

**“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”
The Lyrics of Christmas Series, Part 1
November 29, 2020**

The lyrics of Christmas tell us _____

“²But 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. ³Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. ⁴He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.” Micah 5:2-4

Bethlehem is a city of _____

“⁴When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵In Bethlehem in Judea,’ they replied, ‘for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶’But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’” Matthew 2:4-6

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.” Luke 2:11

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“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 2:11

“¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.” Luke 2:1-3

“¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.’” Luke 2:13-14

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“⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” John 6:57-58

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.” John 15:1

NEXT WEEK



700 years before Jesus Christ was even born, a prophet of God explained Christmas before anyone had even experienced Christmas. Seven centuries before that cradle rocked, the stars shown, the Wise Men gave and the angels sang, Isaiah dipped his prophetic pen into inspired ink and wrote what has become the centerpiece and cornerstone of Christmas prophecy. We will learn in terms no one can misunderstand, just what Child this was.