

10 The Promise of Jesus' Coming

And now the Lord says—

he who formed me in the womb to be
his servant
to bring Jacob back to him
and gather Israel to himself,
for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord
and my God has been my strength—
he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my
servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have
kept.

I will also make you a light for the
Gentiles,
that you may bring my salvation to the
ends of the earth."

"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."

Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in
labor gives birth
and the rest of his brothers return
to join the Israelites.

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.

And he will be their peace.

Isaiah 49:5-6; Micah 5:2-5a