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**Micah 5:2-5**

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*“Now the LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have selected a king for Myself among his sons.”*

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- Bethlehem would be the birthplace of the Son of David
  - The Sanhedrin would confirm the location to Herod (Matt. 2:1-6)
  - The people knew the location and the lineage (Jn. 7:40-42)
- Bethlehem means “house of bread”
  - From the “house of bread” would come “*the bread of life*” (Jn. 6:35)

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*“There will be no end to the increase of His  
government or of **peace**,*

*On the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and  
righteousness*

*From then on and forevermore.*

*The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.”*

*(Isa. 9:7)*

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*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.”*

(John 1:1-2)

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  - *“Before Abraham was, I AM”* (Jn. 8:58)

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***3 Therefore He will give them up until the time when she who is in labor has borne a child.***

- God would give His people up until “*the fullness of time*”
- “*she*” may refer to Mary (Isa. 7:14) or...
- “*she*” may refer to the remnant of faithful Israel (Micah 4:10)
  - Zion is spoken of as “*in travail*” (Isa. 66:7)
  - Corresponds to the “*radiant woman*” of Revelation 12:1-5
    - “*And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron...*”

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*Then the remainder of His brethren will return to the sons of Israel.*

- This “remnant” will return not to the land, but to the LORD
- This remnant will enjoy fellowship with their King
  - *“that He might be the firstborn among many brethren”* (Rom. 8:29)
- This remnant is not limited to physical Israel
  - *“In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God’s gracious choice.”* (Rom. 11:5)
- This remnant is spiritual Israel

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***4 And He will arise and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord...***

- Like David, He will be a Shepherd King
- He will be the Good Shepherd (John:10:11, 14)
- His power is derived from God

***... in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God.***

- His glory will glorify God (John 17:1-4)

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*And they will remain, because at that time He will be great to the ends of the earth.*

- His flock will abide:
  - *“... I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.”* (Matt. 16:18)
  - *“who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”* (1 Pet. 1:5)
- His kingdom is universal and eternal
  - *“to the ends of the earth”* and until the earth ends...

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## 5 *This One will be our peace*

- *“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, **Prince of Peace.**”*  
(Isa. 9:6)
- That’s what the angel proclaimed to those shepherds...
  - *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace** among men with whom he is pleased!”* (Luke 2:14)
  - *“through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made **peace** through the blood of His cross”* (Col. 1:20)

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**Without Bethlehem there is no Golgotha**

**But, it is the cross that gives meaning to the manger**

*“For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says,*

*‘Sacrifice and offering You have not desired,*

***But a body You have prepared for Me’”***

(Heb. 10:4-5)



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*“... and **He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for **by His wounds you were healed.**”***

(1 Peter 2:24)

*“Therefore, having been justified **by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**”*

(Rom. 5:1)

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*“For **He** Himself is our peace...”*

(Eph. 2:14)

