CHRIStmas in the Old Testament
Micah 5:2 / 12-15-19 / A.M.

I. FIRST, THE MESSIAH WOuld BE BORN IN BethLehEm.

A. The prophet Micah made this prediction 700 years before Jesus was born—Micah 5:2.

B. The phrase “from everlasting” tells us the Messiah, as God’s Son has always existed.


2. John believed that Jesus was this Messiah that Micah predicted would come—John 1:14.

C. Furthermore, just as the prophet Micah predicted, Jesus was born in Bethlehem—Matt. 2:1.


A. The O.T. prophet Isaiah made this prediction 740 years before Jesus was born—Isaiah 7:14.

1. Some critics of this prediction point out the Hebrew word used here “Almah” can mean either a virgin or a young woman.

2. The interpretation of a young woman, however, doesn’t make sense because God promised the world a sign that only He could do and a young woman getting pregnant isn’t something that only God can do.

3. Furthermore, the Greek would used in quoting Isaiah 7:14 in Matthew 1:23 is “Parthenos” and it can only mean a virgin—Matt. 1:22-23.

B. The angel Gabriel confirmed that Mary was a virgin before she gave birth to Jesus—Luke 1:30-31, 34-35.

III. THIRD, THE MESSIAH WOuld BE OUR sAvior.

A. In Isaiah 53 we hear again from the O.T. prophet Isaiah 740 years before Jesus was born that he would be our savior—Isa. 53:5-6.

B. In Matthew 1, an angel, probably Gabriel who earlier had come to Mary, said the child born to her must be called Jesus—Matt. 1:20-21.

1. The name “Jesus” is the Greek form of the Hebrew name “Joshua”.

2. Both Jesus and Joshua mean “The Lord Saves” or “Savior”.