

7 SHEPHERD'S PROPHECY

FROM MICAH 5 STUDY BY KEN JOHNSON

Leaders of Israel Post 1948

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The purpose of this repost is to highlight a verse interesting and Prophetically Significant piece of research done by Ken Johnson of www.BibleFacts.org. His work has to do with a 2-part study on the 7 Shephard's Prophecy from Micah 5. In that, Mr. Johnson extrapolates the approximate timeline of the Modern Nation of Israel will have as its Leaders and IDF Commanders.

Specifically, the Prophecy has to do with how many there will be before the 'Final Assyrian' will be vanquished by the retuning Messiah, Jesus Christ. Why this is very pertinent and timely, given the state of Israeli-Syrian Conflict, the Isaiah 17 Prophecy is on their verge to being fulfilled. Such an insight also gives more clues as to who 'The Assyrian' is. Many believe it is one of the many Titles of the coming AntiChrist. For Sure. Or how many Bible Scholars have been convinced because of this Cultural and Geo-Political region, that the AntiChrist must then then a 'Muslim'. This is absurd.

First, the AntiChrist will not be a Muslim, but of the Royal Bloodline of King David, a Jew from the Tribe of Judah. This will be by far, his 'Calling Card' and 'Credential' for the modern-day Sanhedrin to 'certify' His Messiahship along with the coming Lying Signs and Wonders provided by Lucifer that will authenticate, 'he who will come in his own Name', etc. Also, realize that one could argue the same for a Jewish Assyrian as much as the many Christian Assyrians that could be just as much a Candidate.

Needless to stay, the other reason why this study is of particular personal interest, is that back in 2013, one wrote a book entitled, 'The 13th King of Israel'. In that study and research, one theorized if a Prophetic Pattern of Israel's Leaders, or in this case Prime Ministers since May 14, 1948 was in play. And it would appear so. Moreover, these Leaders or 'Shepherds' were compared to the 1st 13 Leaders Judah had after the division starting from Solomon. Why the 13th King? It is because, based on the Numerical Value, it is strikingly associated with that of Rebellion.

Thus, the hypothesis is that whoever is or will be the 13th 'King' or Leader or Prime Minister or 'Shephard' of Israel, will be the AntiChrist. Now, in hearing the research of Ken Johnson, one has now been able to compare a similar theory. However, the synchronization and matching precisely still is to be determined with some confidence. Why is this important? If such research, from both angles have a measure of validity, it becomes yet another 'Piece of the Puzzle' in calibrating the nearness of when the Church Age ends with the Rapture event and when the 70th Week of Years that Israel still owes YHVH is to commence. The following is emphasized, with permission.

Today, we want to look at the 7 Shepard's Prophecy, which is found in Micah Chapter 5. In Part 1 of this Study, we will see prophecies ranging from the birth of the Messiah in 2 BC [-3 BC], all the way to the return of Israel in 1948. In Part 2, we will go from 1948 to 1981. Verses 1 and 2 say the following.

'Now muster yourselves and Troops, Daughter of Troops: they have laid siege against us with a rod they smite the judge of Israel on the cheek. But as for you Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the Clans of Judah. From you, One will go forth for Me to be Ruler in Israel. His Goings Forth are from Long Ago, from the Days of Eternity'.

To understand this Prophecy, we must first identify, 'who is the One', who is from Eternity. And what does that mean. In Philippians 2 verses 5 through 7, we are told that this is Jesus Christ he has existed from Eternity because He's God incarnate. Philippians 2:5 through 7 says of Jesus Christ...

'Who although He existed in the Form of GOD, did not regard Equality with GOD a thing to be grasped. But emptied Himself, taking on the Form of a Bondservant. And being made in the Likeness of Men'.

This is telling us that Jesus Christ existed with GOD the Father in the form of GOD. We call this today, the Doctrine of the Deity of Christ and the Trinity. He voluntarily gave up everything that, that means to become human to die on the Cross. With that in mind, let us go back to Micah. So, the one who has existed from the 'Days of Eternity' is the One that will be born in Bethlehem. This is what verse 2 is saying. This verse is partially quoted in Matthew chapter 2, verses 4 through 7, which says...

'Gathering together all the Chief Priests and the Scribes of the People, he... this is Herod, inquired of them, Where the Messiah was to be born? They said to him, In Bethlehem of Judah, for the is what has been written by the Prophet'. Matthew then quotes Micah 5:2.

'And you Bethlehem, in the Land of Judah, are by no means least among the Leaders of Judah. For out of you, shall come forth a Ruler who will Shepherd My People, Israel.

Notice the 2nd part of verse 1, 'With a Rod, they smite the Judge of Israel on the Cheek. Since we know that the Judge of Israel is the one born in Bethlehem, we know it to be the Messiah. And in Matthew 27, 26 and 30 says, when Jesus was handed over to be crucified, they beat on Him, spit on Him and actually struck Him in the Head, with a Rod. We know that because Israel rejected the Messiah, Jerusalem was given over to be destroyed by the Romans. This occurred in the 70 AD.

With that in mind, let us re-read verses 1 and 2...'Now muster yourselves together in Troops. Oh, Daughter of Troops. They have laid siege against us. With a Rod they smite the Judge of Israel on the Cheek. The Prophet is saying because, the Jews handed over the Messiah to the Romans to be killed, GOD handed over Jerusalem to the Romans to be destroyed. But Bethlehem, in the Providence of Ephrathah, in the Land of Judah, would be spared because the Messiah was born there. Verses 3 and 4.

'Therefore, He will give them up until the time when she who is in Labor has born a Child. Then the remainder of his Brethren will return to the Sons of Israel.'

Verse 3 is saying, as a result of Israel rejecting the Messiah, not only was Jerusalem to be destroyed, but the Nation of Israel would be dispersed among the Nations. This occurred in stages starting with the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. And then the Bar Kokhba Rebellion triggered the Last Great Uprising, which was crushed in 132 AD.

The Nation of Israel ceased to exist and did not come back into existence until 1948 AD. The Nation of Israel would be dispersed for 1816 years. [132 AD - 1948 AD] Then she, 'Who is in Labor has born a Child'. And the remainder of his Brethren will return to the Sons of Israel. Over the last 60 years since 1948, Jews have been consistently migrating into the Land of Israel. Notice verse 4.

'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'.

This is obviously talking about the return of Jesus Christ at the 2nd Coming, to set up His Millennial Reign. Because at that time, His Kingdom will be Great to the 'Ends of the Earth'. So, verses 3 and 4 introduce us to the time of 1948 to the 2nd Coming. Notice what happens during this time. Look at verse 5. This one that is the Prince of Peace, the Messiah, the One born in Bethlehem; whose Kingdom extends to the 'End of the Earth'.

'This One will be Our Peace when the Assyrian invades our Land. When he tramples our Citadels. Then we will raise against him 7 Shepherds and 8 Leaders of Men'.

The first thing we need to see, is who is the Assyrian or Assyria mentioned in this Prophecy? And who are these 7 Shepherds? Obviously, when ... 'The One who is Our Peace', destroys the Final Assyrian, is referring to the 2nd Coming and the Battle of Armageddon. So, who or what is Assyria? To understand this, let us look at Balaam's 4th Oracle. This is found in Numbers 24, verses 23 and 24. The fulfillment of this occurred between 40 BC and 132 AD. Verse 23 says...

'Then he took up this discourse and said, alas who can live except GOD has ordained it? But the ships shall come from the Coasts of Kittim (Rome), which we have already seen in Daniel's Study, is Rome. And they shall afflict Asshur. (Assyria). Asshur was the First-Born Son of Shem, and the founder of the ancient Assyrian Empire'.

So, this is Assyria. And it says will afflict Eber, (Hebrews). Eber was a Distant Relative of Abraham. And from his Name, we get the term 'Hebrews'. So, this is referring to the Nation of Israel. So, they will also come to destruction. This verse is referring to the time when Roman Ships came, and first afflicted Assyria and then afflicted Eber. The result was they were both destroyed. The Ancient Land of Assyria, at that time was called Syria and was being ruled by Greeks from Alexander's Kingdom.

In the Roman Parthian Wars, Syria was completely devastated and split up between Parthia, which is Persia and Rome. By 40 BC, Syria was split-up; had no Government and no Army. For all basic purposes, it ceased to exist. Then we know in 132 AD, the Nation of Israel was dispersed among the Nations and ceased to exist.

So, now we know for sure, Kittim is Rome, Eber is Israel and Asher or Assyria is referring to modern-day Syria. So, let us look at Micah 5:5 again.

'The Messiah will be Our Peace, when He destroys the Final Assyrian that invades Israeli Land. When He tramples the Citadels, we will raise against him 7 Shepherds and 8 Leaders of Men'.

So, this verse is telling us, between the time of 1948 and the 2nd Coming, Israel will raise-up 7 Shepherds. And apparently war with, the Ancient Land of Assyria, which is current day Syria.

This is the end of Part 1. Visit us at www.BibleFacts.org and www.WordofProphecy.net for the next in the series where we will look at the Syrian wars, that occur between 1948 and the 2nd Coming.

Main Source

Seven Shepherds - PART 1

Prophecy Studies by Ken Johnson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4B3cqD-AjQ&list=PLE2B799BE92A3F1C1&index=10>

Welcome to Part 2 of the 7 Shepherd's Prophecy. We learned in Part 1 that Micah 5:1 through 2 predicted, that the Messiah would be GOD Incarnate. He would be born in Bethlehem, which was fulfilled in 2 BC. [-3 BC] And that He would be rejected by the Jewish Leaders; Smitten and then Put to Death by the Romans.

This was fulfilled in 32 AD. Then we saw that it predicted, in reaction to this, GOD would hand Jerusalem over to the Romans to be destroyed. This was fulfilled in 70 AD. Looking in verse 3, Micah says...

'Therefore, He will give them up, until the time when she, who is in Labor has born a Child. Then the remainder of his Brethren will return to the Sons of Israel'.

In verse 3, the Prophet is speaking about the Great Dispersion. GOD gives them up or allows the Romans to disperse them. This was fulfilled in 132 AD. The Dispersion lasted 1816 years until Israel was brought back into her Land and remade a State. This occurred in 1948. Verse 4 says...

'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'.

So, verse 4 is saying sometime after they return, which is 1948 AD. The Messiah will return, set-up a Kingdom that will be 'Great to the Ends of the Earth'. We learned in Part 1, by studying Balaam's Oracle's, the Prophecies dealing with Ancient Assyria, in the Last Days, refer to the Nation of Syria, to the North of Israel. Verses 5 and 6 say...

'This One, (that One born in Bethlehem) will be Our Peace, when the Assyrian Invades our Land. When he tramples our Citadels, then we will raise against him 7 Shepherds and 8 Leaders of Men. They will Shepherd the Land of Assyria with the Sword the Land of Nimrod at its Entrances. End He will deliver us from The Assyrian when he attacks our Land and when he tramples our Territory'.

This is saying that the Messiah will return, the One born in Bethlehem that was Crucified and Resurrected. And when He returns, He will defeat the 'Final Assyrian', that tramples Israeli Land. This is referred to as the Battle of Armageddon and the destruction of the AntiChrist. Looking very carefully at this, we can also see between the time of the Dispersion and the Return, which is 1948 and the time of the 2nd Coming, there will be the time of the 7 Shepherds.

These 7 Shepherds, shepherd the Land of Assyria with the Sword. In other words, Attack and Occupy Land that currently belongs to the Nation of Syria. Ancient Israel was governed by Kings. But notice after they come back from the Dispersion in 1948, they will have Principled Leaders, not Kings. This is one of the places in the Old Testament that predicts Israel would be a Democracy, not a Monarchy, when it returns.

The 7 Shepherds that 'Shepherd with the Sword', we would call 'Defense Ministers'. And the Principal Leaders would be Prime Minister's. The key to understanding this Prophecy is that there will be 8 Prime Ministers and 7 Defense Ministers in Israel between 1948 and the 2nd Coming.

That War with and Occupy Land that is considered to be Syrian Land, at the time of the War. The Land between Israel and Syria, today is called the Golan Heights. Anciently, this was called Bashan and other Prophets in the Old Testament Prophecy of Israel's taking back Bashan and other areas in the Last Days. So, who are these 'Shepherds' and 'Leaders' that occupy the Golan Heights.

The 1st War involving Syria was the War of Independence in 1948. David Ben-Gurion acted as the 1st Shepherd in that war. They defeated Syria and occupied the border of the Golan Heights, immediately after this war. He was elected the very 1st Prime Minister of Israel. As we have seen, when the Messiah returns, He will be the 'Last Shepherd' and 'Last Leader'. And He will usher-in the Messianic Kingdom.

The 2nd War involving Syria was in 1967, known as the 6-Day War. The Prime Minister or 2nd Leader, at that time was Levi Eshkol. And the 2nd Shepherd was Moshe Dayan. Moshe Dayan was responsible for capturing all of the Golan Heights. And it remained in Israeli hands until, under pressure from the United Nations, they returned it briefly to Syria in the early 70's. Within months, Syria again attacked and this was known as the Yom Kippur War of 1973. During this War, Israel took back the Golan Heights.

So, the 3rd Leader was Golda Meir. And the 2nd Shepherd was actually still Defense Minister, at the time. Moshe Dayan took the Golan Heights twice. And now you can see the 'Pattern'. You know why there are 8 Leaders and only 7 Shepherds. One of the Shepherd's, Moshe Dayan occupied 2 Terms and fought in 2 separate Wars where they took Syrian Land. The 4th Leader would have been Menachem Bagan.

In 1981, he ordered the Annexation of the Golan, making it 'Official Israeli Territory'. In the process of doing this, one small Strip was given back to Syria and one small Strip was taken by the Israelis. So, technically, Israelis took more Syrian Land since Menachem Bagan was the 4th Leader. Who was the 3rd Shepherd? It was none other than Ariel Sharon.

What is really amazing about this Prophecy is that Ariel Sharon is listed as the 3rd Shepherd, and yet Joel prophesized the LORD hates it when you give away His Land. Later in his life, Ariel Sharon became Prime Minister and is responsible for giving-away the Gaza Strip in 2005, which itself is another Prophecy out of the Old Testament. But as we can see, in reaction to this, Ariel Sharon suffered a stroke.

So, who were the next 3 sets of Leaders and Shepherds? This part of the Prophecy is yet to be fulfilled. But by the end of this time, the Messiah will come and set-up His Kingdom and destroy the 'Final Assyrian'. Jesus Christ is the 8th Leader and 7th Shepherd. The Scriptures do not give a lot of detail on the Battle of the 4th Shepherd or the 6th Shepherd.

But the War that the 5th Shepherd carries-out is mentioned in great detail by 3 other Minor Prophets. But that will be for a later Study. But now, we have a 'Skeletal Map' ranging from 536 BC all the way to 1981 AD. And we know what is going to happen in the future on this timeline. We will begin to plug in the other Prophecies and build a complete timeline of future events.

This concludes the end of the Study on the 7 Shepherds. Please visit us at www.BibleFacts.org or www.WordofProphecy.net for this Series and other Series and Prophecy. May GOD bless you in your Studies

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PART 2

Prophecy Studies

by Ken Johnson

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Pattern and Definition according to Ken Johnson. Based on 7 'Wars' with Syria.

A) *Shepherd with Sword* B) *Principled Leader*
= *IDF Commander* = *Prime Minister*

Shepherd w/Sword: 7 **Leader Principled: 8**
1. David Ben-Gurion 1. David Ben-Gurion
1st War with 'Assyrian' 1948

2. Moshe Dayan 2. Levy Eshkol
2nd War with 'Assyrian' 1967
3rd War with 'Assyrian' 1973 3. Golda Meir

3. Ariel Sharon 4. Menachen Bagan

4. ? 5. ?
5. ? 6. ?
6. *'AntiChrist'* 7. *'AntiChrist'*
7. **JESUS** 8. **JESUS**
7th War with 'Assyrian' XXXX

For those that love History, Political Science, Geo-Politics all rolled up into Biblical Prophecy and intertwined with the Middle East, this sort of Study cannot get any better of a topic to consider. Although Ken Johnson's assertion is that the count is contingent upon Israel's direct confrontation with Syria in particular, that remains elusive. Why? Since 1948, Syria and Israel are still in a State of War. Presently, and with ever increasing frequency, Israel makes repeated incursions into Syria with Air Raids and Bombings. Notwithstanding, Israel has a legitimate concern and apprehension as Russia, Turkey, the Iranian Al-Quds Forces and various Muslim Faction and Para-Military Personnel from all over the World are banked at its Norther Flank.

Many End Times Students of Biblical Prophecy suspect that Syria will be the 'spark' that will light-up the eventual countdown to the Apocalypse. And Israel, it seems will be going at it alone. In part because if ever-diminishing support from the USA. Then on the other hand there is though, a growing threat to how the Times of Israel Article has reported that many Radical Jewish Groups want Christians out of Israel, without a trace. But is this not what the Muslims just also did through the UN? The Muslims said now through the UN that Jews have no trace or claim to the Temple Mount or even its Name.

This is where Jewish-Christian brotherhood and links can help each other. Most Jews do say that Judaism does not need Christianity. Fair statement. But can argue that the New Testament provides Judaism a 2nd Witness as it confirms Hanukah, how there was a Temple, a Sanhedrin and Jewish Jurisdiction over all of Judea and the Temple Mount. If People and Muslims negate Judaism, then they also have to negate Christianity as well.

One has to point-out that as it was the Jewish Religious Rulers that first started to persecute and kill those who confessed Jesus as Messiah. The prime example was the Apostle Paul. Also due to National Aspiration, yes, who would not want the Messiah to come and rebuild the Temple and finally give Israel Peace and Security. The problem is that the Jews, in general ignore the Prophetic 1st half of what the Messiah was all about and was to do 1st.

The Messiah had to die first like a Passover Lamb. This is found in Daniel 9. He had to come before the Temple, Jerusalem were to be destroyed and the People evicted from the Land in the Roman Diaspora. Point is Israel will have to pay-up for the Last Sabbath owed to the Land required of YHVH. This is called the 70th Week of Daniel or the 7-Year Tribulation Period. Only after that time will the 2nd Prophetic Portion of the Mission of the Messiah be finally realized.

Resources

Chart: 13TH KING OF ISRAEL

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Books

13th King of Israel: Coming of the AntiChrist

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Eternal Battle for Zion: Burden of the Nations

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