

# Micah 5:4

by Chuck Smith

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*The Messiah will be great unto the ends of the earth, fulfilling Old Testament predictions and bringing salvation to all nations.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 22:27-28, Micah 5:2, Micah 5:4, John 1:1-14, Ephesians 1:17-23, Philippians 2:9-11, Hebrews 2:1-3, Revelation 1:7, Revelation 5:9-12

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## Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the greatness of the Messiah as prophesied in Micah 5:4, highlighting His future reign from Jerusalem and His humble beginnings in Bethlehem. He discusses the significance of Jesus being smitten and the implications of His eternal existence, as well as the promise that He will be great to the ends of the earth. Smith connects this prophecy to the New Testament, illustrating how Jesus fulfills these predictions and will ultimately be recognized and worshipped by all nations. The sermon underscores the importance of acknowledging Jesus' greatness and the salvation He offers to everyone who believes.

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## Transcript

He Shall Be Great

I. Beginning in chapter 4 Micah is prophesying of the last days and the kingdom of God being established upon the earth, with Jerusalem becoming the headquarters of the King who will judge over the nations.

A. In chapter 5 He tells us that the Judge of Israel will be smitten with a rod upon the cheek.

1. Last week we considered that prophecy and many others that predicted the suffering and the death of the Messiah.

2. In verse 2 Bethlehem is declared to be the birthplace

of the Messiah.

a. This prophecy has become well known because of the wise men who came from the East to honor the birth of the King of the Jews.

b. Herod inquired from the Bible scholars where the King was to be born, and they gave him this prophecy of Micah.

c. Verse two also tells us that He will rule over Israel, and that He has existed forever. "Whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

1. John tells us that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

2. John begins his first epistle, "That which was from the beginning which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, which our hands have handled, of the Word of life, for the life was manifested and we have seen it, and bear witness and show unto you that eternal life which was with the Father and manifested unto us."

3. This Judge who existed from the beginning who was to be smitten upon the cheek with a rod, who would be born in

Bethlehem, according to verse three would give them up  
until she travailed to bring forth.

a. Jesus told the Jews that they would not see Him  
again until they said, "Blessed is He who  
cometh in the name of the Lord."

b. Zechariah tells us that they shall look upon  
Him whom they have pierced, and they shall  
mourn for Him as one mourneth for his only son.

II. Verse four tells us that He shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, and in the majesty of the name of the Lord, and He shall be great unto the ends of the earth. A. When the angel Gabriel was announcing to the virgin Mary the birth of her Son, he said, "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the highest, and He shall sit upon the throne of David." B. In Micah the prediction is that He shall be great to the ends of the earth. 1. In Psalm 2 we read, The Lord hath said unto Me, Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee, "Ask of Me and I shall give to you the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." 2.

Jesus told the disciples that after the period of the great tribulation, they would see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 3. Rev.1:7 tells us, "Behold He cometh with clouds and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him, and all the families of the earth shall wail because of Him. "He shall be great to the ends of the earth." EPH 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: EPH 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, EPH 1:19 And what [is] the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, EPH 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set [him] at his own right hand in the heavenly [places], EPH 1:21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: EPH 1:22 And hath put all [things] under his feet, and gave him [to be] the head over all [things] to the church, EPH 1:23 Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

PHI 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: PHI 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth; PHI 2:11 And [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father. PSA 22:27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

PSA 22:28 For the kingdom [is] the LORD'S: and he [is] the governor among the nations. C. John describes in Revelation 5 the glorious scene in heaven when Jesus, the only one in the universe who is worthy, takes the scroll from the right hand of the Father. Heaven breaks forth in songs of praise. REV 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people,

and nation; REV 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

REV 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; REV 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. REV 5:13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, [be] unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

D. In Hebrews 2 we are told that we should give the more earnest heed to the things that we have heard, lest at any time we should drift away, for if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation which was spoken to us by our Lord, and confirmed unto us by them that heard Him, God also bearing them witness both with signs and wonders and gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will. 1. He has provided great salvation to the ends of the earth, for it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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