

The Prophets Point to a Savior: Clarifying the focus.

Gen. 3:14-15; 12:3; Micah 5:2-4;
2 Sam. 7:12-16; Isaiah 7:14-15

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God keeps his promises. As we look back, we can marvel at God's unfolding plan to reconcile us to Himself through the anticipated Messiah, but despite the unfolding plan, most still missed Him. We do not want to miss Him.

1. The big picture introduced
2. The focus narrows
3. The anticipation builds
4. The clarity grows

Genesis 3:14-15

¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Genesis 12:3

I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Micah 5:2-4

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

2 Sam 7:12-16

12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, 15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

Isaiah 7:14-15

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. 15 He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Questions for Discussion:

What does it mean?

Genesis 3:14-15

1. Who is the woman's seed? Is this physical or spiritual descendants or both?
2. What does Moses indicate in this passage about Eve's seed? What impact would he had hoped this would have on his readers?

Micah 5

1. What is the promise in v. 2?
2. What is the context in which the "ruler" is going to be arriving in (v.1)?
3. How does Micah contrast Bethlehem with the ruler (v.2)?
4. What is the purpose of the ruler (v.3)?

2 Samuel 7

1. What does God promise to David?
2. In what sense is there an immediate fulfillment to God's promises and in what sense is there a future fulfillment?
3. In what sense has the promise of v. 16 been fulfilled and continues to be fulfilled today?

Psalms 2

1. Who is Psalm 2 talking about? Particularly v. 7-9
2. What is the big idea of Psalm 2? What is being promised?
3. How is the reign of the Lord's anointed characterized?

How does it apply?

1. How do these passages help us see a greater unity in Scripture?
2. What do these texts show us about who God is?
3. How does seeing prophecies fulfilled in Jesus increase our faith?
4. How does the truth of the marvelous, unfolding plan of God cause you to celebrate and be in awe of God this week?