“A Prophecy of His Birth in Bethlehem”

Micah 5:1-5 Communion Sunday December 3, 2023

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to the mighty deliverer & hope [Isaiah 9:6-7; 11:1]

Hope = confident expectation God does accomplish His plans according to His promises which He has revealed in His Word to His people “Messianic Promise”

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1. This Prophecy About The Greatness of The Deliverer Not The Work of Man 5:2c “and his goings forth *from* of old, *from* days of eternity”

“And He will rise . . . He will be great . . . This One . . .” The Gospel of John

CONCLUSION A Prophecy of His Birth READ Micah 7:18-20

1. The Lord God is faithful to His promises so we as His people would trust Him today and all of our tomorrows with our faith in the Promised One
2. Christmas is a time when we can see the plan fulfilled in the Coming of the Ruler to Shepherd so that we would understand Who He Is for God and Us
3. Such pride of man keeps many from bowing their knees humbly before Jesus as Savior & King as the One who came forth in Bethlehem to save

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