

Before the Word Became Flesh

MICAH'S CHRISTMAS FROM YOU SHALL COME A RULER

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“O little town of Bethlehem . . . the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.”

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. MICAH 5:2 ESV

Why Bethlehem?

Christmas points to the _____ of all _____.

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong . . . so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. . . . “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” 1 CORINTHIANS 1:27-30 ESV

Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, ²⁴ but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.” JEREMIAH 9:23-24 ESV

Who Is The Ruler From Bethlehem?

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet.” MATTHEW 2:1-6
ESV; JOHN 7:42

He is _____.

His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity. MICAH 5:2b

What Will The Ruler From Bethlehem Do?

1. He will fulfill the _____ of God to King David.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. MICAH 5:4 ESV; 2 SAM. 7:12-16

2. He will _____ God's people and bring _____.

And he shall be their peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men; ⁶ they shall shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod at its entrances; and he shall deliver us from the Assyrian when he comes into our land and treads within our border. MICAH 5:5-6 ESV