

# Christmas Day 2009

## Bethlehem

Micah's prophecy (Micah 5:1-5), regarding Bethlehem and Messiah's birth, is revealing in 3 ways. It is revealing in regard to:

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_, verses 1-2

*(Micah 5:1) Mobilize! Marshal your troops! The enemy is laying siege to Jerusalem. With a rod they will strike the leader of Israel in the face.*

*(2 Kings 25:7) "Then they killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, put out the eyes of Zedekiah, bound him with bronze fetters, and took him to Babylon."*

*(Matthew 2:4-6) "And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. {5} So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: {6} 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'"*

*(John 7:41-42) "Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? {42} "Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?"*

*(Acts 4:12) ""Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.""*

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_, verse 2

*(John 1:1) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."*

*(John 1:14) "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."*

*(Philippians 2:5-11) "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, {6} who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, {7} but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. {8} And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. {9} Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, {10} that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, {11} and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_, verses 3-5

*(Isaiah 9:6-7) "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. {7} Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."*

*(Revelation 19:11) "Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war."*

*(Revelation 19:16) "And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."*

*(Revelation 19:15) "Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."*