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Micah 5:1-5

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

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.”

“Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no king in you?

Has your counselor perished, that pain seized you like a woman in labor?”

Micah 4:9

“But You O Bethlehem”

God surprises us in times of darkness with His promised grace-filled King.

- 1) The judgment on the proud.
- 2) The grace on the humbled.
- 3) The peace of the Shepherd.

1) The judgment on the proud.

“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. “Vs 1

If a liar and deceiver comes and says, 'I will prophesy for you plenty of wine and beer,' he would be just the prophet for this people!

Micah 2:11

Hear this, you leaders of the house of Jacob, you rulers of the house of Israel, who despise justice and distort all that is right; who build Zion with bloodshed, and Jerusalem with wickedness. Her leaders judge for a bribe, her priests teach for a price, and her prophets tell fortunes for money. Yet they lean upon the LORD and say, "Is not the LORD among us? No disaster will come upon us."

Micah 3:9-11

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:6-8

“I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.”

William Ernest Henley

2) The grace on the humbled.

“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 origin is from of old, from ancient days.” Vs 2

“Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress....“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; those living in the ..shadow of death a light has dawned.

Isaiah 9:2

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,... **But** because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,⁵ made us alive with Christ.

Ephesian 2: 1,5

"God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, *so that no human being might boast in the presence of God . . . Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.*"

1 Corinthians 1:27-31

John and Annie Glenn



3) The peace of the Shepherd.

“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. And he shall be their peace.”

Vs 4,5

He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more.

Micah 4:3



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And he shall be their peace.” Vs 5

**For he himself is our peace, who has
made the two one and has destroyed the
barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,**

Ephesians 2:14

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5: 1,2

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

You will be true to Jacob, and show mercy to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our fathers in days long ago.

Micah 7:18-20



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But you, O Bethlehem

