

WISDOM FROM GOD'S WORD

Christmas 2021
Bethlehem Ephratha
Micah 5:1-5

Truth: The great Ruler/King spoken of by the prophet Micah is Jesus Christ the Lord of all who trust in Him.

1. God punishes His people for their sin (v.1).

- The northern 10 tribes of Israel were conquered by King Sennacherib of Assyria in 721 B.C.
- The southern 2 tribes of Judah were conquered by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon in 586 B.C.

2. God's punishment upon His people would not be permanent (v.3).

- Greece conquered the Holy Land in 332 B.C.
- Rome conquered the Holy Land in 63 B.C., then destroyed Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

3. God provides salvation to His people through the birth of a great Ruler (vv. 2-5).

- A specific Ruler/King (v. 2).
 - Born in Bethlehem Ephratha (v. 2).
 - John 6:32-35 ▪ Isaiah 53:10-11
 - Born of Judah (v. 2).
 - Genesis 49:8-10 ▪ Psalm 78:68 ▪ Isaiah 9:6
 - Matthew 11:28
 - He will perform perfectly the will of God (v. 2).
 - John 5:30; 6:38-39
 - He is God (v. 2).
 - Son of God ▪ Son of Man ▪ Messiah
 - Son of David ▪ Son of Abraham
- A specific purpose (v. 3).
 - To return the remnant of His brethren back to Israel.
 - To feed the people of God with spiritual food (v. 4).
 - To reveal the true Heavenly Father to them
 - To instruct them in the ways of God
 - To teach them about the Kingdom of God.
 - To glorify the name of the Lord among His people.
 - To give them abundant and eternal life.
 - To be their peace (v. 5).
 - Isaiah 9:6; 53:5
