

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

HIS *Story*



DECEMBER 8, 2024

BETHLEHEM'S PROMISE

MICAH 5:2a | DR. DEAN HAUN

(Micah 5:2)- *“But you, **Bethlehem Ephrathah**, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah (the small villages of Judah), Yet out of you shall come forth to Me, The One Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth (origins) are from of old, From everlasting (eternity past).”*

What do we know about Bethlehem?

(1) Bethlehem was the _____ of Jacob's much-loved wife, Rachel, (considered the mother of the Jewish people-the 12 sons-the 12 tribes)

(Genesis 35:19; Genesis 35:21)

(2) Bethlehem was located 6 miles south of Jerusalem on the _____ (the center spine road that runs north and south through the hill country of Israel).

(3) Bethlehem was very _____ and seemingly _____.

(See Joshua 15:20-53; Nehemiah 11:25-30; 1 Corinthians 1:27-29)

This small village of Bethlehem tells a story...a story of God's powerful plans and promises at Christmas.

What does Bethlehem teach us?

I. BETHLEHEM REVEALS GOD'S _____ (to include the _____)

We see it in the story of Ruth!

The story of Ruth is a powerful picture of where the church is in relationship to Israel and our Jewish roots.

Naomi's two Gentile daughters-in-law, Ruth and Orpah, took two distinct paths in terms of their Jewish mother-in-law, Naomi. Orpah left her 'Jewish roots' and Naomi stayed with her 'Jewish roots' (See Ruth 1:16-17)

After leaving Moab and moving to Israel, Gentile Ruth and Jewish Boaz were married and through their lineage Jesus/Messiah/Savior would come!

The Gentiles were a part of God's eternal plan all along.

II. BETHLEHEM REVEALS GOD'S SOVEREIGN _____ (He is still in _____)

Nowhere do we see that more clearly than to examine how Mary and Joseph ended up in Bethlehem to fulfill this prophecy.

(See Micah 4:8; Luke 2:12; John 1:29)

Sovereign God orchestrated the entire event.

III. BETHLEHEM WARNS US of SATAN'S _____ (to destroy God's _____ People)

(Matthew 2:5-6; Matthew 2:16-28; Exodus 1:15-16)

Satan's plans for the Jewish people have not changed! He desires to annihilate them to thwart the plans and purposes of God.

IV. BETHLEHEM PROCLAIMS the SAVIOR'S _____ (through its _____)

Micah 5:2a- *"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,"*

(turn over)

Two Questions...

(1) Why was the Prophet Micah so specific about the _____?

Because there were _____ in Israel...

(2) What do these two names _____?

(1) **BETHLEHEM** (Beit Lechem)- House of _____

(See John 8:35; Exodus 3:14; John 6:27; John 6:47-51)

The name 'Bethlehem'-House of Bread- proclaims Jesus was and is the Bread of Life!

(2) **EPHRATHA**-means ' _____ '

...due to the great number of vineyards growing there.

Wine was a symbol of _____ in the OT.
(Genesis 49:11)

Put the two names and meanings together...

BETHLEHEM-EPHRATHA - The BREAD and the CUP of Communion!

Bethlehem's Promise is that GOD sent His Son, the Lamb of God, to be a _____ in our place.

Bethlehem's Promise is that by trusting in JESUS we have the hope of eternal _____!!

CALL UPON the LORD to be SAVED...

"Lord, I know I am a sinner, and I cannot save myself from my sins. I now turn from my sins. I believe Jesus Christ paid for my sin on the cross and that He rose again from the dead. Take control of my life, Lord Jesus. I believe You are my Savior and Lord. I commit my life to You right now! In Jesus name I pray...Amen!"

Welcome to

First Baptist Church Morristown

FIRST TIME?

Pastor Dean will be at the Pastor's Reception off the main lobby following today's service and would love the opportunity to say hello.

Worship Opportunities

8:30AM
CELEBRATION SERVICE
9:45AM
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11:00AM
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CHURCHWIDE EVENTS

Christmas Presentation

December 15th

9:00AM & 11:00AM

**No Sunday School. Childcare provided for babies through Kindergarten during the 11:00 presentation.*

Children's Presentation

December 15th

6:00PM

**Churchwide hot chocolate and cookie fellowship to follow.*

Christmas Eve Service

December 24th

5:30PM

UNITED in Worship/ Remembering the Saints

December 29th

Sunday School-9:45AM

Service-11:00AM

LATTE MOON

December 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th.
Come grab a coffee, hot chocolate, or apple cider! All proceeds will go to the Lottie Moon Offering.

SENIOR ADULTS

Christmas Party Brunch

December 10th | 10:00AM
**Please bring a breakfast/brunch food and a White Elephant gift to exchange and wear your favorite Christmas sweater!*

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

Christmas offering for international missions throughout the month of December.
Our Goal is \$90,000

"MERRY CHRISTMAS MORRISTOWN"

Let's shine our light this month all over Morristown! Use one of the 50 ideas in the brochures at the welcome desk or come up with your own! Send pictures, videos, and testimonials to missions@fbcmorristown.com. These will be used to celebrate what God has done this month. Please pick up gospel tracts with the church's information and "Merry Christmas Morristown" cards out in the lobby at the welcome desk.

Thank you for visiting First Baptist!

If you are visiting with us, we would love to get to know you better! Please scan the QR code so that we may have more information about you!



Today's Flowers:

In Memory of John F. Clawson

By Brenda Clawson, Jim Clawson, John E. Clawson, Suzanne Clawson Poole

In Memory of Judge Milburn Line, Oneida Ramsey Line and Taffy Line

In Honor of Bill Hipshire

By Penne Hipshire