30 A.D. THE JESUS STORY *Why Bethlehem* Luke 2:21-40

CHRISTMAS EVE 2017 - WHY BETHLEHEM?

The fact that Jesus was born in BETHLEHEM <u>beautifully</u> many aspects of the life & future of the Christ.

- NAME: Bethlehem means "<u>House</u> of <u>Bread</u>"
 John 6:35,48, 6:51
- O SIZE: <u>Small</u> & <u>Humble</u>
 - 1 Corinthians 1:27-29; Isaiah 53:2-3
- HISTORY:
 - → Pain & Death (Genesis 35:19; Matthew 2:16-18)
 - → Love & Redemption (Ruth 1-4)
 - → <u>Ropatty</u> & <u>Kingship</u> (Luke 1:32; Isaiah 9:67)
- FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY: Micah 5:2
- SHEPHERDING: Preparing the Lamb of God
 - Psalm 23:1; 78:72; John 1:29