

Different End Times doctrines



second coming last judgment

tribulation

millennium

1. Post-tribulational Premillennialism



second coming for
church (rapture)

second coming
with church

last judgment

tribulation

millennium

2. Pre-tribulational (dispensational) Premillennialism

Eternity



second coming
last judgment

millennium

3. Postmillennialism



second coming
last judgment

symbolic millennium

4. Amillennialism

- 2 Empires will invade Israel
- Northern Kingdom will be first, by Assyria
- Southern Kingdom will be next, by Babylon
- Those in Micah's era would have had a hard time accepting this
- Who will be involved and in what roles for the End Times will not look like the world order as it is today

- Micah 4:9 & 10 are about pain, suffering & misery
- Usually the warnings are conditional on Israel repenting
- Micah's warning is not conditional.
- Jeremiah 18:7 – 12
- God already knows Israel will not repent and change
- So, Micah's message of invasion, exiles and destruction for Israel are inevitable

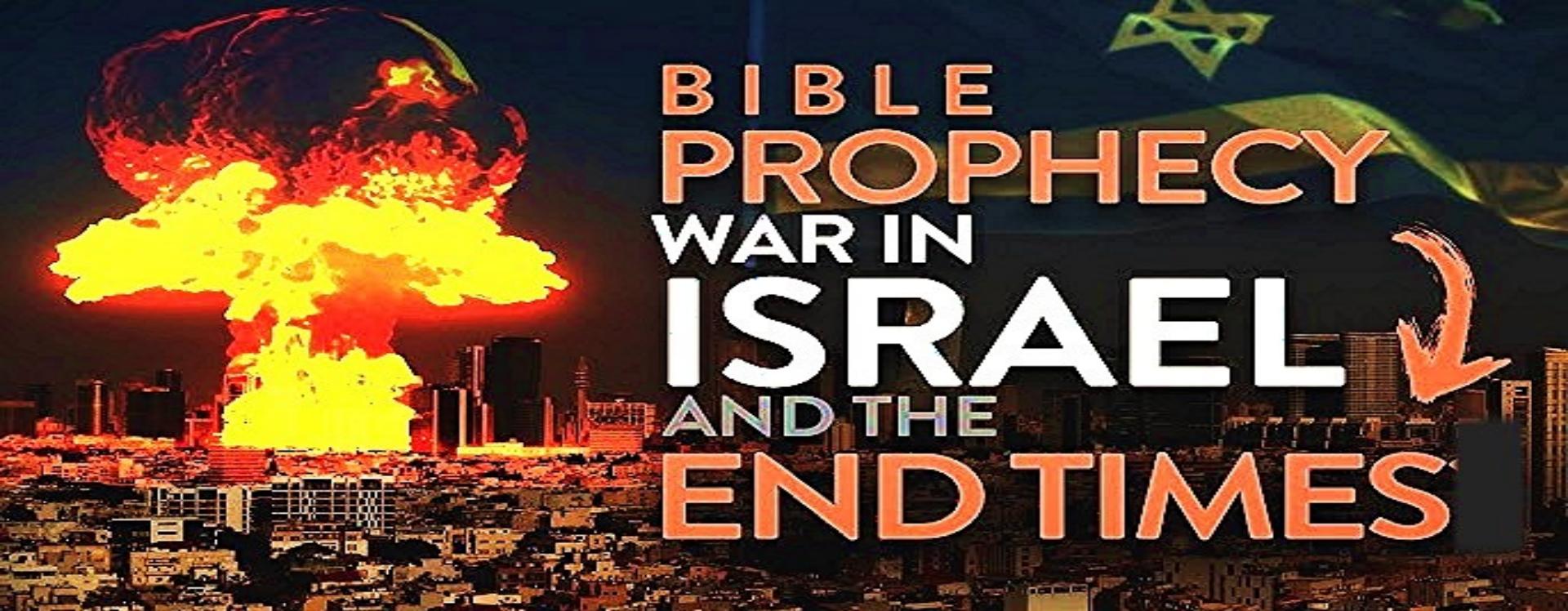
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WAR IN GAZA 'MUST END NOW' ISRAEL CONDEMNED BY 25 NATIONS

- Micah 4:11 “Now, many nations gather against you”
- This is an End Times prophecy
- No explanation why the militaries come against Israel
- Micah 4:2 “Come, let’s go up to the mountain of YHWH”
- Verse 11 must happen before vs. 2 can happen
- Christians will be part of this group against Israel, who then switch and want to learn Torah from the King



BIBLE PROPHECY WAR IN ISRAEL AND THE END TIMES

- Different nations will have different reasons to attack Israel
- Political or economic or religious
- For religious reasons, Islam will be the main perpetrator, with Christianity in second place
- Micah 4:12 "...they don't understand His plan..."
- These nations are not "heathen", they are deceived

The Parable of the Sower



- God will tell us some important things, and yet blind many so that they do not understand
- Matthew 13:10 – 16
- For those with sincere faith, He will open our eyes
- For those who are not seekers of truth, He blinds
- God will empower Israel to victory over the nations



“For I will make your horns like iron,
your hooves like bronze...” Micah 4:13

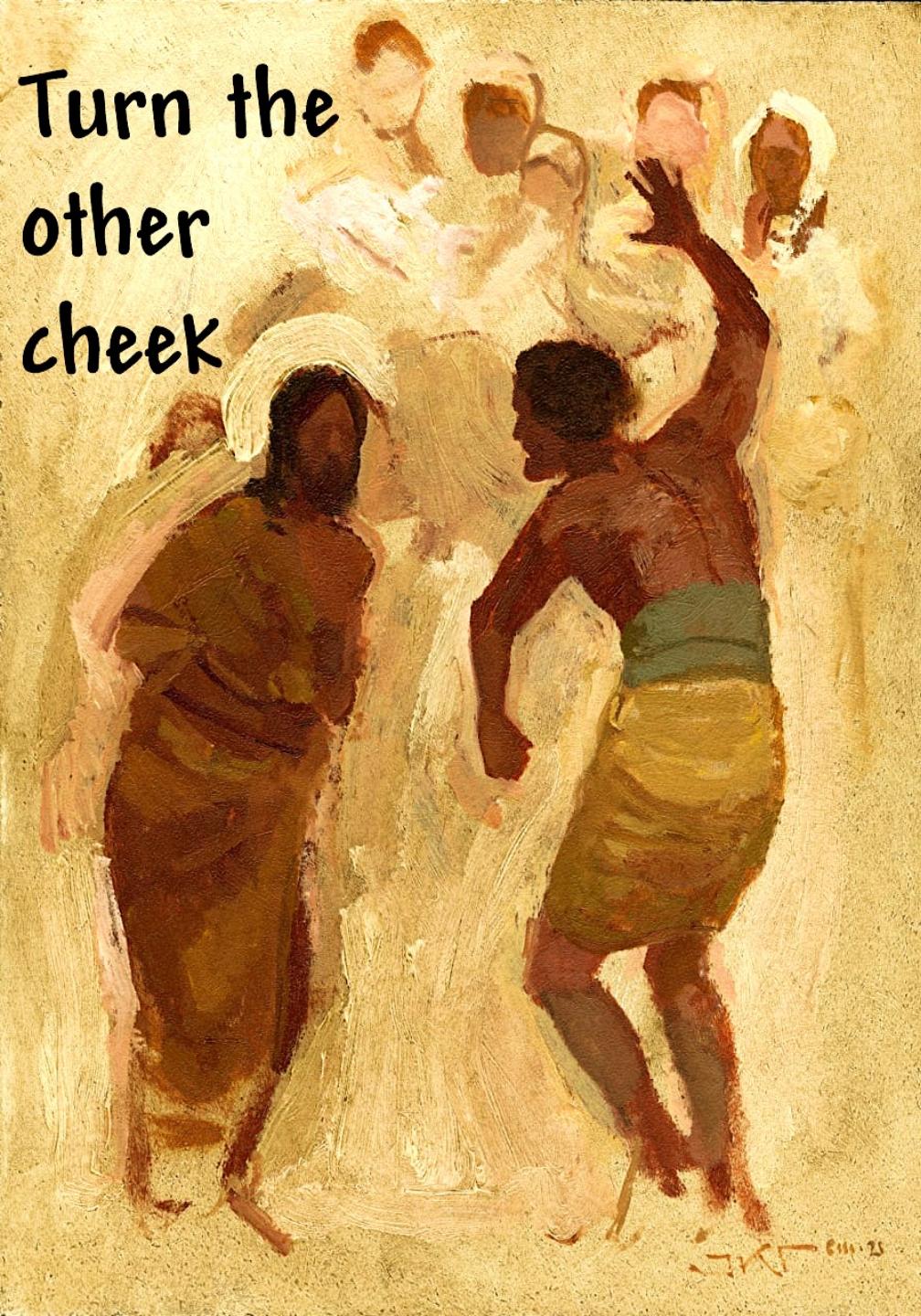
- Micah 4:13 involves the Law of the Ban... Holy War
- We are seeing a reversal from Israel being oppressed to redemption and restoration
- Micah 4:14
- Is this verse to be connected to the previous material, or is it the start of a new unit?

JERUSALEM UNDER SIEGE



- “Daughter of” almost always is used figuratively to mean a city or a place
- Key words with wide range of meaning.
Masor = siege, or Egypt, or stress.
Gedud = troops, band. Shophet = judge or ruler
- *“Now, crowd yourself together with fear in a band,
O people of Jerusalem; for the enemy prepares
a siege against us”*

Turn the
other
cheek



- Striking the cheek of a male was a great insult
- A cultural status of shame
- Matthew 5:39
- This is not about criminality, or replacing proportional justice
- In Yeshua's day (and still in the Middle East) they are a shame and honor society
- To reclaim honor can involve murder

**Bethlehem Ephratah
out of thee shall
He come forth**
Micah 5:2



- Vs. 1 speaks of one of the most degrading times in Israel's history, yet this is when their great ruler will be born. Same place as David's birthplace
- Micah prophesied 300 years after David's time
- Ephrata conjured up memories of Israel's Golden Era under David and Solomon

TINY BETHLEHEM



- *Elep* = clans, thousands, ox
- Ephrata so tiny, not even a clan could live there
- The idea was ironic that the greatest ruler of all time would be born in this backwater place
- Micah 5:2
- Complex verse variously interpreted
- Much depends on the words “Therefore, he...”
- The Hebrew poetry makes it all the harder to decipher

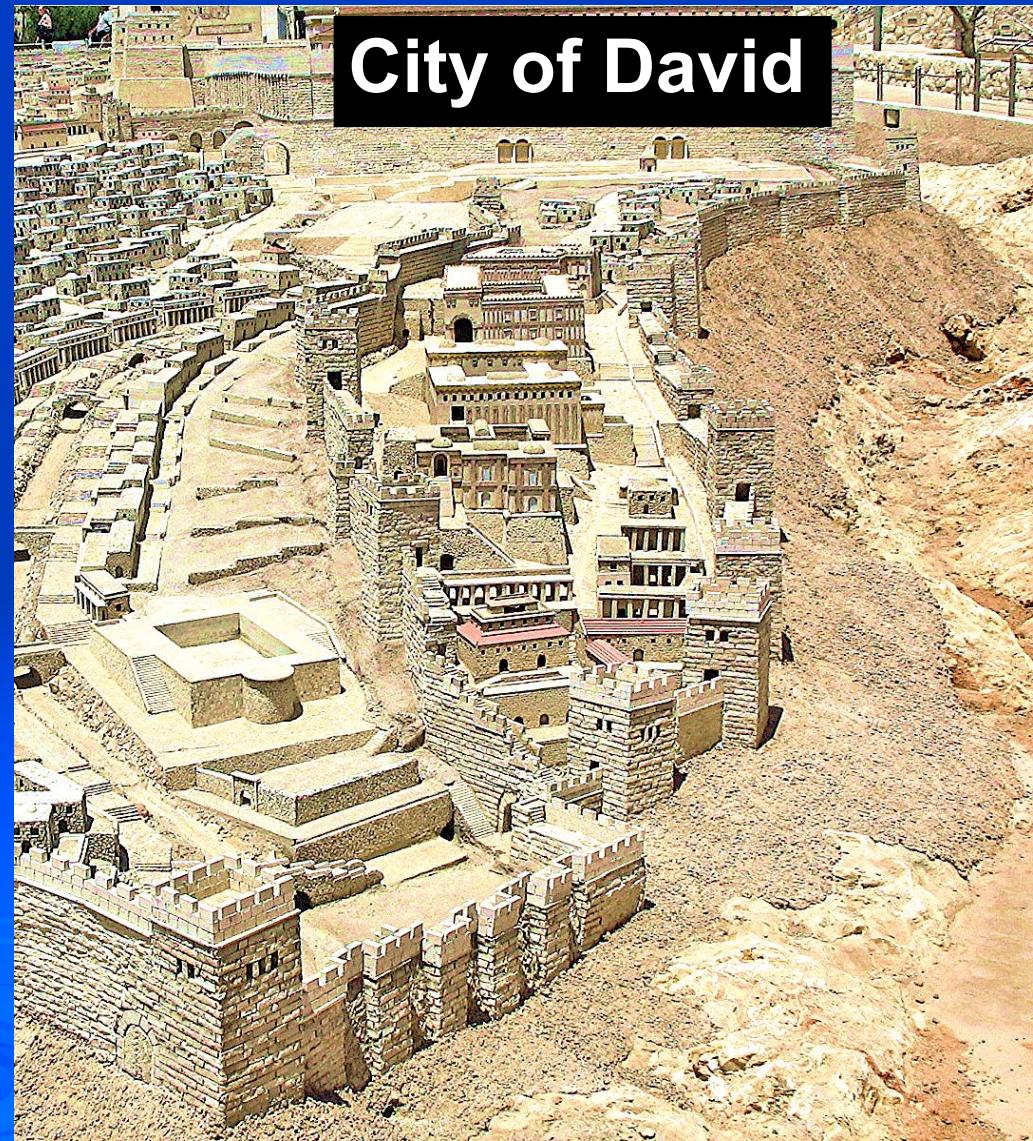
➤ Kiel and Delitzsch

“Because the great divine Ruler of Israel, from who alone its redemption can proceed, will spring from little Bethlehem, and therefore from the now degraded family of David”

➤ The reason for the Messiah being born in Bethlehem doesn't depend on the timing of the advent of Messiah, but rather on the place He is born

➤ This tells the people that end of David's dynasty has come, or the Messiah would have been born in Jerusalem

WHY IS GOD TURNING ISRAEL OVER TO HER ENEMIES?



ASSYRIAN & BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY

OF ISRAEL 721 B.C. & JUDAH 586 B.C.



- Northern Kingdom Ephraim/Israel not of the dynasty of David
- Southern Kingdom Judah remained with a descendant of David on the throne
- From the Babylonian exile on, no king from David's family ruled over Israel or Judah
- Isaiah 7:10 - 14