

# Oh, Bethlehem!

Matthew 2 :  
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After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

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<sup>4</sup> When 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. <sup>5</sup> "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> "'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.'"

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<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

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<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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<sup>13</sup> When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”<sup>14</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, <sup>15</sup> where he stayed until the death of Herod.

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And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”<sup>16</sup> When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

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HEROD



*King of the Jews and  
Friend of the Romans*

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# BETHLEHEM CITY



God commanded that the Passover be kept.  
Details of Passover – Exodus 12

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The Passover  
points  
to Jesus!

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Choosing of a 1 year old lamb  
without blemish on 10<sup>th</sup> of the month  
of Nissan.







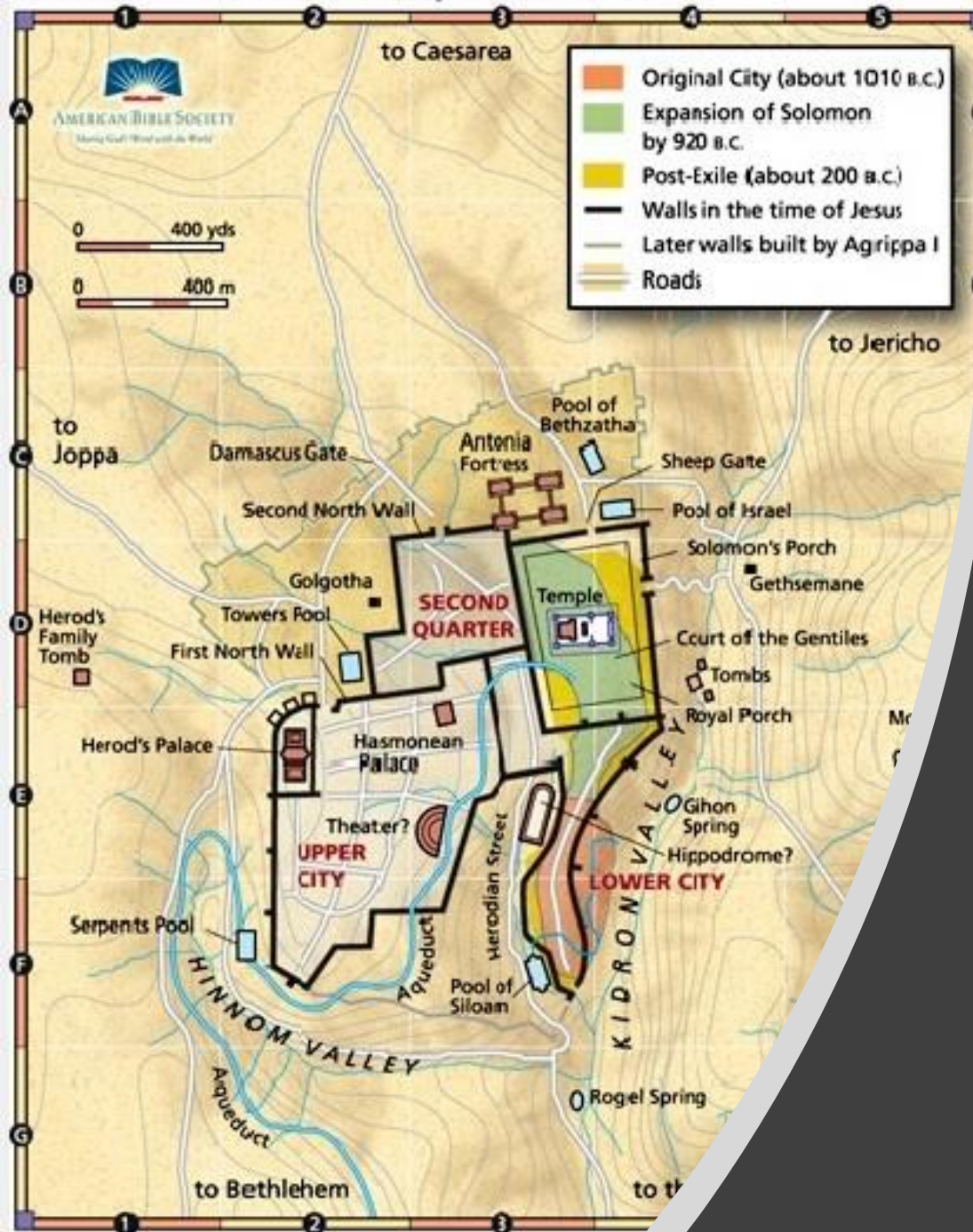
Sheep for  
sacrificed was  
from  
Bethlehem.

Migdal Eder, the Tower of the Flock,  
was the place where lambs destined  
for the Temple were born and raised.



Bethlehem  
- 10 km  
south of  
Jerusalem

# Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus, Around A.D. 30



On 10<sup>th</sup> of Nissan, sheep would enter Jerusalem through the sheep gate to be chosen for the Passover sacrifice.



to Jericho

Damascus Gate

Antonia Fortress

Pool of Bethzatha

Sheep Gate

Second North Wall

Pool of Israel

Solomon's Porch

Golgotha

Gethsemane

SECOND QUARTER

Temple

Court of the Gentiles

Towers Pool

Tombs

First North Wall

Royal Porch

Herod's Palace

Hasmonean Palace

Mount of Olives

Theater?

UPPER QUARTER

Street

VALLEY

Gihon Spring

Hippodrome?



It was the 10<sup>th</sup>  
of Nissan – 4  
Days before  
Passover

Jesus was chosen as the Lamb –  
“Hosanna, Hosanna!”  
(Save us, save us! – an  
acknowledgment of Jesus as the  
Messiah – only God can save!)

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*peace  
on  
earth*

*good will toward mankind*

*Melissa  
E.*









PEACE!





A person is standing on a rocky shore, looking out at a vast, dark sea under a heavy, stormy sky. The person is silhouetted against the lighter horizon. The overall mood is contemplative and serene despite the dark weather.

**PEACE IS NOT  
THE ABSENCE OF STORMS.**

*Peace is the presence of God.*



HE FIGHTS  
for YOU

BE STRONG *and*  
COURAGEOUS.

for the LORD your God  
will be WITH YOU  
wherever you go.

JOSEPH 1:9

**NO WEAPON THAT IS FORMED  
AGAINST THEE SHALL PROSPER;  
AND EVERY TONGUE  
THAT SHALL RISE AGAINST THEE  
IN JUDGMENT THOU SHALT CONDEMN.  
THIS IS THE HERITAGE  
OF THE SERVANTS OF THE LORD,  
AND THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS  
IS OF ME, SAITH THE LORD.**

**ISAIAH 54:17 KJV**



Jesus was  
born in  
Bethlehem



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