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"The Promised Peace from Bethlehem"
Micah 5:2-5a

Intro: There is hope this Christmas in our promised Messiah, our Shepherd King, from Bethlehem

1. The coming of the Messiah was the fulfillment of prophecy (5:2a)
 - God's plan of redemption was going to come through Bethlehem
 - Isaiah 53:2
 - Luke 2:4
 - God's plan of redemption was going to come through humility
 - 1 Samuel 17:12a
 - Bethlehem- house of bread
 - Ephrathah- abundance/fruitful
 - John 6:35
 - Psalm 22:26
 - God's plan of redemption was going to come through a Messianic Ruler
2. The coming of the Messiah is an eternal plan unfolding (5:2b-3)
 - Micah 5:2b
 - Matthew 2:2
 - Can you see His love in the beginning?
 - John 17:24
 - 1 Peter 1:20
 - "He knew me before I knew myself, he knew me before I was myself. Long before my members were fashioned, they were written in his book, his eyes of affection were set on them. He knew how badly I would act towards him, and yet he has continued to live me."
 - Micah 5:3
3. The coming of the Messiah has secured peace for His people. (5:4-5a)
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 - The Christian's wants, needs, and desires are met in this One Messiah that Micah points forward to.
 - He shall stand
 - 1 Corinthians 15:55-57
 - He shall shepherd
 - John 10:11
 - He rules with the strength and majesty of the Lord
 - 2 Peter 1:16-19
 - Isaiah 9:6
 - Micah 5:5a
 - Peace absolutely depends on His presence.
 - Isaiah 32:17
 - Hebrews 9:22
 - Matthew 26:28
 - Luke 2:14
 - This peace is only experienced by the faithful followers of Christ