

Micah 5:1-5 – The Shepherd King is Coming

Introduction

1. The Significance of this Prophecy Concerning Jesus Christ
 - a. King Herod and the Wise Men (**Matthew 2:2-6**)
 - b. The Division among the People (**John 7:40-43**)
 - c. They Knew the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem from the Witness of Scripture – The Oracle of Micah
2. Last Week: God's Faithfulness to His Covenant with Father Abraham
3. This Week: God's Faithfulness to His Covenant with King David

The Main Idea: God's Eternal Covenant with King David is fulfilled in His Son Jesus, the Shepherd King. In this, God chooses what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, bringing Glory to Himself and Salvation to His people.

1,000 B.C. God's Eternal Covenant With David (2 Samuel 7)

1. God speaks through the Prophet Nathan to King David
 - a. An offspring born from David's Body would be King
 - b. This Kingship would not End
 - c. This Dominion would be Established Forever

722 B.C. The Enemy Surrounds Jerusalem, Future Exile (1, 3)

1. Irony: Micah's Play on Words
 - a. The city of troops, Jerusalem is surrounded by troops
 - b. But Micah offers hope in a time of war
2. War: King Sennacherib of Assyria
 - a. Eradicates the North – Israel is no more; 5/6 of the nation is now gone
 - b. The fortified cities of Judah are falling (**2 Kgs 18:13**)
 - c. Only the Tribes of Benjamin and Judah remain
3. Jerusalem: Once a Military Power and Mighty Power
 - a. King David once overpowered the Philistines
 - b. The Kingdom grew and prospered; These days were now gone
 - c. Assuming Invincibility: They had God's Temple, Prophets, Law, His Covenants, & His Presence
 - d. Spiritual Pride brought God's Deluge of Judgment
4. A Humiliating Strike on the King's Cheek
 - a. Babylon would take Judah into Exile in 586 B.C.
 - b. King Zedekiah's Sons would be Killed and his eyes put out
 - c. God's Grace Warns Us against Idolatry – brings exile

5. God Exiles His People and then Delivers them Out
 - a. Forsaken in Exile: A Time of Sorrow
 - b. Deliverance from Exile: A Time of Great Joy
 - c. The Lord gathers His People Back to the Promised Land
 - d. A Microcosm of the Gospel: We are in Exile on this earth, but God through Christ will deliver us Finally to Glory
 - e. Our Struggle here is only Momentary (**1 Cor 4:17-18**)
6. God Offers Hope of Salvation, Eternal Life

First Christmas: A Ruler Will Come from Little Bethlehem (2)

1. The Lord is Faithful to Fulfill His Covenant with King David
2. Micah's Prophecy is a stinging Rebuke to Jerusalem
 - a. The Great City is not God's Choice, but an Insignificant Little Town
 - b. *Bethlehem* – House of Bread; *Ephrathah* – Fruitful
3. God's Design in His Choice of Bethlehem
 - a. Not that it is the Great Historic City of David
 - b. God's Reason: It is Small and Lowly, so None can Boast before the Lord (**1 Corinthians 1:28-29**)
 - c. The Deepest Meaning of God's Choice is the Gospel: Human Merit, Pride, and Skill cannot win God's approval
 - d. God Chooses the Foolish, Weak, and Feeble by His Grace to Shame the Strong and Wise
4. The Great Ruler Who Would Come from Little Bethlehem
 - a. He would be born a man in David's Line
 - b. He would be from Old, Ancient as Days
 - c. He would be Human and God
 - d. A Man before Micah whose Origins do not Exist, before Time, before Creation, and Who will be Forevermore
 - e. He Would be the Second David

The Shepherd King Will Tend His Lambs Across the Earth (4-5a)

1. Micah Confirms the Davidic Covenant
2. The Shepherd King's Reign Will be to the Ends of the Earth
3. The Shepherd King will Stand On Behalf of His People
 - a. Not a Hired Hand who Flees, Nor Lays Down on the Job
 - b. He will Lead and Guide His Sheep to Green Meadows
 - c. He will Water His Sheep with the Truth of God's Word
 - d. He uses His Rod and Staff to Draw Wanderers Back
 - e. He Supplies All their Needs (**See Philippians 4:19**)
4. The Shepherd King Serves in the Strength of the Lord
 - a. He Accomplishes Every Aim – Never thwarted/frustrated
 - b. He Rules with Justice & Secures the Safety of His People
5. The Shepherd King is Peace for God's People
 - a. He is Peace between God and Justified Sinner (**Rom 5:1**)
 - b. Peace by Converting the Threat – Go! Make Disciples!