

Advent: Micah 5:1-5
The Shepherd-Ruler From Bethlehem

The Context of Micah 5

1. Year: Approximately 701 BC
2. Assyria has Conquered Israel, Now Marching on Judah
3. Hosea in the North, Isaiah & Micah in the South
4. Micah Ministered in Judah from 735-700 BC
5. Micah had Great Influence on King Hezekiah (**Jeremiah 26.18-19**)
6. Micah Preached Against Sin
 - a. Idolatry (**Micah 1.6-7**)
 - b. Pride and Greed (**Micah 2.2-3**)
 - c. Sins of the Kings (**Micah 3.9-11**)
 - d. Sins of the Priests, False Prophets, Corruption, Sexual Immorality, Violence
7. Micah Preached the Character of God – Who is Like Yahweh? (**Micah 6.8; 7.18-20**)
8. A Prophet's Words are Both Gloom and Grace

Main Idea: God Judges Sin, but He Offers to Us, A Shepherd-Ruler, Jesus Christ, Who is Our Peace

Be Prepared For Invasion (Verse 1)

1. Judah will be Invaded, King Hezekiah will be Humiliated (**2 Kings 18.28-30; Sennacherib's Prism**)
2. The Siege was Planned by the Hand of the Lord (**Micah 4.11-12**)
3. God permits sin and suffering
4. We must prepare for the invasion of Sin and Satan
5. The Wicked Do NOT Understand the Designs of God
6. We Do: The Bible!!!

In Suffering, God Has Not Abandoned You (Verse 3)

1. The People of God would be Heavily Afflicted
 - a. Judgment would be Severe
 - b. As Pain in Childbirth (**See John 16.21**)

2. God Is Mindful of His Covenant – He will Gather a Remnant
 - a. God Would Provide Relief for His People
 - b. Spirit and the Word Empowers Us to Endure

Set Your Hope In God's Promise Of A Shepherd-King (Verse 2)

1. A Reminder of King David
2. Humble Beginnings
3. Everlasting Throne (**2 Samuel 7.16**)
4. Scripture Points to Bethlehem as the Messiah's Birthplace
5. Smallness, Weakness, Humility – God uses these to maximize His Glory
6. The Messiah: From Old, Ancient Days – God's Eternal Design

Believe In The Shepherd-King (Verse 4)

1. Jesus Stands, Protects His People
2. Jesus Serves, Shepherds His People
3. Jesus Serves in the Strength of the Lord
4. Jesus Provides Complete Security and Safety
5. Jesus Does ALL His Works in the Majesty of Yahweh, His God – Fulfills God's Will Perfectly

Enjoy The Peace The Shepherd-King IS (Verse 5)

1. Sin and Satan are Fierce in their Attacks
2. Jesus is Our Peace
 - a. Through His Blood
 - b. Through His Intercession
 - c. Through His Sufficient Grace
 - d. Through His Promise to Never Leave Us or Forsake Us
3. To Enjoy This Peace, You Must Know the Prince of Peace