



August 21, 2022

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: Micah 5:1-15

Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. ² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he shall be their peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men; ⁶ they shall shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod at its entrances; and he shall deliver us from the Assyrian when he comes into our land and treads within our border. ⁷ Then the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples like dew from the LORD, like showers on the grass, which delay not for a man nor wait for the children of man. ⁸ And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among the flocks of sheep, which, when it goes through, treads down and tears in pieces, and there is none to deliver. ⁹ Your hand shall be lifted up over your adversaries, and all your enemies shall be cut off. ¹⁰ And in that day, declares the LORD, I will cut off your horses from among you and will destroy your chariots; ¹¹ and I will cut off the cities of your land and throw down all your strongholds; ¹² and I will cut off sorceries from your hand, and you shall have no more tellers of fortunes; ¹³ and I will cut off your carved images and your pillars from among you, and you shall bow down no more to the work of your hands; ¹⁴ and I will root out your Asherah images from among you and destroy your cities. ¹⁵ And in anger and wrath I will execute vengeance on the nations that did not obey. ¹

BACKGROUND

The theme of Micah is judgment and forgiveness. The Lord, the Judge who scatters his people for their transgressions and sins, is also the Shepherd-King who in covenant faithfulness gathers, protects, and forgives them.²

Micah comprises a series of oracles (prophetic pronouncements) delivered in a variety of historical and political contexts. The overall genre is prophecy. While Micah uses a variety of forms such as disputation (2:6–11) and lament (1:8–16), the two leading prophetic forms in Micah are the oracle of judgment (2:1–4) and the oracle of salvation or redemption (5:2–5).³

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Mic 5:1–15). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

² Crossway Bibles. (2008). [The ESV Study Bible](#) (p. 1693). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

³ Crossway Bibles. (2008). [The ESV Study Bible](#) (p. 1694). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

SERMON NOTES

1. The King Arrives
2. The King Reigns
3. The King Rescues

D-GROUP AGENDA

Welcome & Catch Up

Begin your D-Group time by taking a few minutes to catch up since your last meeting. Share updates regarding prayer requests shared previously and celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of your group members.

Read It

Read the Scripture passage that Sunday's sermon was focused upon. As you re-read the passage, discuss some of the things that really stand out.

Study It

Among your group, discuss those things that stand out in the passage. For things that may be confusing or create more questions, work together to discover God's truth. Be careful to use biblically sound resources. If you have questions about such, please contact one of the pastors at the church for recommendations.

Review It

In Sunday's sermon, Pastor David shared about some amazing rescue stories that have occurred in years past. How did these stories connect to the great rescue God initiates for his children?

How does living between the two arrivals of Messiah (the birth and glorious appearing) impact your worldview? Christ is coming again. This should affect how believers live.

Five Questions

1. What did you like about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
2. What did you not like or find confusing about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
3. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about God?
4. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about humanity?
5. Who outside your group needs to hear the truths from this week's sermon?

Prayer

Close your group time with prayer for each person. You may share requests, but we recommend you don't just do a blanket prayer for "all the requests" but divide each up or have one person commit to pray (silently or aloud) for one other. Pray for each other to close.