

B.C.: BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Micah: A Promise of Peace

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What is a prophet?

A prophet was actually a *messenger* _____ God with a *message* from God.

Micah 5:1-5 - Marshal your troops, O city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a rod. ² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." ³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. ⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. ⁵ **And he will be their peace** . . .

Peace: shalom (shaw-lome'); rest, tranquility, _____, completeness.

Luke 2:4-7, 10-14 - So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to . . . what is the town called?... Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. . . ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a **Savior** has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a

manger." ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace to men** on whom his favor rests."

1. He is the peace who _____ you.

John 14:27 - "Peace I leave with you; **my peace** I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Philippians 4:6-7 - Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, **present your requests to God**. ⁷ And the **peace of God**, which **transcends all understanding**, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:28 - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

2. He is the peace that _____ you.

Colossians 3:15 - Let the peace of Christ **rule** in your hearts, since as members of one body you were **called to peace**. And be thankful.

A. Deal with conflict _____.

Proverbs 17:14 - It is hard to stop a quarrel once it starts, so don't let it begin.
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B. Practice _____.

James 1:19 - My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

C. Prepare for the _____ journey.

1 Peter 3:11 - They must turn from evil and **do good**; he must **seek peace** and **pursue it**.

3. He is the peace that _____ you.

Romans 5:1 - Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:13-14 - But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For **he himself is our peace**...

Jesus, who was born of a virgin, did not have a sin nature so that He could be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He would be the innocent Lamb of God who was slain for our sins on a cross. He would give His life, be raised again, so that even in our sin, we could be underneath Him, the One who is in charge, the One who gives peace. It's not our peace. It's His peace. We can't earn our way to be right with God.