

# WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

## "The Shepherd King"


### WEEK 5

#### MICAH SERIES OVERVIEW

Corrupt politicians. False prophets. Weak church leaders. These were major problems during Micah's day, which resulted in idolatry, religious ritualism, and social injustice in both Israel and Judah. Through Micah, God brings a lawsuit against the people, declaring both his righteous judgment and future salvation.

#### BOOK OF MICAH OVERVIEW

 **Book of Micah Summary: A Co...**

 **Micah at a Glance.pdf** -resource by David Stagers.

#### CONTEXT: Micah 5

Micah 5 prophesies the coming of a ruler from Bethlehem who will shepherd Israel with the strength and majesty of the Lord, bringing peace and security. The ruler is foretold to stand and lead with the might of God, ensuring the people live securely, for His greatness will reach to the ends of the Earth.

#### SCRIPTURE: 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,

#### Scripture continued:

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.



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**ICEBREAKER:** Share about a Christmas gift you received that you had to wait a long time for? How did waiting impact the significance of the gift?

### STARTER QUESTION

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

What does Chapter 5 teach us about God and who He is?

What is the significance of the prophecy of Bethlehem in Micah 5:2 and how does it relate to the birth of Jesus?

What impact does the fulfillment of Micah 5:2 and the other messianic prophecies have on your faith?

Read Micah 5:5 and Ephesians 2:14. What is Jesus called in both of these verses? How does this help us in our chaotic, unsettled times we live in today?

Discuss the characteristics of the servant-king in Micah 5 and how they compare to Jesus' ministry.

In verses 10-15, Micah talks about God purifying the people from anything that keeps them from giving their all to Him. What is God wanting to "cut off" from your life in order to purify you?

**Deeper Community:** Share a time when you truly experienced Shalom, God's peace, and how did you know it was from God?

### PRAYER

*\*For a deeper and more responsive prayer time, separate into a men's group and women's group or in couples.*

Share praises, answered prayers and prayer requests. Lift up those in your group and friends that struggle during the Christmas season.

**Closing Prayer:** Heavenly Father, we thank you for your hope and peace that come from knowing you keep your promises. As we celebrate the day you came to Earth as a baby, we honor you as our Servant King. Amen

### B.L.E.S.S. Update: Who's Your ONE?

Review the BLESS principles and ask if anyone has an update to share.

**B**egin with prayer

**L**isten to their story

**E**at with them

**S**erve them

**S**hare your story and the story of Jesus