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- **3:9-11** - God is bringing judgment b/c of _____ & corrupt justice.

2. Who sent the One to Bethlehem? (v. 2)

3. Why was Bethlehem chosen? (v. 2a)

- Because of its _____: Place of Significance.
 - Place of _____ (Rachel's death): **Gen 35:16-21**
 - Place of _____ (Naomi): **Book of Ruth**
 - Place of _____ Birth (David): **1 Samuel 16**
- Because of its _____: "House of Bread" & "House of War"
- Because of its _____: God chooses the weak to shame the strong.

4. Had this One ever come before? (2c)

- He had goings forth for his people in His _____ as the ancient of eternity. (Col 1:16, Eph 1:3)
- He had goings forth for His people as a _____ man beheld by men. (Gen 18, 32:24, Josh 5:13, Daniel 3:25)

5. Why did this One come to Bethlehem? (2-5)

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