

AM Sermon Notes

Text: *Micah 5:2*

Title: **The Christmas Prophecy**

Central Truth: Seven hundred years before it was fulfilled, Micah so accurately predicted the tiny place where Jesus would come to us. (*c.f. Matthew 2:1-6*)

I. v. 2a: A Specific Place

Bethlehem - This word means house of bread, **Ephratah** (*Ephrathah*) It means fruitful or fruitfulness. Micah makes it clear that God's Messiah would enter human history in a small, insignificant village located five miles south of Jerusalem.

II. v. 2b: A Specific Purpose

KJV - **unto me, for me, on my behalf** - Micah places this in an emphatic position within the text. It stresses the truth that when Jesus came to earth, His objective was not to do His own will but His Father's will (*c.f. Matthew 26:39*).

III. v. 2c: A Specific Pedigree (*Two-fold*)

1. **Human** (*son of David*) (*c.f. Matthew 1, Luke 3, Romans 1:3*)

2. **Divine** (*son of God*) Two examples of Jesus' claim to deity:

A. **Matthew 22:41-46** (*c.f. Psalm 110:1*)

B. **Revelation 22:16**
