

The Bethlehem Factor

"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days." (Micah 5:2)



God likes to use unknown places with unknown people to carry out mighty works that advance his Kingdom agenda.



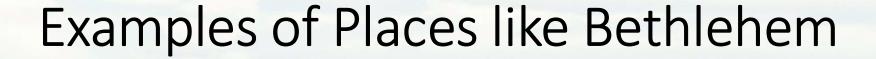
The <u>word</u>
Bethlehem
defined:

In Hebrew, Bethlehem means "House of Bread" and Jesus later identified himself as the Bread of Life (John 6:35)

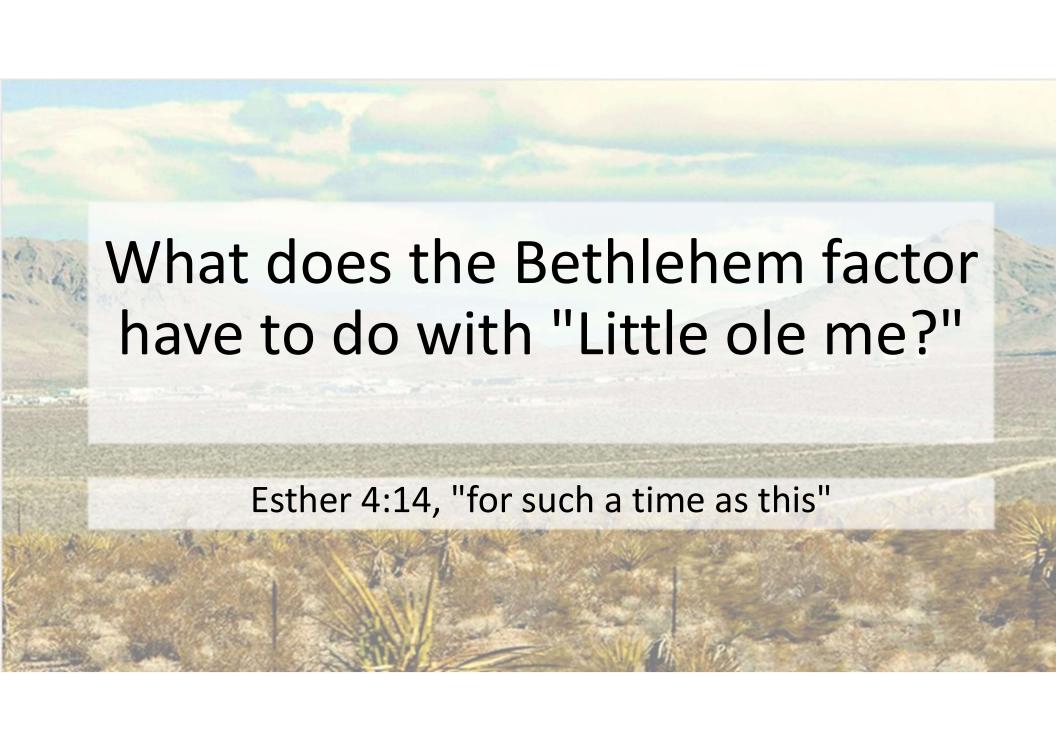


Examples of Places like Bethlehem

- 1. The prison where Joseph interpreted dreams (Genesis 40:1-3)
- 2. The flock of sheep where David was found before he was anointed King (1 Samuel 16:1-13)
- 3. The road on the way to Damascus where Saul encountered Jesus (Acts 9:1-6)



- 4. The road from Jerusalem to Gaza where Phillip baptized the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40)
- 5. The prayer meeting where the Spirit launched the ministry of Saul and Barnabas-Acts 13:1-4





How do we move forward?-Eph. 3:20

- 1. What is your dream, your passion, your sense of destiny?
- 2. What are the lies you have believed to keep you from getting there?
- 3. What are the next steps?
- 4. Seek out affirming and mentoring relationships for your dream.