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The Promised Messiah

(CHRISTMAS 2008)

“A Ruling God”

What is your favorite good against evil movie, book or story? Why are we so fascinated by these kinds of stories?

Our world is filled with stories of good against evil, some King, ruler, hero coming back to slay the dragon and save the world. Jesus Christ is the underlying reality under which all these other stories point. He is the beautiful Prince, Ruler, and King your heart longs for when you watch those movies and read those books.

The Prophet Micah in this very famous passage predicted the coming of the Messiah and His birth in Bethlehem using very peculiar language in describing Him (This Ruler born in Bethlehem is “from of old, from ancient times”). Matthew 2:3-6 quoting Micah says the Messiah is Jesus.

Micah 5:1-6

Jesus is the Ancient King (v2)

- Jesus is the Son of God. (John 1:1-18, 34, 49)
- Co-equal and co-eternal with God. (John 14:1-16)
- Creator and sustainer of all things. (Col. 1:15-23)
- Ruler of the Universe. (Phil. 2:6-11)

Application: Get rid of your Worry. How?

Give Him your highest Worship. (Ps. 27:4; 91:1)

Jesus is the Present King (vv2-3)

Christ's First Coming: (Inauguration)

- His birth in Bethlehem. v2
- His rejection by Israel. v3 (Luke 13:34-35)
- His building of His Church. (Matt. 16:13-21)

Application: Believe in His Work. How?

Obey His Word. (Matt. 16:24)

Jesus is the Future King (vv4-15)

Christ's Second Coming: (Consummation)

- King Jesus will meet all human needs. (V4)
- Israel's enemies will be destroyed. (vv5-15)
- New Heaven and new earth. (Rev. 21:1-8)

Application: Eagerly Watch for His return. How?

Be His Witness. (Acts 1:6-8)



Growing

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- 1) What is your favorite good against evil movie, book or story? Why are we so fascinated by these kinds of stories? Would you agree that this world is under an evil spell and we desperately need a Savior?

- 2) The Prophet Micah in this very famous passage predicted the coming of the Messiah and His birth in Bethlehem (5:2). Who is the Messiah according to Matt. 2:3-6? How is Jesus the "Ancient King"? How does my worship of this King eliminate my worry?

- 3) Jesus is also the Present King. What work did He come to do according to Matt. 16:13-21? To believe in his work is to obey His word. Explain.

- 4) What does it mean that Jesus is the Future King? How should we eagerly watch for His return (Acts 1:6-8)? What kind of emotion do these scriptures stir in you about the 2nd Coming of Jesus (Rev. 21:1-8)?

- 5) Jesus is no doubt the Ancient King, Present King and Future King. But, is he your King? Review the application statements of our Bible study that identify His Kingship (Lordship) of our lives. Which one(s) do you need to grow in? Make it your prayer.