

Come and see....

4/ Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.

Micah 5:2

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*2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans[a] 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."*

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Introduction

1 Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled[a] among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. 3 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

5 In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. 6 Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. 7 But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

Bethlehem, the "House of Bread," symbolizes Jesus as:

1. The Bread of Life (John 6:35).
2. The source of spiritual nourishment.

Reflection Questions:

1. What significance does Jesus' birth in Bethlehem hold for His Messianic identity?
2. How does Jesus' connection to David's lineage impact His authority?
3. What does Jesus' role as ruler over Israel mean for believers?