

Micah 5:2~ **And you, O Bethlehem¹ Ephrathah, the one too little to get to be among the thousands of Judah, from you² there will come out to me, the one who is to become ruler in Israel, whose origin³ is from early times, from the days of time indefinite.**

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1· Then Micah identifies where this coming Messiah would be born, in the village of Bethlehem, David's city. From this small and unimportant city within Israel, would come forth the one who would become the ruler of Israel.

[Question] What does Micah now reveal about this coming Messiah?

2· Micah also states, that this one had an origin from early times, even times well before Micah's own day, in fact, before the founding of the world of mankind. Though men took note that Jesus, the Messiah had to come forth from Bethlehem, most of the Jews roiled when Jesus told them, that before Abraham, he had been alive.

[Question] How does Micah show, that this one had an origin from ancient times?

[Question] What though, did many Jews find hard to understand, when questioning Jesus about his origins?

3· Thus Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath, that is to say, **Bethlehem. (**Genesis 35:19**)**

[Question] Where was the first mention of the city of Bethlehem?

4· Of course, Joseph also went up from Galilee, **out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to David's city, which is called **Bethlehem**, because of his being a member of the house and family of David. (**Luke 2:4**)**

[Question] Where did Jesus' father Joseph go to register, for it was his birthplace?

5· And see and ascertain about all the hiding places where he hides himself, and **you must return to me with the**

evidence, and I **will** go with **you**, and it must occur, that if he is in the land, I **will** also search for him carefully **among** all the **thousands** of Judah. (**1 Samuel 23:23**)

[Question] Who did Saul hunt down in Israel, and where did he carefully search for him?

- 6· Because there was born to **you** today a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in David's city. (**Luke 2:11**)

[Question] What were shepherds watching over their flocks in the fields told, on the night of Jesus' birth?

- 7· Has not the Scripture said, that the Christ is coming from the offspring of David, and from **Bethlehem**, the village where David used to be? (**John 7:42**)

[Question] What did the Jews know well, because of this scripture in Micah?

- 8· The scepter **will** not turn aside from **Judah**, neither the commander's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh **comes**, and to him, the obedience of the peoples **will** belong. (**Genesis 49:10**)

[Question] Where would the scepter of rulership not turn aside from, until who came forth?

- 9· For **Judah** himself proved to be superior **among** his brothers, and the one for leader, was from him, but the right as firstborn, was Joseph's. (**1 Chronicles 5:2**)

[Question] Where was the leader of the nation of Israel to come forth from?

- 10· For there has been a child born to us, there has been a son given to us. The princely rule **will come** to be upon his shoulder. His name **will** be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. (**Isaiah 9:6**)

[Question] Who did Isaiah show would be given to Israel, and what roles would he come to fill for his people Israel?

- 11· And you, O **Bethlehem** of the land of **Judah**, are by no means the most insignificant city **among** the governors of **Judah**, for **out** of you **will come** forth a governing one, who **will** shepherd my people, **Israel**. (**Matthew 2:6**)

[Question] What did the people in Jesus' day know about the coming Messiah, and where he would emanate from?

- 12· This one **will** be great and **will** be called Son of the Most High, and Yehowah God **will** give him the throne of David his father. (**Luke 1:32**)

[Question] What would this coming one come to be called, and what rulership would be given to him?

- 13· Yehowah himself produced me as the beginning of his way, the earliest of his achievements of long ago. (**Proverbs 8:22**)

[Question] How do the proverbs, show the origins of this one?

- 14· That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have viewed attentively and our hands felt, concerning the word of life. (**1 John 1:1**)

[Question] How did John bear witness to this one?

- 15· Jesus said to them; Most truly I say to **you**, before Abraham came into existence, I have been. (**John 8:58**)

[Question] What did Jesus himself tell faithless Jews, and how did they respond?

- 16· Also, he is before all other things, and by means of him, all other things were made to exist. (**Colossians 1:17**)

[Question] What did Jesus come before, and what other things came into existence through him?

- 17· And to the angel of the congregation in Laodicea write. These are the things that the Amen says, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation by God. (**Revelation 3:14**)

[Question] Who is identified as the beginning of the creation by God?

- 18· Then they pulled away from Bethel. And while there was yet a good stretch of land before coming to Ephrath, Rachel proceeded to give birth, and it was going hard with her in making the delivery. (**Genesis 35:16**)

[Question] Where did Rachel come to give birth to Benjamin?

- 19· **And as for me, when I was coming from Paddan, Rachel died alongside me in the land of Canaan, on the way while there was yet a good stretch of land before coming to Ephrath, so that I buried her there on the way to Ephrath, that is to say, Bethlehem. (Genesis 48:7)**

[Question] Between what two towns then, was Rachel to give birth to Benjamin?

- 20· **They now arranged for a day with him, and they came in greater numbers to him in his lodging place. And he explained the matter to them by bearing thorough witness concerning the kingdom of God and by using persuasion with them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening. (Acts of Apostles 28:23)**

[Question] How did Paul later bear witness to Jews in his day that Jesus was the promised Messiah?

- 21· **And his concubine began to commit fornication against him. Finally she went away from him to the house of her father at Bethlehem in Judah and continued there fully four months. (Judges 19:2)**

[Question] What happened in Bethlehem of Judah to a traveler there?

- 22· **Now it came about in the days when the judges administered justice that a famine arose in the land, and a man proceeded to go from Bethlehem in Judah to reside as an alien in the fields of Moab, he with his wife and his two sons. (Ruth 1:1)**

[Question] Where did Naomi spring forth from, before traveling to Moab, because of famine in their land?

- 23· **Thus Naomi made her return, Ruth the Moabite woman, her daughter-in-law, being with her when returning from the fields of Moab, and they came to Bethlehem at the commencement of barley harvest. (Ruth 1:22)**

[Question] Who then chose to return to Bethlehem from the fields of Moab with her mother-in-law?

- 24· At this all the people that were in the gate and the older men said; Witnesses! May Yehowah grant the wife who is coming into your house, to be like Rachel and like Leah, both of whom built the house of **Israel**, and you prove your worth in **Ephrathah**, and make a notable name in **Bethlehem**. (**Ruth 4:11**)

[Question] What blessing did the people of the land place upon Ruth for her faithfulness?

- 25· Now David was the son of this Ephrathite from **Bethlehem** of **Judah**, whose name was Jesse. And he had eight sons. And in the **days** of Saul, the man was already old **among** men. (**1 Samuel 17:12**)

[Question] Where did King David come forth from, and who was his father?

- 26· And Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These were the sons of Hur, the firstborn of **Ephrathah**, the father of **Bethlehem**. (**1 Chronicles 4:4**)

[Question] Who is known as the father of Bethlehem?

- 27· From time **indefinite** I was installed, from the start, from **times** earlier than the earth. (**Proverbs 8:23**)

[Question] When was Jesus installed as a master worker before his father Yehowah God?

- 28· And I myself, Yehowah, **will become** their God, and my servant David a chieftain in the midst of them. I myself, Yehowah, have spoken. (**Ezekiel 34:24**)

[Question] Who did Yehowah God show through Ezekiel, that he would again make a chieftain to his people?

- 29· After Jesus had been born in **Bethlehem** of Judea in the **days** of Herod the king, look! Astrologers from eastern parts came to Jerusalem. (**Matthew 2:1**)

[Question] Where was Jesus Christ born, and who came to view his birth?

- 30· And at morning; It **will** be wintry, rainy weather today, for the sky is fire-red, but gloomy-looking. **You** know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but the signs of the

times you cannot interpret. (Matthew 16:3)

[Question] What did Jesus tell his countrymen that they could read well, yet what were they not able to tell accurately?

31· And commencing at Moses and all the Prophets he interpreted to them things pertaining to himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke 24:27)

[Question] What did Jesus interpret to his own disciples, about himself?

32· This one was in the beginning with God. (John 1:2)

[Question] Who did John bear witness to that was with Yehowah God from the beginning?

33· Philip found Nathanael and said to him; We have found the one of whom Moses in the Law, and the Prophets wrote, Jesus, the son of Joseph, from Nazareth. (John 1:45)

[Question] Who did Phillip tell Nathaniel that he had found?

34· On the contrary, we know where this man is from, yet when the Christ comes, no one is to know where he is from. (John 7:27)

[Question] What did the Jews stumble over, and were they knowledgeable with scriptural accuracy?

35· However, because I have obtained the help that is from God, I continue to this day bearing witness to both small and great, but saying nothing, except things the Prophets, as well as Moses, stated were going to take place. (Acts of Apostles 26:22)

[Question] What did Paul use, to prove that Jesus was the Christ?