



Why Bethlehem?

Luke 2:4

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Side Note: On that difficult 80 mile trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph would pass many historical O.T. sites. Each city they passed was full of significant Bible lessons for them.

1. Shiloh [*the place of rest*]
2. Gilgal [*round*]
3. The Valley of Baca [*the valley of weeping*]
4. Bethel [*house of God*]
5. Ramah [*hill*]
6. Mizpah [*watchtower*]
7. Jerusalem [*city of peace*]
 - a. Mount Moriah
 - b. Mount Zion
8. Bethlehem [*house of bread*]

Introduction: Why Bethlehem out of all the cities, towns and villages in Palestine? Why not the Jewish capital where all the great kings of Israel were born? Well, just like we saw last week that the manger was no accident; neither was the city of Bethlehem! Tonight, I'd like to share with you 4 reasons why God chose Bethlehem.

I. Bethlehem Was a Place of Sorrow (Genesis 35:16-20)

II. Bethlehem Was a Place of Love (Ruth)

A. Love Manifested (Ruth 1:22)

B. Grace Displayed (Ruth 2:14)

C. Good Tidings of Great of Joy (Ruth 4:11)

III. Bethlehem was a Place of Sacrifice (2 Samuel 23:13-17)



IV. Bethlehem was a Place of Kings (Micah 5:1-2)