

A PROMISED RULER FROM BETHLEHEM

(Micah 5:1, 2; Matthew 2:1-6)

I) The Prophet Micah

1. His ministry: The 3 kings of Judah (Micah 1:1)
 - ◆ Jotham (2 Chron. 26, 27)
 - ◆ Ahaz (2 Chron. 28)
 - ◆ Hezekiah (2 Chron. 29ff)
2. Served with Isaiah, Hosea and Amos
3. Gave some of the most important prophecies:
 - ◆ Location of the birth of Christ
 - ◆ The fall of Samaria (1:6, 7)
 - ◆ The invasion of Judah (1:9-16)
 - ◆ The fall of Jerusalem (3:9-12; 7:13)
 - ◆ Exile in Babylon (4:9, 10)

^ Key word: “**Hear**”

II) The message of hope (Micah 5:1, 2)

1. The siege by Babylon (v.1)
2. The future birth place of the Ruler of Israel (v.2)
3. Who was this Ruler of Israel?

Application:

1. What is God’s word to me?
2. The sovereignty of God
3. The Messiah and His humility