

Micah 5:2

*But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose **goings forth**⁴¹⁶³ have been from of **old**,⁶⁹²⁴ from **everlasting**.^{3117 5769} ([Micah5:2](#))*

The superscript numbers above are Strong's Concordance numbers, as defined below:

H4163 מוֹצֵאת מוֹצֵאת **môwtsâ'âh**, *mo-tsaw-aw'*; **a family descent**; also a sewer...

H6924 קֵדֶם **qedem**, *keh'-dem*; or *qedmah* {*kayd'-maw*}; the front, of place (absolutely, the fore part, relatively the East) or **time (antiquity)**;

H3117 יוֹם **yôwm**, *yome*; **a day** (as the warm hours), whether literal (from sunrise to sunset, or from one sunset to the next), or figurative (**a space of time** defined by an associated term); **{{translated "day"(twice) in [Gen1:5](#)}}**

H5769 עוֹלָם **'ôwlâm**, *o-lawm'*; or *lolam* {*o-lawm'*}; generally, **time out of mind** (past or future), i.e. (**practically**) **eternity**;

Consistent with Strong's Concordance, some Bible translators used English phrases that indicated a definite beginning for Christ in [Micah 5:2](#):

- ... whose goings forth are from of old, **from ancient days**. (JPS 1985)
- ... whose goings out are from of old, **from ancient times**... (WEB 2000)
- ... whose going out has been purposed **from time past, from the eternal days**. (BBE 1949)
- ... his comings forth [are] of old, **From the days of antiquity**. (YLT 1862)
- ... whose **origins are in the distant past**... (NLT 2008)

For me, this is overwhelming evidence that fully agrees with other scripture that plainly states literally: Father Jehovah "brought forth" ([Pr 8:24,25](#)) Christ, from His bosom ([Jn 1:18](#)) as His "only begotten Son" ([Jn 1:18; 3:16](#)) -- the "firstborn of every creature" ([Col 1:15](#)) -- the Divine Son of God ([Jn 5:23-26](#)) -- worthy of all honour, glory, and blessing ([Rev 5:12](#)).

*And he[Christ] shall stand, and shall feed his[Christ's] flock **in the strength of Jehovah, in the majesty of the name of Jehovah his[Christ's] God**: and they shall abide; for now shall he[Christ] be great unto the ends of the earth.* ([Micah 5:4](#)).

In Context from Young's Literal Translation:

1 And thou, Beth-Lehem Ephratah, Little to be among the chiefs of Judah! From thee to Me **he cometh forth** -- to be ruler in Israel, And **his comings forth [are] of old, From the days of antiquity**. 3 Therefore he doth give them out till the time She who bringeth forth hath brought forth, And the remnant of his brethren return to the sons of Israel. 4 **And he** hath stood and **delighted in the strength of Jehovah**, In the excellency of the name of **Jehovah his God**, And they have remained, For now he is great unto the ends of earth. ([Micah 5:2-4](#) YLT)

Desiring to live by every word that comes from the mouth of Jehovah ([Deut 8:3; Mt4:4](#))

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