

#4 When Prophets Speak of Christmas

Micah 5:2-5 (12/28/08)

Micah was not popular with the people he ministered to. Many false prophets were telling the people what they wanted to hear. Micah told them what they needed to hear.

When God Gives a Prophecy of the Future It Is Always to Awaken People to Their Responsibilities

His prophecy centers upon Israel and Judah. Both advents of Christ are included in this prophecy.

Like Isaiah Micah Alternates Between Predictions of Gloom and _____

1. The Obscurity of Christ's Birth (2)

The Humanity of Jesus

- **Bethlehem's significance is _____**

Bethlehem was the place of David's birth which is the human reason Jesus was born there.

Luke 2:4-6, "Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David..."

Bethlehem Means "House of Bread" and Here the _____ Came Into the World

John 6:35, And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life."

2. The Sovereignty of Christ's Birth (2)

Jesus Came according To God's Will

- **Christ's birth was according to a _____**

Galatians 1:3-5, "who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of

our God and Father, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Galatians 4:4-5, "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."

God's Promises of a _____ Fill the Old Testament

3. The Royalty of Christ's Birth (2)

He Is Humanly Descended from King David

He is the fulfillment of God's promise to David, 2 Samuel 7:16.

- **The _____ of this prophecy will be "in the latter days" (4:1)**

Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary in Luke 1:30-33.

Jesus Christ Is the _____ Eternal Ruler of Israel

4. The Deity of Christ's Birth (2)

Jesus Is Far More than a Descendant of David

Jesus Christ is the eternally existing Son of God, John 1:1-2, 14.

• **The emphasis here is on His eternal _____**

The Bible declares the activity of Jesus before creation, 1 Peter 1:20, and in creation, Colossians 1:16-17.

**Jesus Was Brought Forth into _____
in the Incarnation**

Luke 2:7, “And she brought forth her firstborn Son...”

5. **The Prophecy of Christ’s Birth (3-4)**

Only His First Coming Prophecies Have Been Fulfilled

Though Messiah’s activities are eternal the “redemption of Israel” must be waited for, Luke 2:25-38.

• **Micah sees both _____ of Christ**

Judah went into captivity and though a remnant returned the kingdom was not restored as promised to David. The woman

seen in labor is not a personification of Israel but the Virgin Mary. Jesus came to Israel but they rejected Him. Between the cross and Kingdom Israel will be “given up” by God but not abandoned. Jesus Christ will return and establish His kingdom and rule the world from Jerusalem. His kingdom will bring peace on earth as promised by the angels to the shepherds. (5) “For now He shall be great to the ends of the earth; and this One shall be peace.” Chapter 4:1-3 is practically identical to Isaiah 2:2-4 which predict Jerusalem’s glory “in the latter days”.

**When Jesus Returns To Shepherd His People
Israel He Will Rule Over All the Earth and
Establish _____**