

Micah chapter 5 looks at the reality that although Israel and Judah had blown it – there was hope of being restored

Micah: The Messiah Will Restore

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Micah 5:1-6

"Now muster yourselves" = Now go slash yourself...go mutilate yourself (a sarcastic calling upon Zion to go and engage in heathen mourning rituals, which involved cutting oneself)

Leviticus 19:28

Why is it so important for us to develop good Godly routines?

That repetition develops patterns that become engrained and when difficulties and temptations arise then they go on auto-pilot



"Daughters of troops" = daughters surrounded by soldiers (speaks specifically to Israel being surrounded by the Assyrian soldiers) God promises that in the future following this massive assault by the Assyrians that the Messiah would arrive to little Bethlehem

"Bethlehem" = House of Bread

"Humility" = recognizing our inability when it is measured up against God's infinite ability (drives us to dependency on God)

II Chronicles 7:14

The last part of this section broadens the understanding of Assyrians – it includes ALL enemies of Israel in a future sense

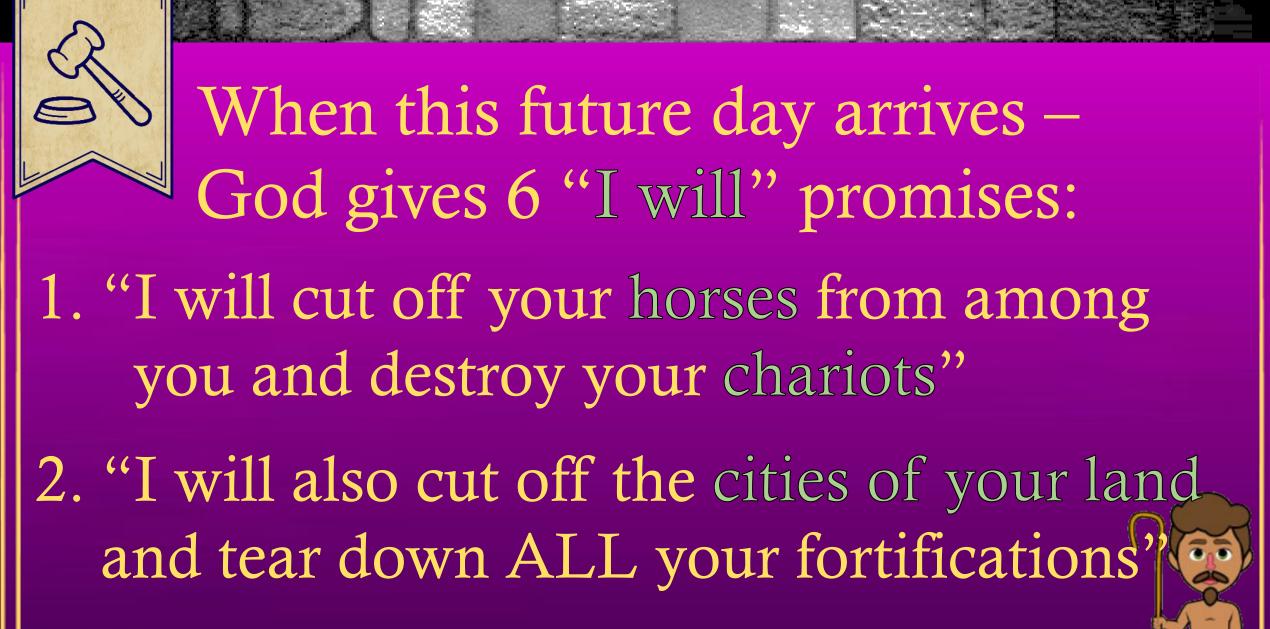
Micah 5:7-9



When the Messiah reigns there will be a radical reversal

Micah 5:10-15







3. "I will cut off sorceries from your hand and you will have fortune-tellers NO more"

4. "I will cut off your carved images and your sacred pillars from among you, so that you will NO longer bow down to the work of your hands"



5. "I will root out your Asherim from among you and destroy your cities"

6. "I will execute vengeance in anger and wrath on the nations which have NOT obeyed"