

## Luke 2:1-7

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This passage in Luke gives us the reason why Joseph and Mary had to travel to a different town and ultimately why Jesus was born in Bethlehem. For Joseph, he was just being a good citizen going to his hometown and since Mary was going to marry this man, she needed to go with him. They knew that Mary was getting close to giving birth but also knew that they needed to respond to this census request. Wrapped up in this story of a man and his fiancée doing what was right from the world's view, we also see that their obedience completes a promise that was made years earlier. In Micah 5:2 we read:

***“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.”***

It was not clear to those hearing Micah at the time, and to those talking about it for many years, but now, years later, once that ‘Promise Made’ was kept, it made everything much clearer.

Our lives are much like the experience that Joseph and Mary had. We don't know all the promises that God has for us, but if we are faithful to trust Him and be open to what He wants us to do, we can also experience those ‘Promise Kept’ moments in life.