

### Micah 5

"Incomparable Reversal"

opposition that threatens certain defeat?

How do we handle being surrounded by

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"When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

-Matthew 2:3-6

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Land of Assyria – Invaders become Infiltrated

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

-Romans 8:35-39

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"In the Midst of Many" – exile and excelling

"I will Cut Off" – losing toward victory

# - Psalm 20:7

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in

the name of the LORD our God."

What did God bring from little Bethlehem?

How has it changed our perspective on the opposition around us?