

A Promised Ruler

Micah 5: 2-4



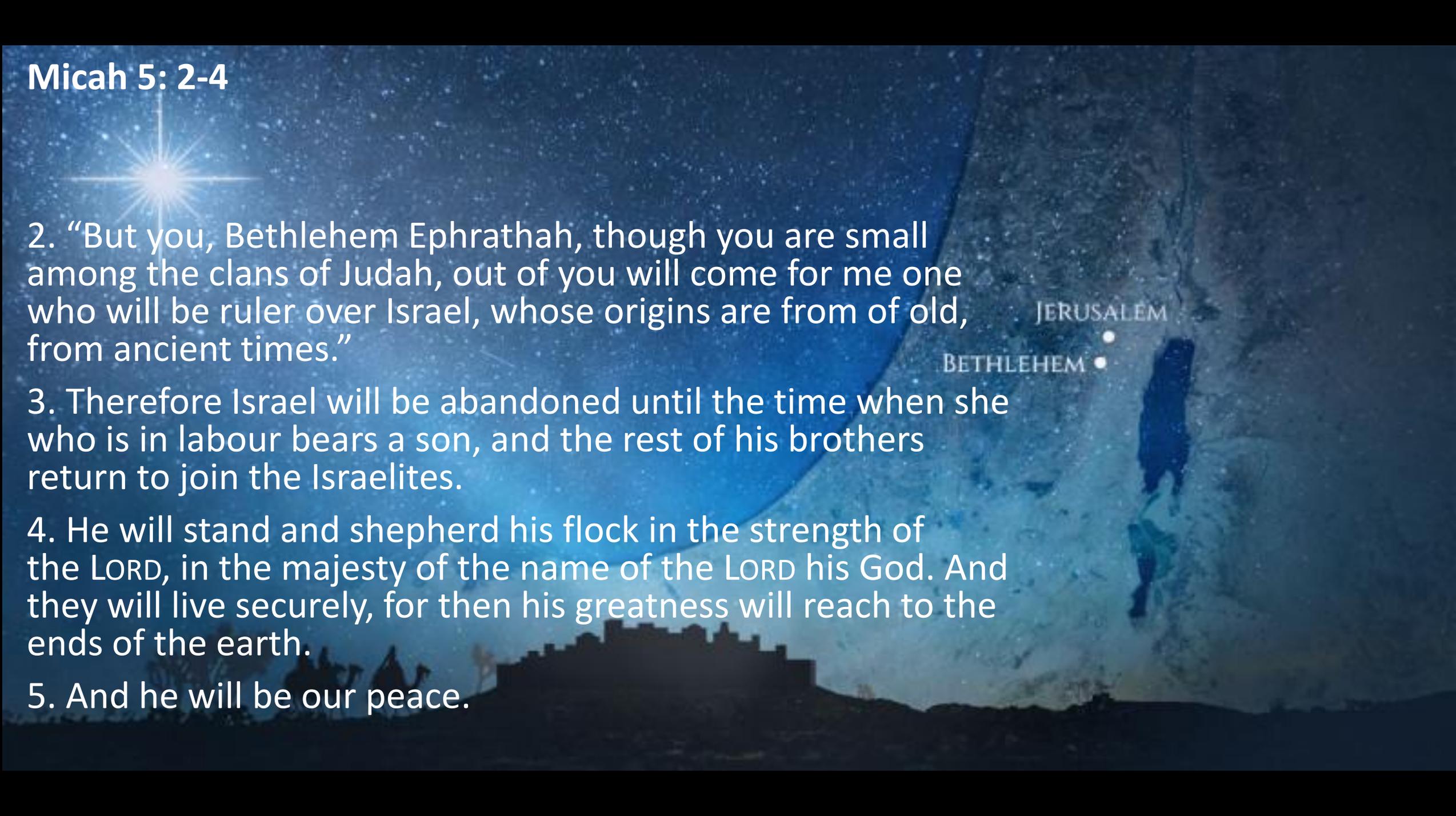
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2. “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

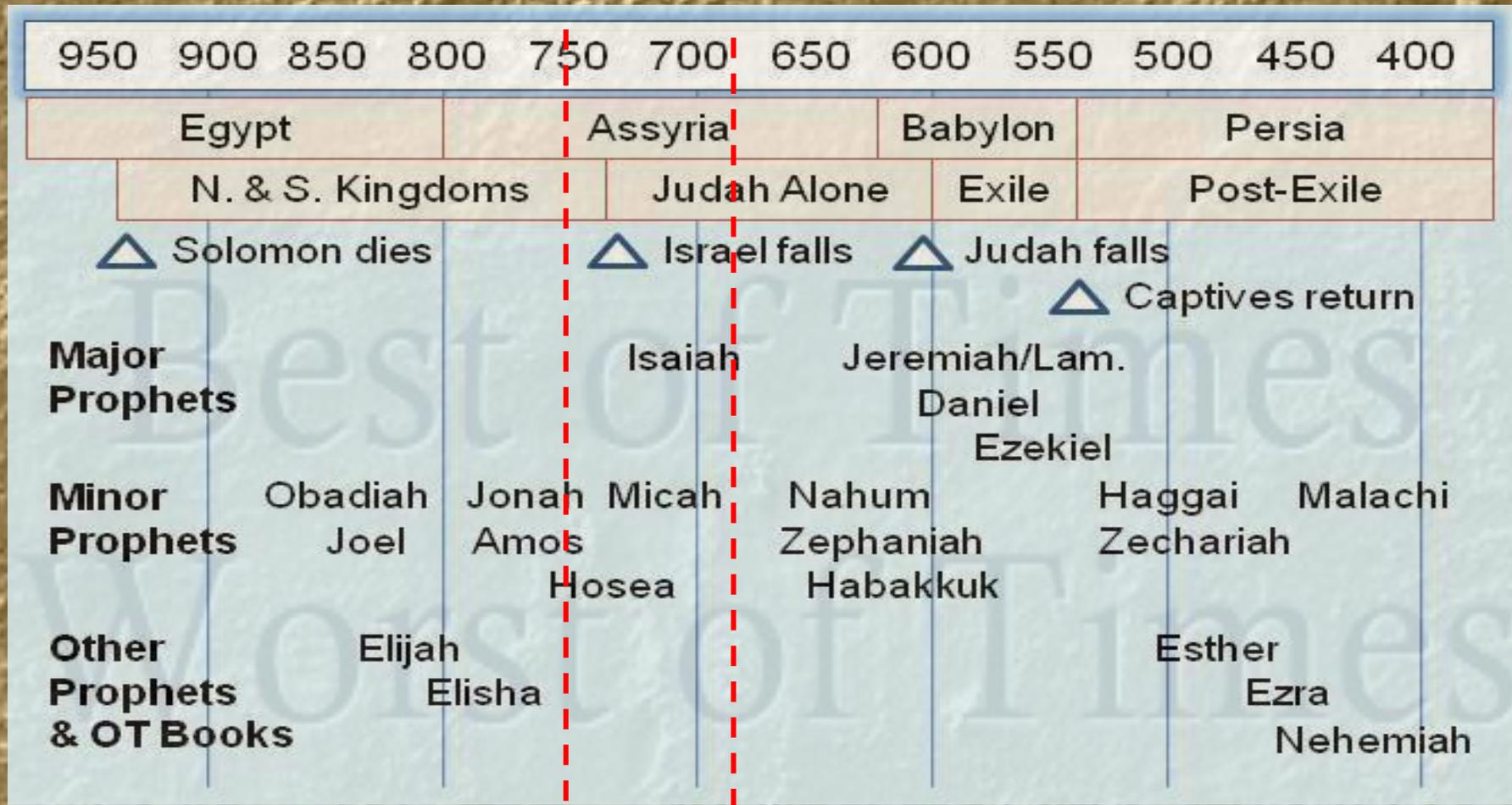
3. Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labour bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

4. He 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.

5. And he will be our peace.



JERUSALEM
BETHLEHEM



**The
Silent
Years**

Uzziah

Jotham

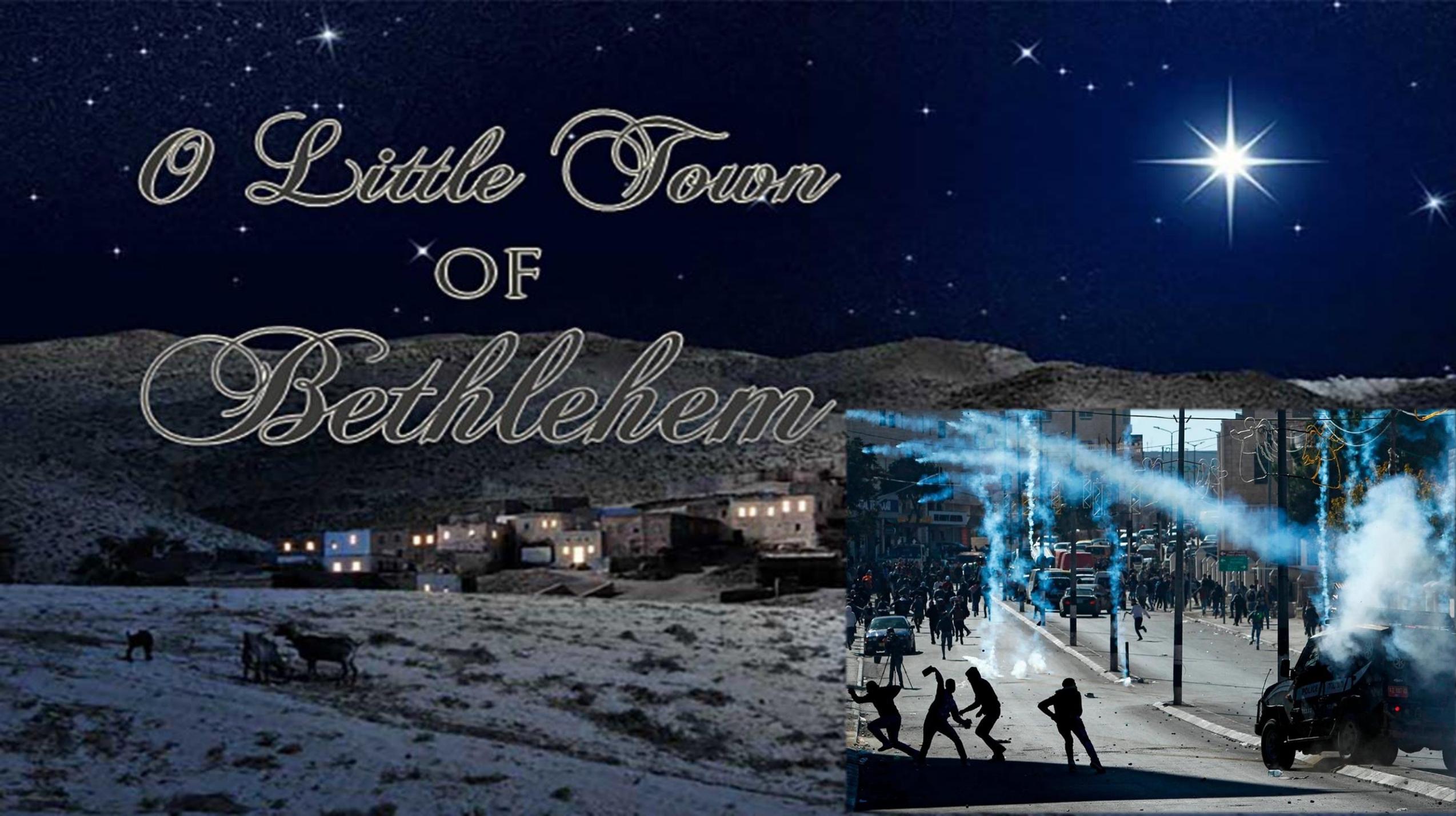
2 Kings 15:34

Ahaz

2 Kings 16:2

Hezekiah

O Little Town
OF
Bethlehem



From small things.....



“House of Bread”

John 6: 35

“Fruitfulness”

John 15:5

Jacob’s wife Rachel
Naomi and her sons.
Jesse and David

“Though you are small....”

*He chooses the foolish to
shame the wise, the weak
to shame the strong.*

1 Cor 1:27

Origins from ancient times

- The one who will be ruler
- An eternal plan: past, present and future
- Whose “goings out” are from of old. Rev 22:13
- Jesus, the Word made flesh

But

Little word, big significance:

- *V1 A siege is laid against us..... But*
- *But Noah found favour.....*
- *You have heard it said..... but I tell you....*
- *With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible*
- *Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words will never pass away*
- *The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life.*

Is it the best of times, or worst of times?

“For this I have Jesus”

V5 He will be their peace