This fascinating link from my friends Sam and Laura (Watchmen Watching)...

The White House and Congress of the United States have been flooded with calls from Assyrian groups that the US support the creation of an Assyrian province in Iraq. The Iraqi government has stated that the Assyrian people should be entitled to their own province in the country, and if they request it, they may be given one. The announcement has generated a wave of interest in several countries, and bills petitioning for the creation of the province are to be submitted to the US Congress and the European Parliament.

Quote: *"The AIGNA story said, "Based on the public statements of both the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister [of Iraq] who said, 'The Assyrians are the original people of Iraq. They are entitled to a province of their own and should request it,' the move towards the Province is spreading from Washington to other countries with a similar resolution being prepared for presentation to the EU [European Union] Parliament. "In addition to calls, teams of volunteers are visiting every member of Congress, the White House, State Department and other Agencies, delivering a copy of 'The Congressional Resolution for the Assyrian Province' and asking them to sponsor the bills introduction into Congress and implementation."*

The following comments are from Watchmen Watching...

This article grabbed my attention. In Micah Chapter 5, you will find the prophecy of the first and second coming Christ. It is the verse quoted to Herod by the chief priests and scribes when he asked where the messiah was supposed to come from. It foretells that He would come out of Bethlehem and that He was "from everlasting", an eternal being. Continuing on in this chapter, at verse 5, it foretells of His victorious return and His bringing real peace to Israel. It foretells the victory that will be gained over Israel's enemies. Israel's enemies in this chapter are depicted as being led by the "Assyrian", which many expositors have taken to be a symbolic description. Could the leader of Israel's enemies be a literal Assyrian? Interesting days in which we live, for sure.

Micah 5:5-6
And this man (Jesus) shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him 7 shepherds, and 8 principal men. And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: Nimrod (remember Nimrod's land was of Babylon…located in today's Iraq) thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.

My own (Chris) thoughts are that perhaps the reference to the Assyrian coming into the land and Israel raising up men to withstand him, may be a reference to the war of Ezekiel 38-39. I don't think the "Assyrian" here is a single individual, like the Antichrist or similar, rather it is speaking of the nationality of the Assyrians. It's like me saying, when the Roman invaded Britain we were defeated. Ezekiel states that many people shall come with Gog to invade Israel in the last days.

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