

God's Glory, Our Peace

Micah 5:1-5a; Luke 2:1-7

In this Advent, Christmas season how do we find peace. How can we be instruments of peace to those around us?

Bethlehem: The Prophecy (Micah 5:1-5a)

A. Near distress (vs. 1)

King Hezekiah vs. King Sennacherib.

B. Future deliverance (vs. 2-5a)

8 Characteristics of this powerful, Messianic ruler:

1. Born in Bethlehem

Matthew 2:6

**Out of seeming littleness and weakness, God
has perfected strength**

1 Corinthians 1:27-29

2. "come for me"

3. "ruler over Israel"

4. "whose origins are from of old, ancient times"

a) reference to tribe of Judah (**Genesis 49:10**),
or line of David

b) reference to his deity

**The Messiah's mission was hatched in
eternity past because he existed in eternity
past.**

5. "Israel abandoned until the time she bears a son"

6. "He will stand"

7. "He will shepherd his flock"

Psalms 78:70-72

Psalms 2:6-8

8. "He will be our peace"

Our Peace

A. Peace with God (positional peace)

Eph. 2:13-14

Rom. 5:1

B. Peace with Ourselves (experiential peace) –

Phil. 4:4-7 – 4 commands, 1 result

Isaiah 26:3

C. Peace with Others (relational peace) –

Eph. 2:14-15

Rom. 12:18

Bethlehem: The Fulfillment (Luke 2:1-7)

A. The historical setting (vs. 1-5)

Caesar Augustus

Decree – a census taken of the entire Roman world
so Joseph went up from Nazareth (Galilee) to

Bethlehem (Judea)"

"because he belonged to the house and line of David "

B. The birth (vs. 6-7)

She gave birth

"No guest room available "

In what ways have you found peace during the Christmas season?

**Even if Christ were born in Bethlehem a thousand times, but not
within you, you would be eternally lost.**