**The Promise of Bethlehem**

**Micah 5:2-5**

**Micah 5:2 (ESV)**

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.

**Micah 5:3 (ESV)**

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.

**Micah 5:4 (ESV)**

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.

**Micah 5:5 (ESV)**

And He shall be their peace.

**When God seems distant, remember…**

1. **God knows your biggest problems.**

**Micah 5:1 (ESV)**

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.

**Micah 5:2 (ESV)**

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah…

**Romans 5:8 (ESV)**

… but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Romans 8:32 (ESV)**

He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

1. **Nothing can stop God’s plans.**

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**Genesis 3:15 (ESV)**

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.

**Genesis 12:2 (ESV)**

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

**Genesis 12:3 (ESV)**

I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

**Numbers 24:17 (ESV)**

I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near: a Star shall come out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel.

**Genesis 49:10 (ESV)**

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to Him; and to Him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

**Isaiah 11:1 (ESV)**

There shall come forth a Shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

**2 Samuel 7:16 (ESV)**

And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.

**Isaiah 7:14 (ESV)**

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

**Micah 5:2 (ESV)**

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.

1. **Through Jesus, God offers you peace.**

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**Romans 5:1 (ESV)**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.