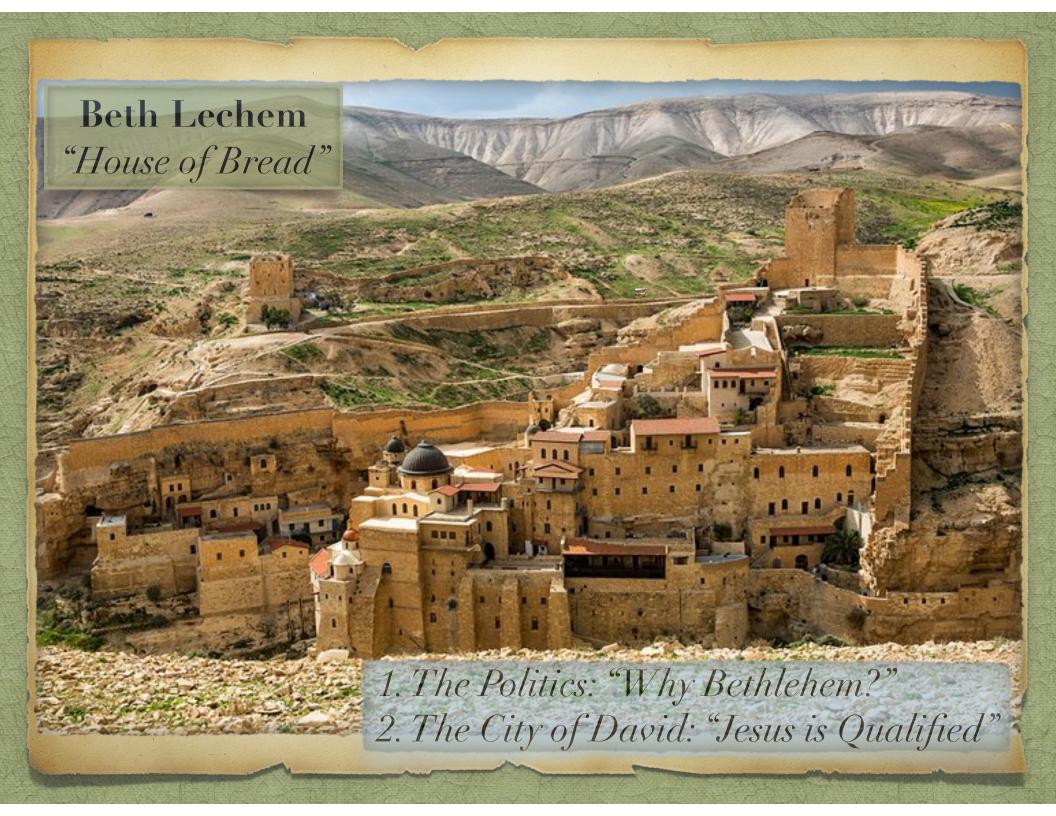


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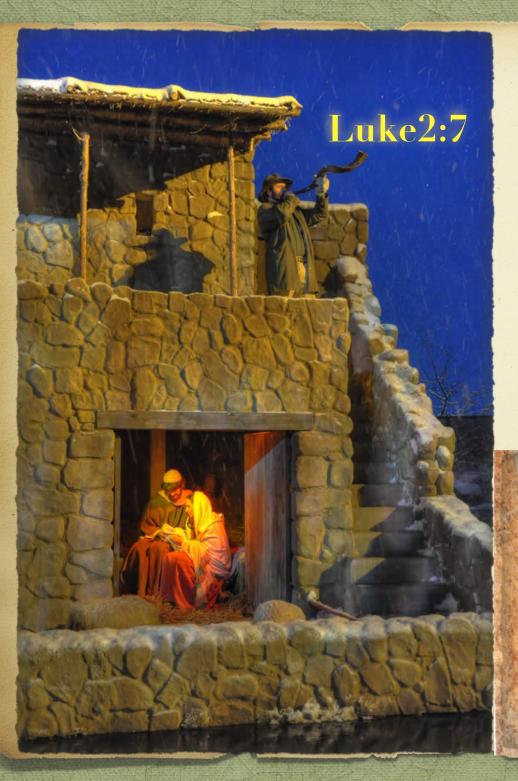


## The Background

"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, little to be among the clans of Judah, *From you One Will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel*. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."

'AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER ... WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.

Matt 2:6



"No Room..."

"Strips of cloth..."

"Laid in a manger..."



## The Manger and The Shepherds Luke 2:8-20

"despised ... unclean ... ignorant"

<u>Unprejudiced</u> witnesses to the birth of Christ

An Amazing Message
A Gospel for all men ... A Savior who is God

An Obscure Sign a baby ... wrapped in strips of cloth ... in a manger

An Overwhelming GLORY "Glory to God in the highest... and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests"



## Purification and Redemption Luke 2:22-24

Redeemed for Holiness "the First-Born is Holy to the LORD"

Purified for Worship cleansing and restoration...

## Testimony in The Temple Luke 2:25-38

Simeon

"Now I can die! My eyes have seen Salvation..."
"But a sword is coming!"

Anna she hears ... and she speaks ...

