Text: Various Passages Topics: Christ, Rulers, Righteousness, Satan Advent: He is Our King Monroe Bible Church December 13, 2020 Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl

A King is Promised

I. To Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:15)

God will give a *crushing blow* to Satan through a descendant of yours.

II. To Abraham (Genesis 22:18)

God will *bless* the *world* through a descendant of yours.

III. To David (2 Samuel 7:12-13)

God will raise up a descendant of yours to *rule forever*.

IV. To Micah (Micah 5:2-5)

God's ruler will shepherd His people and though having *existed* in eternity past, be *born* in Bethlehem.

V. To Isaiah (Isaiah 9:6-7)

God is sending you a ruler who will be born from your people, yet be your <u>God</u> and <u>reign</u> forever.

VI. To Jeremiah (Jeremiah 23:5)

God will send a king who will uphold justice and righteousness.

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. Why might we, as Americans, have a harder time understanding and appreciating the concept of having a king?

2. Read Genesis 3:15. Why do we now identify Jesus as that "seed of the woman"? In what way is the "crushing blow" good news and helpful to you?

3. In Genesis 22:18 God promised Abraham that He would bless the world through his seed. The work of Jesus in and through His followers has blessed the world for generations. How has Jesus helped you be a blessing to others?

4. In 2 Samuel 7:12-13 God promised David He would establish the kingdom of his descendant, and that he would have a descendant on the throne forever. In what way do you find living in His kingdom challenging today? (See John 18:36)

5. God promises through Micah (Micah 5:2-5) that He will send a King (ruler) from Bethlehem, but who is really "from the days of eternity," who will shepherd His flock. In what ways do you find it good news that Jesus will shepherd you?

6. In Isaiah 9:1-7 we see several descriptions of what Jesus will be to His people. Which one or two mean the most to you, and why?

7. In Jeremiah 23:1-7 God condemns Judah's bad shepherds and promises to send a wise king. What is the contrast between His rule and the world we live in? How does His "rule" in your life help you live in this world?

8. How will you ask your group to pray for you this week?