

BETHLEHEM: Tiny Town

Micah 5:2

Intro: There were some tiny towns in Israel. One of the tiniest towns in ancient Israel was Bethlehem. The prophet Micah described it as “Too little to be among the thousands of Judah” (5:2). What Micah was saying here was that Bethlehem was a town that was too small to be numbered among the clans of Judah. Now, here is what makes Micah’s prophecy so amazing. Even though Bethlehem was so small that it wasn’t even numbered among the clans of Judah, yet it was from here that God was going to bring forth the Messiah to be Ruler in Israel. This is referring to God’s eternal Son, the Lord, Jesus Christ.

*** Background on Bethlehem:**

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I. The Love Story Of Ruth And Boaz

A. The family of Elimelech (1:1-5)

Jesus

B. Ruth’s faithfulness to Naomi (1:6-18)

Mary, Joseph, and baby

C. Boaz takes Ruth to be his wife (chap. 4)

II. The City Of David (1 Samuel 8 and 16)

A. Saul is appointed as Israel’s first king (1 Sam. 8–13)

B. Saul is replaced by David the Bethlehemite (1 Sam. 16)

III. The Birthplace Of Jesus (Micah 5:2; Luke 2:1-20)

Conclusion:

Christmas is about God’s gracious provision of His eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who was born of a virgin in David’s ancient city of Bethlehem. God’s eternal Son poured Himself into

human flesh so He could die for the sins of the world, and provide salvation for any and all who would believe in and receive Him as Savior.