

# Born in Bethlehem

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Micah prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem Ephratah, though it was little among the thousands of Judah. His goings forth were from of old, from everlasting—indicating the Messiah's eternal preexistence. When the Magi sought the newborn King, the chief priests and scribes immediately pointed to Bethlehem based on Micah's prophecy. Caesar's census providentially brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem at the appointed time. The humble birth in David's city fulfilled both the prophecy of location and the prophecy of David's greater Son.

## Key Verses

### **Micah 5:2**

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

### **Matthew 2:4-6**

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

### **Luke 2:4-7**

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son.

**John 7:42**

Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?

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