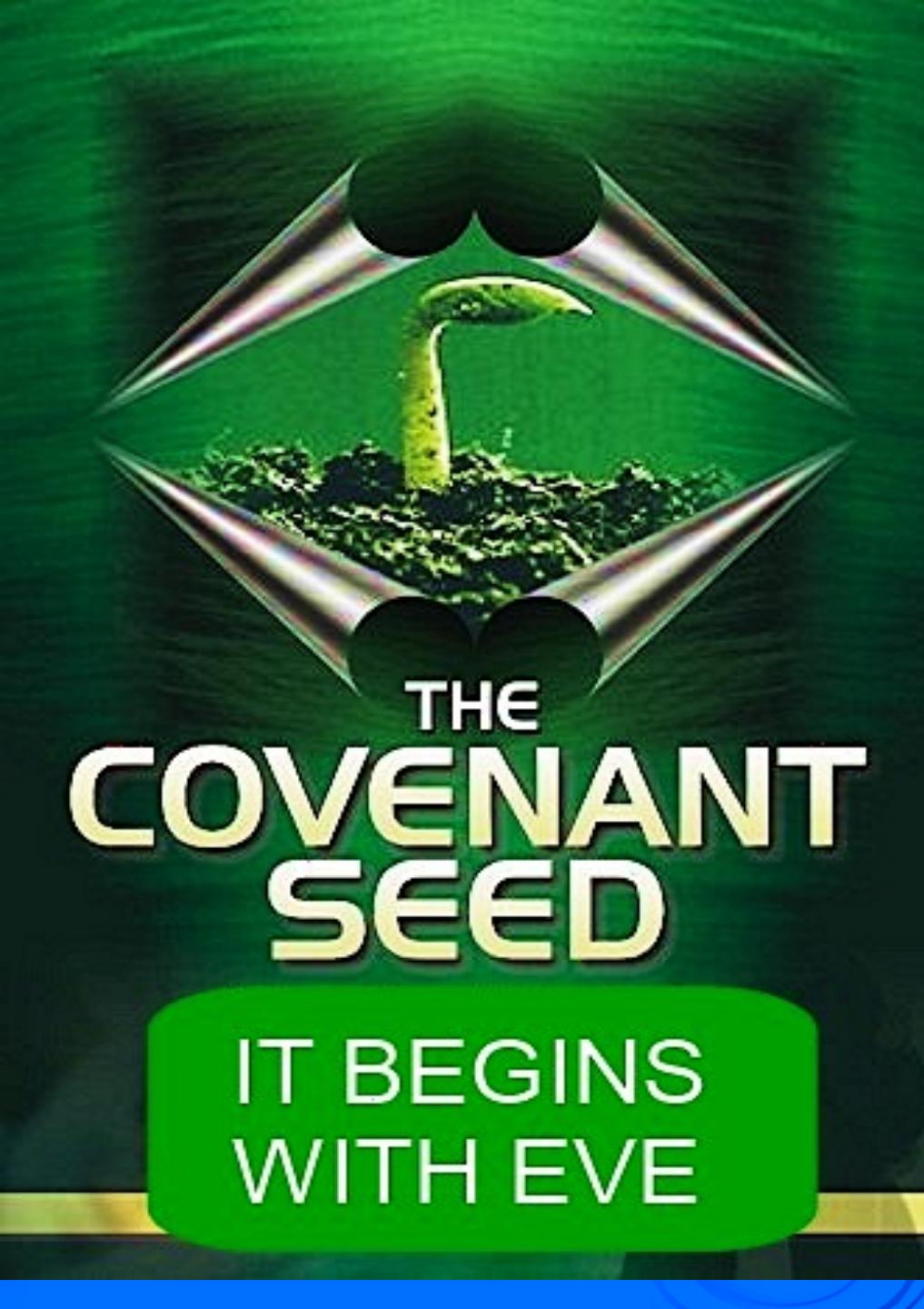


**“...until she
who is in
labor gives
birth”**

MICAH 5



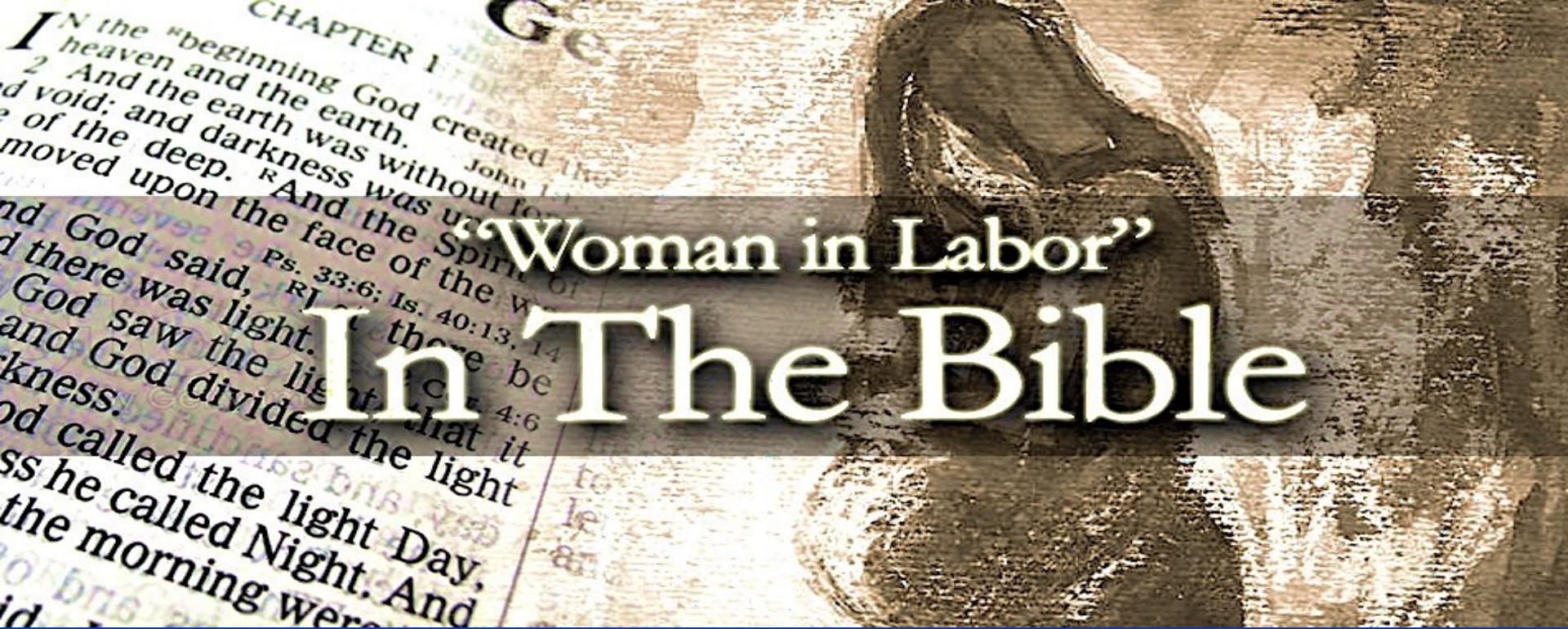
- Micah 5:2
- Christianity says “she who is in labor” is Miriam, mother of Yeshua
- Isaiah 7:14 cited as proof
- Isaiah 7:13 – 17 changes the perspective



THE COVENANT SEED

IT BEGINS
WITH EVE

- Doctrine on Isaiah 7:14 works until vs. 16
- It says the child to be born will live when Assyria will cause the land to be abandoned
- Many births of sons to the wives of Patriarchs and their descendants, each son carrying on the covenants
- Genesis 3:15
- Micah's prophecy is BOTH general AND specific



“Woman in Labor” In The Bible

- “She who is in labor” : 1st, mothers of sons in the line of Covenant Promise 2nd, Israel personified as a woman in labor 3rd, mother of Yeshua
- Micah 5:2 “...then the rest of his kinsmen will return”
- At various points in history various “mothers” in labor are meant, some figuratively
- Miriam NOT the 1st or only fulfillment of Micah 5:2

- Micah 5:3
- By vs. 4, a Messiah starts to come into view
- The “he” is the ruler of vs. 1
- ***Ra'ah*** = to feed
- ***Ro'eh*** = shepherd
- Feeding the flock is done in the strength of YHWH; Messiah as His agent
- Ezekiel 37:21 – 25
- This is talking about Yeshua's return, and it is still future from us

ISRAEL COMES HOME TO STAY



ISRAEL DEFEATS THE INVADERS



- Micah 5:4
- CJB “and this will be peace...”
- YLT “And this One hath been peace...”
- CJB = actions
- YLT = the person
- Assyria invades Israel just a few years after Micah
- Might this be NOT the only invasion by Assyria?
- “7, no 8” is an example of $x + 1$ as plenty & adequate

END TIMES

ISRAEL INVADES ASSYRIA



- Micah 5:5 A reversal of fortunes
- Never in Assyria's or Babylonia's history has Israel invaded and taken substantial land
- Names of enemy nations often used as symbols of "types"
- Edom, Egypt, Assyria, Babylon
- Israel was expecting a deliverer as a warrior king/leader
- Yeshua disappointed those who hoped He was their deliverer

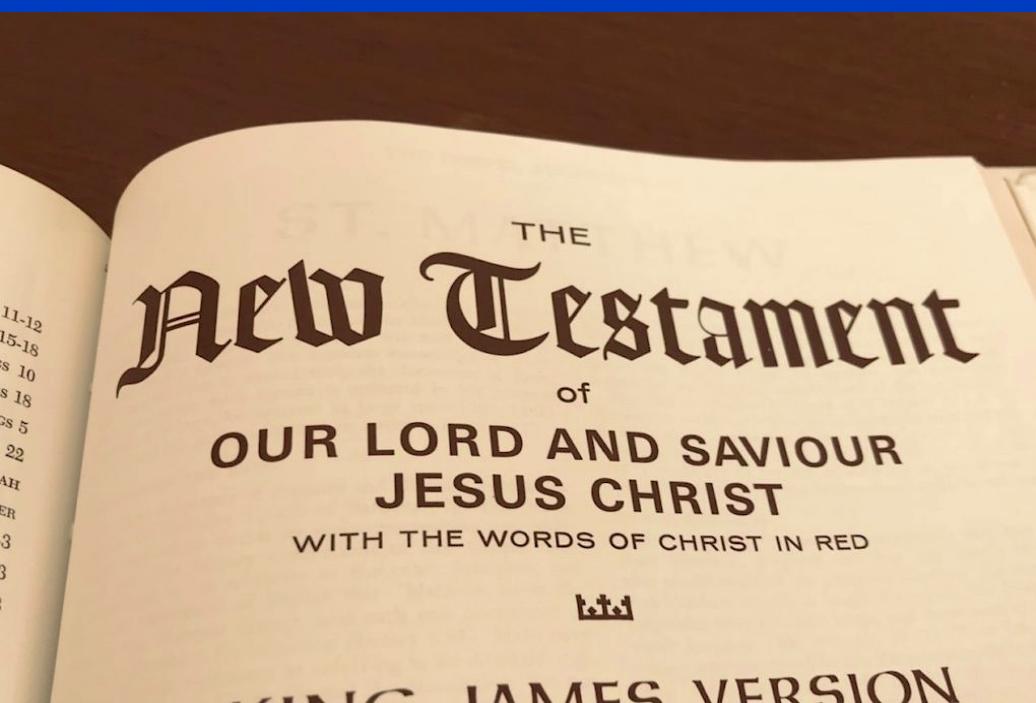
- Micah 5:6
- Israel not “surrounded” but rather in the midst of gentiles
- *Sheerit* = remnant
- Remnant implies a portion, or a difference
- God considered His remnant as dew and rain to benefit humans
- This is the playing out of Abraham’s Covenant Gen.12:1 – 3
- Only a remnant takes up God’s will and purposes

THE THEME OF “REMNANT”



I will be to Israel
like a refreshing
dew from
heaven

Hosea 14:5



DISTORTED AND WATERED DOWN

- Micah says the dispersed Israelites will serve the goal of God's saving will
- Torah observance drives Judaism, and salvation in Christ the gentiles/Christianity
- Both camps now opening their eyes to ALL of God's Word
- Repentance and courage is required



BEHOLD THE **GOODNESS & SEVERITY Of GOD**

- Micah 5:7 The remnant as an Alpha Predator
- Since the remnant is doing God's will, those who oppose Him (and them) are assured of destruction
- Romans 11:22 The two sides of God, His goodness and His severity
- Micah 5 verses 6 & 7 speak of exactly the same thing Paul is warning about

FROM SELF-RELIANCE TO GOD-RELIANCE



- Micah 5:8 This verse strengthens verse 7
- Micah 5:9 “When that day comes...”
- This is referring to the End Times that is future to us
- This warning is actually to Israel
- God is going to destroy Israel’s military might in order that He does the fighting for them... to victory!