

Questions On Micah 5

1. As in chapter 4, chapter 5 focuses upon Israel's future hope and deliverance. Verse one describes circumstances out of which the Messiah would come forth. What would God do to *physical (national)* Israel in order to save her *spiritually*?
 - a. Barnes believes that 5:1 refers to God's *final* judgment of the Jews by Rome. If so, what statement at the end of this verse sounds like Paul's statement to the High Priest in Acts 23:3?

2. Though judgment was coming to Israel and its "judge," Who was coming to bring deliverance to the penitent according to verse 2?
 - a. The coming "Ruler" would be born where?
 - b. Though He would be born as a human, what was this Ruler's true nature according to Micah 5:2? (and see Matthew 1:23 for help)
 - c. What does John 1:1-2 teach about Jesus and eternity?

3. Verses 3 through 5(a) describe the future reign of Christ. Paul spoke of the "remnant" in Romans 9:27 and 11:4. What was the "remnant" that Paul spoke of? (this is also the "remnant" of Isaiah 11)
 - a. What was the "remnant" of Haggai 1:12 and 14?
 - b. The Ruler would feed His flock. What is Christ called in 1 Peter 5:4?
 - c. How is Christ depicted in John 10:11 & 14?

4. Though Micah appears to be making a spiritual application, what nations are cited as Israel's enemies in verses 5 and 6.
 - a. Who would be raised against up to defeat these enemies? (later part of v. 5)
 - b. While there is a certain duality in these verses (physical nations like Assyria and Babylon cited as enemies that they would defeat, and dispersion "among the Gentiles" cited as their dwelling place), what time period is Micah describing in verses 6-15?
 - c. Did the Jews ever *physically and militarily* defeat and destroy Assyria and Babylon?
5. Verse 10 says, "*In that day...*" What "day" is referred to? See 4:6 for a parallel.
6. What all things would be "cut off" in that day?
7. These verses speak to the character of God's covenant people. Under the Jewish system one entered into a covenant relationship with God by birth and later learned about God. According to Jeremiah 31:31-34, how would this change under the New Covenant? (Jeremiah 31:31-34 is quoted by the Hebrew writer in Hebrews 8:8-12 and 10:16-17).