

us peace in the heart no matter what the conditions around us are now, and he will ultimately give us complete peace throughout the world when Micah's other marvelous prediction is fulfilled and that glorious millennium is established throughout the world.

Here the NIV has v. 5 "And He will be our peace (Period) When the Assyrian ~~me~~ invades our land and marches through our fortresses." That the verse there includes the last line of one section and the rest of it belongs to a succeeding section, and that that first line of the new verse should be part of that which precedes! Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem and he is indeed our peace.

We have other predictions following. Some of the next we don't know exactly what they mean. We doubtless will someday be able to see how they were exactly fulfilled. We come to 5:7 which --5:7 and 8 form a couplet. It's a very peculiar couplet. 5:7 reads "The remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of many peoples", and v. 8 begins "The remnant of Jacob will be among the nations." Verse 7 "The remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of many peoples like dew from the Lord, like showers on the grass, which do not wait for man or linger for mankind."

And 5:8 reads "The remnant of Jacob will be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among the flocks of sheep, which mauls and mangles as it goes and no one can rescue." What an interesting contrast between two immediately following verses. You notice they both start "The remnant of Jacob will be" What does this mean? The remnant of Jacob will be. Is this predicting the fact that the Jews will be scattered all over the world. Even after Jerusalem was destroyed and thousands of Jews were sold into slavery, yet there were so many Jews already then scattered through the nations of Europe that the Roman Empire allowed the Jews to carry on their worship without interference and recognized the exilic ruler as the nominal head of the Jews and dealt with him.

They were scattered through the nations in the Roman Empire. They were scattered through the Persian empire in the centuries that followed. So this remnant of the Jews, this scattering of them all over the world is perhaps predicted in these two verses. And what a difference in the two pictures. They will be like dew from the Lord, like showers on the grass which do not wait for man or linger for mankind. And you think of the small number of Jews compared with all the other people of the world, and yet you think of the influence they had had in so many different lines. You think of the music. You think of the poetry. You think of the leadership in so many many lines in so many countries, that the remnant of Jacob has had and has doubtless seemed to many like dew from the Lord.

Yet there is another picture: Like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among the flocks of sheep, which mauls and mangles as it goes and no one can rescue. That gives another side of the picture. That gives perhaps a picture of the wicked Jews who scattered through the world yet had tremendous ability and were able to get advance over others with such ability that they seemed to be mangling and mauling and many good people x joining with Hitler in this opposition to the Jews. You have these two sides, I think. The Jews scattered and the one way of looking at them which would be looking at the good Jews and the other way of looking at them which would be looking at those who with the remarkability they have all through the ages have despite all sorts of governmental checks to have a tremendous influence and to get control of many things in a way that has greatly irritated many others. You certainly