

**Messiah Brings Peace on Earth**  
**Micah 5:1-5**  
**December 25, 2022**

Peace on earth, good will toward men.

Peace on earth has come, in part, but has not fully arrived.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote Christmas Bells.

**The Hopeless Situation, V 1**

War and Distress

On Sennacherib's prism

How did they offend Hezekiah? 2 Kings 18:13-35

The Davidic Kingdom appears to end.

Hezekiah finally prays.

**The Present Encouragement from the Future, V 2.**

Messiah would come from Bethlehem

God unveils his glory through the weak, the small, and the insignificant.

Bethlehem was small, and of no account.

One promised from ancient days.

**Waiting for Peace on Earth, V 3**

The People of God had to wait 700 years for the Messiah to come.

Until the child is born.

Then there shall be a restoration.

**The Character of His Reign, and its Results, V 4-5**

Messiah will be the Shepherd King (John 10:11; 10:16).

Messiah will serve, "In the Strength of the Lord, and for the glory of God"  
(John 4:34; Ezekiel 34:11-12; Jeremiah 23:1-4).

And he shall be their peace (Micah 4:1-4).

There shall be Vine and fig-tree peace and happiness.

He will be an agent of peace; he will establish it, maintain it.

What does this peace look like now? (Ephesians 2:13-15).

He shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Herod was very interested in a 'new king'.

I have a gift for you this Christmas.