

Near:  
When Overwhelmed  
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Message Notes: Aldersgate Church  
Midland & Cardinal Square



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

Micah 5:1

...Israel will be abandoned...the Assyrian will invade our land and  
march through our fortresses...

Micah 5:3, 5

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of  
King Herod, Magi (wise men) from the east came to Jerusalem and  
asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We  
saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." When  
King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with  
him.

Matthew 2:1-3 (NIV)

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the  
exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and  
said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you  
find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

Matthew 2:7-8 (NIV)

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he  
was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem  
and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance  
with the time he had learned from the Magi. Matthew 2:16 (NIV)

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least  
among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who  
will be the shepherd of my people Israel."

Matthew 2:6 (NIV) {Micah 5:2}

## The Shepherd's Promises When We're Overwhelmed

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.

Micah 5:4 (NIV)

I Will Stand and Shepherd You.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for  
the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep.  
So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs  
away...

John 10:11-12 (NIV)

I Will Help You Live Securely.

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it  
and are safe.

Proverbs 18:10 (NIV)

I Will Expand Your Vision.

{Jesus said} "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit  
comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in  
all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NIV)