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“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)

# The Bethlehem factor defined:

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



The word  
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)

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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



What does the Bethlehem factor  
have to do with "Little ole me?"

Esther 4:14, "for such a time as this"

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, there are several spiky, green and brown desert plants. The middle ground shows a vast, flat valley with a small town or village in the distance. The background consists of large, brown, rocky mountains under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box.

# Our destiny is based on:

1. A call
2. A mission
3. Obedience (implementation)



# 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.