ‘Now the daughter of ‘Now the daughter of <span class="placename">Zion ‘Now the daughter of <span class="placename">Zion</span> has a reason to fear,  
 For upon her, He’s decreed war,  
 And they’ll strike IsraEl’s tribes on the jaw!  
  
 2‘Then from you, O ‘Then from you, O <span class="placename">BethLehem‘Then from you, O <span class="placename">BethLehem</span> of ‘Then from you, O <span class="placename">BethLehem</span> of <span class="placename">EphRatha‘Then from you, O <span class="placename">BethLehem</span> of <span class="placename">EphRatha</span>  
 (The few among the thousands of (The few among the thousands of <span class="placename">Judah (The few among the thousands of <span class="placename">Judah</span>),  
 Will come a man who’ll be IsraEl’s king…  
 One whose [roots] are from the most ancient times  
 And from the days of the ages.  
  
 3‘And because of this, he’ll appoint her  
 A time that will be [like the giving] of birth.  
 For thereafter, she’ll [really] give birth  
 To the remnant of those who are brothers,  
 And to the sons of IsraEl, they’ll return.  
  
 4‘Yes, by the strength of Jehovah,  
 A shepherd will rise to [watch over] them,  
 And they’ll bask in the glory of the Name of their God,  
 Which will then become known to the ends of the earth.  
  
 5‘And this is [the sign that there’ll be] peace:  
 When the Assyrians arrive in your land  
 And they climb onto your place.  
 But seven shepherds will then rise against them  
 [And whip them] with the eight strokes of men.  
  
 6‘They’ll shepherd ‘They’ll shepherd <span class="placename">Assyria‘They’ll shepherd <span class="placename">Assyria</span> with a broadsword,  
 And And <span class="placename">the land of NimRod And <span class="placename">the land of NimRod</span> [will serve as] her grave.  
 For, from the For, from the <span class="placename">Assyrians For, from the <span class="placename">Assyrians</span>, He’ll save you,  
 When against your land, they’ve ascended,  
 And when they’ve crossed over your borders.  
  
 7‘Thereafter, the few of Jacob that remain  
 Will [be scattered] among many peoples.  
 But, like the dew that falls from the Lord,  
 And like the lambs [that are fed] on wild grass;  
 They’ll be gathered by no one,  
 Nor before sons of men, will they stand.  
  
 8‘And although the remnant of Jacob  
 Will be [scattered] among all the nations  
 And dwell among many peoples;  
 They’ll be like lions among cattle …  
 As bear cubs among flocks of sheep.  
  
 ‘Then they’ll go through and scatter their prey…  
 None of which will be saved.  
 9Then they’ll lift their hands against their opponents,  
 And their enemies will all be destroyed!  
  
 10‘But [before] that day,’ says Jehovah,  
 ‘I’ll destroy all your horses and chariots…  
 11All the cities in your land will wiped away,  
 And I’ll remove all your forts.  
  
 12‘From your hands, I’ll wipe out your potions,  
 And there’ll be no fortune tellers among you.  
 13I’ll also destroy all the idols you’ve carved  
 And remove the sacred stones from your midst…  
 You’ll [no longer] bow to the works of your hands.  
  
 14‘I’ll cut down all of your sacred poles  
 And wipe away all of your cities.  
 15Then, in My anger and rage,  
 I’ll send My vengeance to the rest of the nations,  
 Because they too failed to listen!’