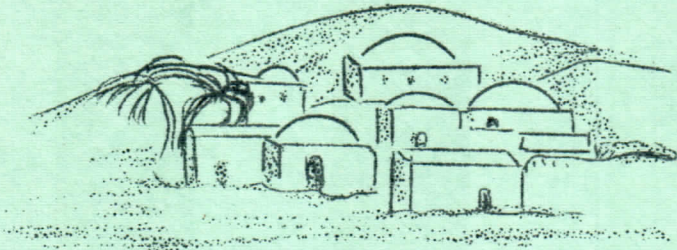


BETHLEHEM

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The word Bethlehem means "house of bread". Sometimes Bethlehem is called the city of David.



This town is about five miles south and west of Jerusalem. It is located in the western highlands.

Many important things happened in this town. You already know that Jesus was born here. But did you know that David was born here. Yes he was. David watched his father's sheep in the hills around Bethlehem. And David was anointed to be king in this town. You have heard of Ruth. There is a book in the Bible named for her. She married Boaz who lived in Bethlehem. Also, Jacob's wife, Rachel, that he loved so much was buried in Bethlehem.

Read about Bethlehem in your Bible.

Ruth 1:1 and 1:19

I Samuel 16:1, 13

Genesis 35:19

Luke 2:4

Matthew 2:16