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*Read:* Micah 5:2-5

### A Ruler For Bethlehem

Micah prophesies that the very small village of Bethlehem would be chosen for the new King and it would only happen when a virgin gives birth there. Because of this all the people of Israel would be able to return from their exile. He will lead His people with the strength of the Lord his father. He will be honored around the world the Prince of Peace. Well this is quite a prophecy. The Lord tells Micah that a virgin will give birth, and out of all places Bethlehem to save the people of Judah. A King one who will have the Israelites returned from there exile. With strength of God he will lead his sheep and provide world peace.

At this time of advent as we are getting ready to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we need to pause and reflect.

We know that all that was told and recorded in the Bible came true. What if we were here before Jesus would we have believed all of this? It was an incredible prediction and because of Micah's faith the coming of Jesus foretold.

Do we have the real faith to believe what the Bible tells us? Things that are not seen? What did happen and what is to come?

Our Heavenly Father thank you for giving us your word and promises in the bible. Thank you for giving us your son as our Savior and King! As we prepare to celebrate His birthday we also pray to continue to have faith to know that he will come again! Amen