

# Micah's Ruler from Bethlehem

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
*Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah,  
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me  
The One to be Ruler in Israel,  
Whose goings forth *are* from of old,  
From everlasting.”

- Micah 5:2

## A. Micah's First Message (Chapters 1-2)

*Message summary:*    *Near term:* chastisement from God is coming for Israel.  
                                  *Long term:* restoration is coming for Israel.

*What did Micah predict concerning the future restoration of Israel? (2:12-13)*

- 1) The LORD will gather a remnant of Israel, and they will multiply. (2:12)
- 2) The LORD will be their king. (2:13)

## B. Micah's Second Message (Chapters 3-5)

*Message summary:*    *Near term:* Jerusalem and the temple will be destroyed due to Israel's sins.  
                                  *Long term:* The LORD, by means of an eternal ruler, will restore the nation.

*What did Micah predict concerning the future glory of Israel? (Ch. 4-5)*

- 1) Jerusalem and the temple would be restored and exalted (4:1)
- 2) The LORD will bring world peace and end all wars (4:2-3)
- 3) The LORD will reign over Israel from Jerusalem (4:6-8)
- 4) Though other nations appear to be superior, the LORD will cause Israel to receive the wealth of the nations on His behalf. (4:11-13)

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- 5) Even though Israel's leader is humiliated in the immediate future, one day a special ruler will come to the little town of Bethlehem. (5:1-2)
- 6) The Eternal Ruler will shepherd His people in the strength and majesty of the LORD. (5:4)
- 7) The Eternal Ruler will destroy all of Israel's enemies. (5:5-9)
- 8) The Eternal Ruler will eliminate all military establishments and all false worship. (5:10-14)
- 9) The Eternal Ruler will punish all other nations who do not serve Him. (5:15)

## C. Micah's Third Message (Chapters 6-7)

*Message summary:*    *Near term:* We have no reason to resist the LORD.

*Big Picture:* We have a wonderful God.

*What kind of God does Micah remind us that we serve?*

- 1) A God who wants us to walk with Him (6:8)
- 2) A God who wins (7:16-17)
- 3) A God who forgives (7:18-19)
- 4) A faithful God (7:20)

## Discussion Questions:

1. Did any verses in Micah stand out to you?
2. What predictions in Micah do you sense the need for?
3. What about God's character does Micah help you see?