

A night sky filled with stars, featuring a prominent bright star in the upper left corner that casts a vertical beam of light down towards a silhouette of a city with lit windows at the bottom. The background is a dark, starry sky.

*CHRIST IS BORN
THE PRINCE OF PEACE*

MICAH 5:1-3

ONE SPECIAL TOWN

700 years before Jesus came, Micah got a preview of the coming Prince of Peace.

- It was this prophecy of Christ being born in Bethlehem that the priests shared with the Magi.
Matt. 2:1-12
- The names associated with Bethlehem are a who's who of the life and lineage of Jesus: Jacob, Rachel, Ruth, Boaz, Herod, and the great King David!

OUR IMMANUEL

Jesus Christ is eternal God, for His “goings out are from old . . . from days of eternity.”

- The Divine Conqueror and Creator came as a lowly babe from a remote little hamlet called Bethlehem to bring salvation to a lost world.
- To that little village came the most significant event in Israel’s—or for that matter, the world’s—history: the God-man came to earth!

THE PRINCE OF PEACE AND THE RESTORATION OF ZION

The key to this promise of **Isaiah 2** and **Micah 4**: the incarnation of the Son of God, the Messiah—the Christ who is born.

- The prophets both speak of a time that still lies ahead of mankind today, on the other side of the Rapture.
- Look at what is happening today in Jerusalem. Yet the Bible says every nation will acknowledge Jesus as King and Judge . . . from Jerusalem.

THE KING'S BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

From Bethlehem came a glorious ruler for Israel; He came once and they did not receive him, but He is coming again and the next time they will! And so will the whole world. **Zech. 14:1-9**

- God's dominion of peace will return to the house of David through the Prince of Peace, fulfilling the prophecy of **Genesis 49:10**.
- **This was no accidental hospital visit!**

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- This Ruler will be *Christ*, the Good Shepherd. **Micah 5:4**
- He is *Christ*, the Prince of Peace, “*This One will be our peace.*” **Micah 5:5 and Isaiah 9:6**
- *Christ* stepped out of eternity into human history, sent by the Father to die for the sins of the world.
1 John 4:14
- *Christ* is also truly man—for He is born as a human child—but also fully God, Immanuel. **John 1:14**

THE TRUTH IS BETHLEHEM IS WHERE CHRIST WAS BORN

*“Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?” **John 7:42***

- + What a Christmas gift: the King in a manger.

*Christ is born . . . the greatest event
in the history of the universe.*