

Bethlehem

The City of Hope



Micah 5:2-5

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²“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.”

³Therefore He shall give them up, until the time that she who is in labor has given birth;

Micah 5:2-5

then the remnant of His brethren shall return to the children of Israel.

⁴And He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; and they shall abide, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and this One shall be peace.

ITS SIZE

2...though you are little among the thousands of Judah...



ITS LOCATION

*²But you, Bethlehem
Ephrathah...*



ITS LOCATION



ITS CITIZENS

1. Stone Masons



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2. Shepherds



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ITS CITIZENS

1. Stone Masons
2. Shepherds
3. Farmers



ITS HISTORY

1. Rachel buried outside Bethlehem

Genesis 35:19
So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).



ITS HISTORY

2. Caleb's family settled here (I Chr. 2:51,54; Ruth 4:20)
3. Residence of Boaz & Ruth (Ruth 1:19; 4:9-11) Ruth, grandmother of David, "*the son of that Ephathite of Bethlehem-Judah, whose name was Jesse*"



ITS HISTORY

4. The City of David (Lk. 2:11; I Sam.16:1, 4; I Chr. 11:17)
 - a. David's birthplace & home (I Sam. 16:1,4)
 - b. David tended his sheep
 - c. David loved (I Chr. 11:17) *And David longed, and said, "Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, that is at the gate!"*
 - d. David anointed king by Samuel

ITS HISTORY

4. The City of David (Lk. 2:11; I Sam.16:1, 4; I Chr. 11:17)



Luke 2:11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

ITS SIGNIFICANCE

1. Double Meaning of Ephrathah:

a. “ash-heap”

b. fruitfulness, fertility or “double fruit”

Meaning of Bethlehem: “House of Bread”



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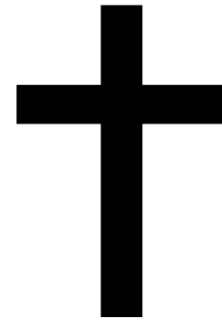
Ruth 1:6 Then she (Naomi) arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had visited His people by giving them bread.

ITS SIGNIFICANCE

2. Dual Purpose of Bethlehem Ephrathah:

a. Savior

- “The Rock of Ages”
- “The Bread of Life”
- “The Living Water”
- “The Sacrificial Lamb”



b. Sovereign





ITS STAR

1. The Reconciling Shepherd - Our Peace

Micah 5:3-5a *Therefore He shall give them up, until the time that she who is in labor has given birth; then the remnant of His brethren shall return to the children of Israel. 4And He shall stand and feed His flock In the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; and they shall abide, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth; 5and this One shall be peace.*

ITS STAR

1. The Reconciling Shepherd - Our Peace

a. The "Good Shepherd" - Jn. 10:11 *"I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep."*

{1} Lambs were born here to be sacrificed
(*Mishnah, Shek. VII. 4*)

{2} Sheep is general to be raised in the wilderness and forbidden close proximity to a town, except these Temple sheep
(*Mishnah, Baba K. VII. 7,80a*).

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ITS STAR

1. The Reconciling Shepherd - Our Peace
 - a. The "Good Shepherd"
 - b. The "Great Shepherd"

Hebrews 13:20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

ITS STAR

1. The Reconciling Shepherd - Our Peace
 - a. The "Good Shepherd"
 - b. The "Great Shepherd"
 - c. The "Chief Shepherd"

1 Peter 5:4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

ITS STAR

1. The Reconciling Shepherd - Our Peace (3-5a)
2. The Reigning Shepherd – Our King (5b-7:20)

¹...He has laid siege against us; they will strike the Judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek. ²“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be ruler in Israel...

ITS STAR

Micah 7:14–20

¹⁴Shepherd Your people with Your staff, the flock of Your heritage...

¹⁶The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; they shall put their hand over their mouth; their ears shall be deaf. ¹⁷They shall lick the dust like a serpent; they shall crawl from their holes like snakes of the earth. They shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of you.

ITS STAR

Micah 7:14–20

¹⁸Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. ¹⁹He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea. ²⁰You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, which You have sworn to our fathers from days of old.

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1. The Reconciling Shepherd - Our Peace (3-5a)
2. The Reigning Shepherd – Our King (5b-7:20)

Jn. 12:15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion: behold, your King comes, sitting on an ass's colt."

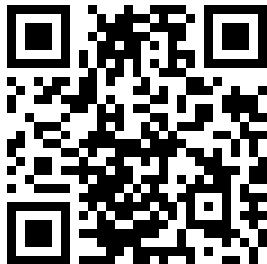


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