

## **Christmas Prequels - Micah**

### **Prequels – The OT & Christmas Easter Eggs**

Matthew 2 – the embedded Micah promise

Micah – setting the scene

Micah 1-4

700BC, Idolatry, militarism, greed & extortion, exploitation

### **1. God's Solution – Micah 5:2-6**

A Ruler, from insignificant Bethlehem – God uses the insignificant to bring the significant

The character of the Ruler from Bethlehem:

Leads, Cares, Secures

A shepherd for the whole world

He will be their peace

Is this promise a pastorally irrelevant / unsatisfying answer?

The Kind of peace he brings – Micah 7:14-19

The peace of sins dealt with = Happy Christmas !

### **2. How to understand yourself this Christmas – the remnant (5:7-9)**

Christmas gospel sharing by the remnant can have two responses:  
dew from heaven/attack – aroma of life/stench of death

the faithful remnant sharing their hope will be used by God

### **3. What does God want from you in light of Christmas? (6:8)**

the “other” famous Micah verse

Not just a seasonal character change

Not a replacement for trusting Jesus, but a response, reflecting the God who first saved you