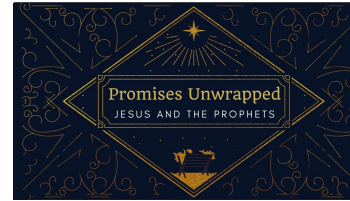


## Notes:



## Prophecy of a Past & Future King Micah 5:1-5

**Who:** Micah, a prophet in the Southern Kingdom of Israel called Judah.

**When:** Micah was a contemporary of Isaiah in the mid 8<sup>th</sup> century (750BC-686BC)

**What:** Micah prophesied the coming judgment of the Northern Kingdom (Israel) at the hands of the Assyrians (722BC) just as Isaiah did. Micah also was the prophet who predicted the Babylonian captivity of the Southern Kingdom of Judah that began in 605BC.

**Content of his message:** Micah's prophecies included predictions of coming judgment against Israel, the promise of a deliverer, and the hope of a future Messianic kingdom.

### Micah Chapter 5 versus 1-5

Mobilize! Marshal your troops! The enemy is laying siege to Jerusalem. They will strike Israel's leader in the face with a rod. <sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.

<sup>3</sup>The people of Israel will be abandoned to their enemies until the woman in labor gives birth. Then at last his fellow countrymen will return from exile to their own land. <sup>4</sup>And he will stand to lead his flock with the Lord's strength, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. Then his people will live there undisturbed, for he will be highly honored around the world. <sup>5</sup>And he will be the source of peace.

### Community Group Questions:

1. What does the historically fulfilled part of the Micah's prophecy mean to you? (Babylonian attack & Jesus' birth in Bethlehem vss. 1,2)
2. We know from history that only a remnant of Israel returned from the Babylonian captivity starting in the late 6th century B.C. So, what do you think Micah is referring to in verse 3? (Hint: It's tied to verse 4)
3. What does it mean to literally have Jesus as your King?
4. Where have you struggled to obey his calling throughout your life?

This is a very famous passage in which Micah predicts the coming of the Messiah. Matthew 2, shows us the fulfillment of Micah's prophecy some 7 ½ centuries later.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. Matt. 2:1

### I. The coming Messiah is the past king.

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf. Micah 5:2

#### How could Jesus be a past king?

The answer is Jesus is the Son of God from all eternity.

### II. The coming Messiah is also the future king.

And he will stand to lead his flock with the Lord's strength, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. Then his people will live there undisturbed, for he will be highly honored around the world. <sup>5</sup> And he will be the source of peace. Micah 5:4,5

Amos 9, talks about the fact that when this king, this descendant of David, is born at Bethlehem, it's going to be a universal kingdom.

"In that day I will restore the fallen house of David. I will repair its damaged walls. From the ruins I will rebuild it and restore its former glory.<sup>12</sup> And Israel will possess what is left of Edom and all the nations I have called to be mine."  
The Lord has spoken, and he will do these things. Amos 9:11,12

### III. How should I prepare to meet the King of kings?

- You have to **believe in his death for you;**  
And he will stand to lead his flock... vs.4

He's a shepherd king.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep."  
John 10:11

It should make us say:

"Why wouldn't we trust somebody who has done this for us?"

- you have to **obey his Word.**

"I thought salvation was by God's grace alone, that I can't earn it?  
But God isn't opposed to effort, He is opposed to earning.

Those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. <sup>6</sup>Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. 1 John 2:5,6

In the end we can't get around this; Jesus might be a lot of things to you, but he's not your King unless you've made this commitment. Whatever he says in his Word, you're going to do.

Can I be saved if I confess Jesus as my Savior,  
but don't make Him my Lord too?

To say I want his salvation and have no interest in doing what he says, is to redefine His salvation into something that is no salvation at all.

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6