

MESSIAH, SON OF JOSEPH

In John 7:40-52, we find a division of opinion among those hearing the Messiah speaking. The Priests and Pharisees state that Yahushua cannot be the promised Messiah, because He is **NOT** a Son of David and **IS** a **Galilean**. Yahushua's Disciples asserted their rebuttal in verse 42, that:

***“ The scriptures did NOT say the Messiah would come from the seed of David or the city of David.” (Bethlehem-Judah)!”***

Here you must ask yourself: Who do believe would know the truth? Yahushua and His Disciples, or the corrupt Scribes, Pharisees, and Priesthood of Judah?

***Among all present there was **no debate** whatsoever, that Yahushua was a native born Galilean. In verse 52, Nicodemus was asked: “Art thou also of Galilee? Search and look, for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.”***

***were the lying scribes correct?***

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## **In search of the real Bethlehem**

**AS THE shops fill with Christmas goods, a mere two months ahead of the festival itself, the words and image of “O Little Town of Bethlehem,**

**“There is a complete absence of information for antiquities from the Herodian period — that is, from the time around the birth of Jesus,” Aviram Oshri says in *Archaeology*. “The vast database of the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) describes Bethlehem as an ‘ancient site’ with Iron Age material, and the 4th- century Church of the Nativity and associated Byzantine and medieval buildings.**

**“Following the Six-Day War in 1967, surveys showed plenty of Iron Age pottery, but with the single exception of a publication that mentions Herodian sherds found in a corner of the church, there is surprisingly no archaeological evidence that ties Bethlehem in Judaea to the period in which Jesus would have been born.” A contemporary aqueduct running through the locality suggests that there was no settlement, since such works did not cross built-up areas.**

**In the 1990s, as one of the IAA’s staff archaeologists, Mr Oshri carried out rescue archaeology at the rural settlement of Bethlehem in Galilee, and was surprised to find a substantial ancient community of the time of Christ. “We know that Bethlehem of Galilee was a “bustling centre of Jewish life around the time of Jesus’s birth,” he says. “There were residential areas, and a workshop for making stone vessels used in Jewish purification rituals.”**

**In the 19th century there were suggestions that the Galilee site could have been the “real” Bethlehem, but there was at the time no archaeological evidence to back them up. Since then, evidence of surprisingly strong early Christian interest has been found, including a large 6th-century church with mosaic floors, one of the largest in Israel. It “raises the question of why such a huge house of Christian worship was built in the heart of a Jewish area,” Mr Oshri notes.**

**There is still the thorny point of the Gospel testimony, with both Matthew and Luke describing Bethlehem in Judaea as the birthplace of Christ, but Mr Oshri notes that it was also the legendary birthplace of King David more than 1,000 years before, and attaching the Nativity of Christ to the location would reinforce His reputed descent from David. It**

**Bethlehem of Galilee is itself known in the Old Testament, mentioned by Joshua as a town of the tribe of Zebulun, and as the refuge of guardian priests who fled to Galilee after the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. It may never displace its Judaeian homonym in Christian belief, but the discrepancy in the archaeological evidence for the two places at the appropriate date remains an intriguing source for speculation.**

Gen. 49:10 “The scepter shall not depart from *Judah*, nor a lawgiver from between his feet , *until shiloh comes; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be.*” The word “Shiloh” means: “The Word.” In context, it clearly means the Word of Yahuweh. There has never been any disagreement among bible scholars that “*Shiloh*” meant the anointed one from Yahuweh! However, if the *scepter is to depart from Judah when Messiah comes*, (and according to the scriptures it certainly did) then *Messiah could not possibly be descended from the tribe of Judah, else the scepter would have still remained in Judah!*

**THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION  
OF THE AGES, Was THE  
BLOODLINE OF Jesse the father of David  
from the tribe of Judah? or**

# Joseph Ephraim?

THE ANSWER MAY SUPPRISE YOU!

1ST SAMUEL 17:12 Now David was the son of that  
Ephrathite JESSIE!  
0673 // ytrpa // 'Ephrathiy // ef-rawth-ee' // patrial form  
0672 ; adj pr  
AV - Ephrathite 4, Ephraimite  
1; 5 Ephrathite = "ashiness: fruitfulness"

1) an inhabitant **or descendant of Ephraim !!**

2) an inhabitant of Bethlehem

Matt.1:1

The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David,  
the son of Abraham.

ISA. 11:1

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse,  
and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

Isa 22:22

And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder;  
so he shall open,  
and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

12:35

And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple,  
How say the scribes that  
Christ is the Son of David?

12:36

For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to  
my Lord, Sit thou on my right  
hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

12:37

David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then  
his son? And the common  
people heard him gladly.

12:38

And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes,  
these shall receive greater  
damnation.

WHAT DO SCRIBES DO?  
THEY WERE IN CHARGE OF  
COPYING AND\OR RECOPYING  
THE SCROLLS

DID THEY CHANGE ANY OF THE ORIGINAL TEXT?

BEWARE OF THEM SAID CHRIST

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES! WHAT FOR?

TO SEE WHERE THEY CHANGED THE TEXT!

lu 2:4

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth,  
into Judaea, unto the

city of David, which is called Bethlehem; \* (because he was of the house and lineage of

David:)

REMEMBER THAT DAVID AND HIS FATHER JESSIE WERE EPHRATHIES!

Lu 2:11

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

GEN.35:19

And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem.

35:20

And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

RACHELS GRAVE IS NOT IN BETHLEHEM JUDAH!

BUT IN BETHLEHEM EPHRATH!

jo 7:1

After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.

Gen. 49: 8-9 (in part) Jacob says of Judah: “*Judah is a lion’s whelp,*

*for destroying my sons you have arisen.*”

Gen. 49:22-24, (in part), Jacob says of Joseph: “Joseph is a fruitful bow, - - - - -;

From thence (there) is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel!” Among all bible

scholars, we are unaware of even one scholar who doesn’t hold the opinion that the Shepherd and Stone (Prophet) of Israel is the Hebrew Messiah, “Yahushua!”

In the mock trial of Yahushua at the time He entered the ministry, Pontis Pilate had become governor of Judah, and **Herod had become the governor of Galilee**, (Luke 3: 1). In the Trial, Yahushua was brought before Pilate on charges by the Jews, accusing Yahushua of being a “**Galilean heretic**,” Luke 23:4-7), preaching heresies from Galilee to Judah.” When Pilate heard the word “Galilee,” he inquired if Yahushua were a Galilean. Pilate evidently had the public records of the Tax

Census searched, (Luke 2:1-3), for the text continues in Luke 23: 7:

*“As soon as he (Pilate) knew that Yahushua belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was in Jerusalem at the time.”*

Thus, Pilate **knew** that Yahushua was a **Galilean!**”

Isa. 9: 1- 9, (in part), v-1 *“by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in*

*GALILEE of the nations, (Israel). V-8 Yahuweh sent the Word into Jacob and it (HE) hath lighted upon Israel! (Not Judah).*

We find the New Testament quote of Micah 5:2, found in Matt. 2: 4-6 is corrupted. Micah 5:2 **does not say “Bethlehem-Judah”** as quoted by the Jewish Priests and Scribes.

The text of Mica 5:2 from the Paleo Hebrew text reads:

*“And thou Bethlehem-Ephratah will become insignificant to the thousands of Judah, yet from you He will come forth to me to rule in Israel!”*

If this Bethlehem is in Judah, then the prophet MICAH lied. The Bethlehem in Judah has not become **insignificant**, but instead **“World renowned!”** The fact that there are **two Bethlehems** is not in dispute. They are clearly shown on many old bible maps and evident throughout scripture.

Referring to the slaughter of the male children by Herod, let us examine the text of Matt. 2:16-17-18. (in part), & Jeremiah 31:15-18.

*V-17, “Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: “In Ramah was there a voice heard, lamentation and weeping and great mourning. Rachel weeping for her children!”*

Continuing in Jer. 31:18. (in part) *“I have surely heard Ephraim ( Not Judah) bemoaning himself!”*

The first question which must be asked, is why was **Rachel** weeping for her children? Her children were **Benjamin, Joseph**, and by adoption (Gen.46:22) **Ephraim** and **Manasseth**. Rachel was *not the mother of Judah!*

The mother of Judah was **Leah**, **why wasn't she weeping?** The answer is obvious, Leah's sons were not among those killed by Herod. If the Priest and Scribes had told Herod “Bethlehem-Judah,” they would have inadvertently sent Herod's executioners upon their own children!

By deliberately corrupting this New Testament text, (Matt 2: 5-6), it has been made to look as though it were the sons of Judah that were slain, and the corruption of text concealed the part played by the Jewish Priest and Scribes in the slaughter.