

# The Bethlehem Thread

The city of Bethlehem is an important part of the history of the redemption of mankind. Use the references below to begin making a chain reference. Beginning with the first reference, write each successive reference next to the prior with a symbol such as a city. That will help you remember the connection among the passages—the redemption of mankind and the city of Bethlehem.

- Ruth 2:4
- Ruth 4:11
- Ruth 4:21–22
- 1 Samuel 16:1, 13
- 1 Samuel 16:18–19
- 1 Samuel 17:12
- Micah 5:2
- Luke 2:4–7
- Luke 2:11–15
- Matthew 2:1–6
- John 7:40–44

1. What synonym for Bethlehem was present in the text (such as in Luke 2:4)?
  
2. Why does this synonym make sense in light of the passages from this list (Hint: John 7:42)?
  
3. Would it be appropriate to include Judges 12:8 or Judges 17:7 in this thread on the connection between redemption and Bethlehem? Explain.