



Advent Day 17 (written by Deb Bakken)

David's Star

Micah 5:2-5a

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.: Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the

LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of th earth. And he will be their peace. (NIV 1984)

When people play guessing games, sometimes they ask for a hint. In order to recognize the coming Savior, God's people needed a few hints. God gave hints in the form of prophecies. First he told Eve that from her children a Savior would come. Then God told Abraham all families of the earth would be blessed through him. God told David the special Ruler would come from his family. One of the last Old Testament prophets to speak was Micah. He told people exactly where the Savior would be born.

Listen to the Bible reading again. Where would it be? Can you imagine what it was like to live in Bethlehem and know your hometown would be the place? A few years ago, the President of the United States just drove through our area. People were so excited. The streets were cleared, and people stopped their jobs that day in order to go outside and wait. They wanted to see the President. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, there was not even a room for his mother to sleep in! Bethlehem was not ready. The Savior is

coming again, and he is more important than a President. He will take us and all believers home to heaven.

Prayer: Lord you have given us hints about your coming. Help us to be ready. Amen.