

#1869 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The post-World War II U.S. waxing great toward the South and toward the East as a *second* Syria/Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 128, *An Angel riding in the Whirlwind and directing the Storm: The Micah 5:5 Assyrian vs. the Micah 5:5 Seven Shepherds, (ii)*

Micah 5 and Bethlehem. Micah chapter 5 is best known for its prophecy in verse 2 that the Saviour of mankind would come forth out of the little town of Bethlehem. It is one of the clearest and most important of all Old Testament prophecies. Matthew chapter 2 records the fulfillment of the prophecy.

Micah 5:1-6 (KJV) Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

*2 **But thou, BETHLEHEM Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.***

3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

*5 **And this man shall be the peace, WHEN THE ASSYRIAN SHALL COME INTO OUR LAND: and when he shall tread in our palaces, THEN WE SHALL RAISE AGAINST HIM SEVEN SHEPHERDS, and eight principal men.***

*6 And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: **THUS SHALL HE DELIVER US FROM THE ASSYRIAN,** when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.*



Key Understanding #1: Because the Assyrians opposed the Lord’s people, taking the northern kingdom of Israel captive, and attempting to conquer the southern kingdom of Judah (though taking the southern kingdom captive was reserved for Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon), the description of the Lord’s opposer in Micah 5:5 as “*the Assyrian*” is often considered by prophetic commentators to be “symbolic of all the enemies of God’s people in every age.” [Reference the Zondervan NIV Study Bible’s commentary on Micah 5:5. The Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary says about “*the Assyrian*” in Micah 5:5 . . . “being Israel’s most powerful foe at that time, Assyria is made the representative of all the foes of Israel in all ages, who shall receive their final destruction at Messiah’s appearing.”]

Key Understanding #2: Thus, as concerns the counterfeit (relating specifically to Micah 5:5), since “*the Assyrian*” is “symbolic of all the enemies of God’s people in every age,” if the ‘One Nation Under God’ Body of Americans is considered to be “God’s people,” protecting mankind’s “God-given unalienable rights,” then it is clear why the Lord ordained the adversaries of the United States in its wars throughout the course of its history – Great Britain in the Revolutionary War, Nazi Germany in World War II, the Soviet Union in the Cold War, and Saddam Hussein-led Iraq in the Gulf War and the Iraq War – to be in the role of *second Assyrias*, or representative of “*the Assyrian*.”

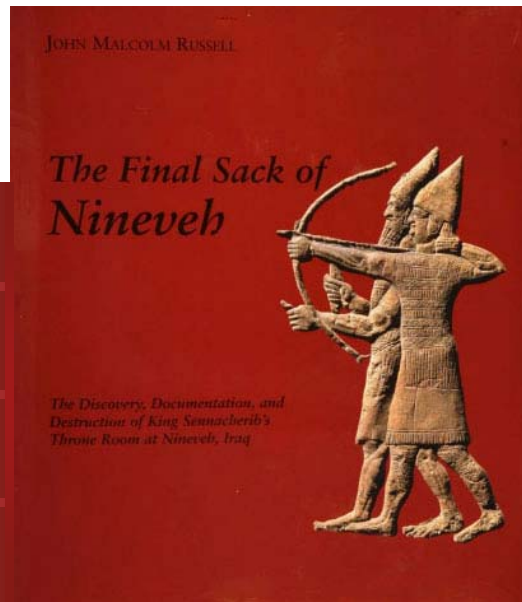
**The line-up of *second Assyrias*
overcome
by the *second Babylon***

**Great Britain
Revolutionary War**

**Nazi Germany
World War II**

**Soviet Union
Cold War**

**Saddam Hussein’s Iraq
Gulf War/Iraq War**



Key Understanding #3: This means that in the Lord’s ordainment of the adversaries of the United States in its wars throughout the course of its history being in the role of *second Assyrias*, the truth is that America is in its role as the *second Babylon*, or *Babylon the Great*, following in the pattern of the *first Babylon* defeating the *first Assyria* in 612 B.C. The lie is that the United States – in Micah 5:5 for example – is representing the Lord in its defeat of “*the Assyrians*.” The chief example is that the Lord ordained the United States – in the counterfeit fulfillment of Micah 5:5 – to raise up “seven shepherds” against its “*Assyrian*” adversary in the Cold War, the Soviet Union.

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