

“Jesus Wants YOU to be His Bethlehem”

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♥ Let's Synchronize... The Wonder of Birth

📖 **Luke 2:1-15** (pages 724-725 in the pew Bible)

I. Bethlehem's Background

“But you, Bethlehem, though you are SMALL among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for Me one who will be ruler over Israel” Micah 5:2

II. Bethlehem's Parallels

① Bethlehem is a place of Potential

“He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, ‘So you are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas (which means Peter).’” John 1:42

“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.” John 15:16

② Bethlehem is a place of Providence

“The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD; He directs it like a stream of water wherever He pleases.” Proverbs 21:1

“But Joseph said to them, ‘Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, BUT GOD INTENDED IT FOR GOOD to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.’” Genesis 50:19-20

③ Bethlehem is a place of Provision

“Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the BREAD OF LIFE. He who comes to Me will never go hungry, and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty.’” John 6:35

④ Bethlehem is a place of Privilege

“My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth UNTIL CHRIST IS FORMED IN YOU” Galatians 4:19