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Origins

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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. Micah 5:2 (NIV)

Origins, a search for identity. Searching for one's roots is intriguing, perhaps discovering a heroic family member in our background. Our search can bring less than desirable results as we discover disgusting individuals in the family tree.

Bethlehem was a most unlikely location to begin searching for family. The only songs about it were derogatory and unbecoming. Our picture of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was nothing like the actual village. It was small, unimportant and of little consequence to Israel.

Micah prophesied that out of Bethlehem would be born a Ruler, a King! Imagine, a King from Bethlehem? Impossible! Nevertheless, Micah was adamant! This ruler would descend from an old family line, "*whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.*"

God...coming into the world through an insignificant village? Bethlehem? Absolutely!

Origins...God Promised! Advent – God is coming to us.