

***O Little Town of Bethlehem***  
**(Christmas Carol Theology Series - #1)**  
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**Oh Little Town of Bethlehem**

○ little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee to-night.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth.

○ holy Child of Bethlehem!  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
Be born in us to-day.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1868)

Music: Lewis Redner (1868)

***Micah 5:2,4,5***

*But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.*

*He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And he will be their peace.*

**Introduction**

**The Story Of This Carol...**

**The Theology Of This Carol...**

In A.D. 1 – God chose:

an \_\_\_\_\_ place

a \_\_\_\_\_ couple

a \_\_\_\_\_ infant

In A.D. 2006 – God uses:

\_\_\_\_\_ things

\_\_\_\_\_ things

\_\_\_\_\_ things (1 Cor. 1:27,28)

What appears \_\_\_\_\_

may be \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 1:18-21)

**Conclusion**