

Bethlehem 2: Messiah

Luke 2:1-7

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1. Bethlehem Facts

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. —Luke 2:4

A. Location

6 miles SW of Jerusalem.

On a major trade route from Hebron to the South

B. Garrison of the Philistines in David's time.

2 Samuel 23:14

C. Fortified City in Rehoboam's time.

2 Chronicles 11:6

2. Messianic Connection

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A. Ruth and Boaz Ruth 1:16-17

Great-grandparents of King David, (Ruth 4:21-22)

B. David known as “son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem” in Judah

1 Samuel 17:12, 1 Sam 16:11

Shepherd boy in Bethlehem (1 Samuel 17:15)

Note the significance of the Angel's message to the shepherds. Luke 2:10-12

C. Prophecies of Messiah's birth

“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

(Luke 2:4-7, Matthew 2:5-6)

3. Jesus is the Christ, The Messiah of Israel

- A. **Birth**—Wisemen ask, “*Where is He that is born King of the Jews?*”
—Matthew 2:5-6
- B. **Teaching**—Jesus first spoken words recorded in Mark’s Gospel. “*The time has come,*” He said, “*The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!*”
—Mark 1:15
- C. **Triumphal** Entry—“*Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*”
—Zechariah 9:9 (Matthew 21:5)
- D. **Crucifixion** —“*Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.*”
—Matthew 27:37
- E. Second **Coming** —“*Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*”
—Revelations 19:15-16

**Conclusion: Jesus is the King of the Jews.
Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.**

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
— Philipians 2:9-11

Is Jesus your King?

Is He your Lord?