

# GOVERNOR or RULER of Israel

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, "Where is He who is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east, and have come to worship Him." And when Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where the Christ should be born. And they said unto him, "In Bethlehem of Judaea; for thus it is written by the prophet, "And you Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the princes of Judah; for out of you shall come a Governor, who shall Shepherd My people Israel." (Matthew 2:1-6)

The prophecy originates from a Messianic verse found in the Book of Micah:

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for Me one who will be a **Ruler over Israel**, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." (Micah 5:2)

**Governor:** from the Greek word *hegeomai* which means: "to lead, to lead the way; to Command (with official authority); thus: Governor, or Ruler, or Leader"

**Ruler:** from the Hebrew word *mashal* which means: "to rule, have dominion, reign; or Ruler"

The Old Testament prophecy primarily foretells the birth place of the future coming Messiah, Jesus, in Bethlehem; but also applies to Jesus the title **Ruler of Israel**; and a '**Governor**' to shepherd God's people Israel. Thus when the Messiah Jesus did come, He was called the 'King of the Jews' by the wise men from the East. The rule of Jesus shall come after his second coming, when "all Israel shall be saved; as it is written, "There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this is My covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins."" (Romans 11:26-27)

Consider also this well known passage:

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, he Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this." (Isaiah 9:6-7)

## JESUS IS ...

**the Ruler of Israel,  
the Governor,**

**sent by God to Shepherd His people Israel;  
The One Born King of the Jews!**

**Lord Jesus You are God's Salvation for the Jews and for all People!  
You are the Ruler, and Governor, and King over Your Kingdom.  
The increase of Your Kingdom shall never end!**

**All praise, and glory, and power, be Yours - Forever and ever, Always and always!**