

Jesus in the Shadows of Bethlehem  
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and Selected Scripture

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**Micah 5:2:**

Initially known as: Ephrath, Ephratha (Gen 35:16; 48:7)

After the conquest of Canaan, it became known as Bethlehem of Judah (Jud 17:7; Ruth 1:1-2; 1 Sam 17:12)

*Bethlehem:* *Beit* = H o u s e      *Lehem* = B r e a d

Located six miles south of Jerusalem, 2,300 ft elevation, and surrounded by fertile land which supplied wheat, figs, olives and vineyards.

We see J e s u s in the s h a d o w s of

- B e n j a m i n's Bethlehem (Gen 35:16-19; 48:7)

“*The shadows of Bethlehem*” show us that Jesus experienced both s u f f e r i n g and e x a l t a t i o n!

- R u t h's Bethlehem (Ruth 1:1-2,22; 4:13-22; Matt 1:5)

“*The shadows of Bethlehem*” show us that Jesus' royal lineage is p r e s e r v e d by the g r a c e of God.

- D a v i d's Bethlehem (1 Sam 16:1-13, 13:13-14; 2 Sam 7:11b-16; 1 Chron 17:10-14; Isa 11:1-16)

“*The shadows of Bethlehem*” show us that Jesus is the promised king of David's royal h o u s e.

- M i c a h's Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; John 1:1-3, 14, 8:56-58; Exo 3:14; Matt 2:1-13)

“*The shadows of Bethlehem*” show us that the e t e r n a l king will come forth from an i n s i g n i f i c a n t beginning

- Bethlehem's e x p e c t a t i o n of the C r o s s (Matt 2:9-12; Mark 8:31-32; 10:45; John 12:23-28)

“*The shadows of Bethlehem*” show us that Jesus was the o n l y man ever born for s u f f e r i n g and d e a t h.