

Righteous National Purification

With great specificity, here is how the Lord purifies a "back-slidden" nation:

Micah 5 (NIV)

A Promised Ruler From Bethlehem

Marshal your troops now, city of troops,
for a siege is laid against us.
They will strike Israel's ruler
on the cheek with a rod.

²“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times.”

³Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return
to join the Israelites.

⁴He will stand and shepherd his flock
in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.

⁵And he will be our peace
when the Assyrians invade our land
and march through our fortresses.
We will raise against them seven shepherds,
even eight commanders,

⁶who will rule the land of Assyria with the sword,
the land of Nimrod with drawn sword.
He will deliver us from the Assyrians
when they invade our land
and march across our borders.

⁷The 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 anyone
or depend on man.

⁸The 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 flocks of sheep,
which mauls and mangles as it goes,

and no one can rescue.
⁹ Your hand will be lifted up in triumph over your enemies,
and all your foes will be destroyed.

¹⁰ "In that day," declares the LORD,

"I will destroy your horses from among you
and demolish your chariots.

¹¹ I will destroy the cities of your land
and tear down all your strongholds.

¹² I will destroy your witchcraft
and you will no longer cast spells.

¹³ I will destroy your idols
and your sacred stones from among you;
you will no longer bow down
to the work of your hands.

¹⁴ I will uproot from among you your Asherah poles
when I demolish your cities.

¹⁵ I will take vengeance in anger and wrath
on the nations that have not obeyed me."

In corrupt nation after nation, the Lord never fails to raze, then either extinguish or rebuild them,
but only with a remnant (a select few) of righteous and repentant people.

I pray that we choose our sides righteously.

I hope you have an amazing day!

- Jack