



Faith in the Right Place

Micah 5:1–6



*Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops;
siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the
judge of Israel on the cheek. 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 5:1–2



*Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return to the
people of Israel. 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. And
they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.*

— Micah 5:3–4



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; 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





Background of Micah

Prophet: Micah | **Location:** Kingdom of Judah | **Date:** 8th Century B.C.

Message: God Warns of Pending Judgment, Comforts with Promises

Context: Jerusalem lived in rebellion against God and existed as a shadow of its former glory. Judgment is coming. The Shepherd King rebukes them, punishes them, and calls them to return to his covenant of love.

Outline: Micah's outline can be understood in cycles of sin, political failure, divine judgment, foreign threats, redeeming love, and a merciful Shepherd King.

I. First Cycle (1:2-2:13) II. Second Cycle (3:1-5:15) III. Third Cycle (6:1-7:20)

Take more time to dig into it this week on your own!

Misplaced Faith has Consequences

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judge of Israel on the cheek.*

— Micah 5:1



Misplaced Faith has Consequences

*"Sin will take you farther than you want to go,
keep you longer than you want to stay,
and cost you more than you want to pay."*



Grace Comes Where We Least Expect It

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



Grace Comes Where We Least Expect It

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet'.

— Matthew 2:1–6

Grace Comes Where We Least Expect It

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— Micah 5:3



Faith in the Shepherd Brings Security

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. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

— Micah 5:4–5





What does a Shepherd do Anyways?

- Feeding the Sheep
- Leading the Sheep
- Protecting the Sheep



Faith in the Shepherd Brings Security

His promises are good and his promises are true.

I am the Good Shepherd.

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

— **John 10:11**

By this we know what love is: Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

— **1 John 3:16**

*Now that we have the Lordship settled,
let's focus on discipleship.*

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been
given me, go and make disciples of all nations.*

— Matthew 28:18–19



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Some Questions for Us

Are we at peace with God this Christmas?

Do you know you are secure in Jesus Christ?

Do you trust Jesus to control the borders of your life?

Does our faith in Jesus lead us to share our faith with others?