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Τονιγητ□σ φουρνειν σταρτσ ατ□THE ΧΡΑΔΛΕ. Νεαρ της Σηεπηερδ□σ Φιελδς οφ Βετηλεηεμ
ισ ωηρε ωε φινδ τηατ Γοδ σπεακς ασ νο ονε ελσε επερ ηας ιν τηε Ηιστορψ οφ Πλανετ Εαρ
τη. Τηε Λορδ αλονε χαν τελλ υς ΙΝ ΑΔςΑΝΧΕ □ ωηατ ωιλλ χομε το πασσ ιν τηε φυτυρε.
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Τηε Βιρτη οφ Θεσυς ις ονε οφ τηε μοστ αττεστεδ το επεντς ιν ηυμαν ηιστορψ. Ιτ ις αλσο ο
νε οφ τηε χλεαρεστ προπηετιχ επεντς οφ αλλ τιμε. Γοδ ωροτε δοων λιτεραλλψ ηυνδρεδς οφ
μινυτε δεταιλς τηατ χαμε το πασσ ωην Θεσυς ωασ βορν. Οπερ τηρεε ηυνδρεδ προπηεχιεσ
χονχερνινγ τηε φιρστ χομινγ οφ Χηριστ ηαπε βεεν λιτεραλλψ φυλφιλλεδ. Τηερε αρε τηοσε
ωηο σαψ τηερε αρε αλσο οπερ τηρεε ηυνδρεδ προπηεχιεσ χονχερνινγ τηε σεχονδ χομινγ οφ
Χηριστ. Τηε χονχλυσιον οφ αλλ τηεσε προπηεσιεσ ις τηατ Γοδ σπεακς λιτεραλλψ ανδ τηο
σε ωηο λιτεραλλψ στυδψ Γοδς Ωορδ φινδ Ηισ πλαν ασ ιτ υνφολδς.

Τηε Ινν

Τηατ τηερε ωασ νο [1]□ροομ ιν τηε ινν ωασ συμβολιχ οφ ωηατ ωασ το ηαππεν το Θεσυς. Τη
ε ονλψ πλαχε ωηρε τηερε ωασ ροομ φορ ηιμ ωασ ον α χροσσ. Ηε σουγητ αν εντρψ το τηε ο
περ-χρωωδεδ ηεαρτσ οφ μεν; ηε χουλδ νοτ φινδ ιτ; ανδ στιλλ ηις σεαρχη□ανδ ηις ρεφεχτιο
ν□γο ον.

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Τηε Μαπ οφ Βετηλεηεμ

Φρομ τηε ναμινγ οφ Βετηλεηεμ, το τηε φαμιλψ λινε οφ Δαπιδ — τηε Σχριπτυρεσ ωροτε αν α
δδρεσσ φορ Θεσυς χομινγ το Εαρτη τηατ μαδε Ηισ αρριπαλ τηε χλεαρεστ εξαμπλε οφ Βιβλι
χαλ Προπηεσψ επερ υνφολδεδ.

- God told Eve thousands of years ago in the Garden of Eden that Christ's Birth would be unique as the "Seed of a woman": Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."
- Christ's Birth would be as the Seed of Abraham: Genesis 22:16-18 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— 17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."
- Christ's Birth would be of the tribe of Judah: Genesis 49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.

- Christ's Birth would be of the Seed of Isaac and Jacob Numbers 24:17 "I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel, And batter the brow of Moab, And destroy all the sons of tumult.
- Christ's Birth would be as the Son of David: 2 Samuel 7:12-14 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men.
- The exact place of Christ's Birth would be in Bethlehem: Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."

Της Σηεεπ

- He would be born as no other through a Virgin Birth: Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.
- He would be taken as an Infant to Egypt: Hosea 11:1 "When Israel was a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son.
- His birth would be followed by a Massacre of children: Jeremiah 31:15 Thus says the Lord: "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted for her children, Because they are no more."
- Boyhood in Nazareth: Matthew 2:23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene." Jesus went from Bethlehem, to Egypt, as they returned when they heard Archelaus was in Judea they went on to their roots in Nazareth (Branch) Heb. nezer, the people there thought that was where Messiah would come from, but no one else thought that!

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Ναζαρετη Τοδαψ 1-2

Της νεξτ στοπ ισ ατ □ THE ΧΑΡΙΠΕΝΤΕΡ □ Σ ΣΗΟΠ. Ναζαρετη υνφολδσ ανοτηερ ωηολε σεριε σ οφ τρυτησ αβουτ Χηριστεσ χομινγ.

- **TRAINING:** The place He was raised was near the synagogue of Mary's father. Just three miles from Nazareth was Heli (or Eli) father of Mary who trained young Jesus fully in the Old Testament Scriptures. So great was Christ's training that the people called Him a Rabbi. Though the Jerusalem establishment did not recognize His training, the people around Him in Nazareth did.

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Ζιππορι Ρυινσ 1

- **WORKING:** Shortly after the death [2] of Herod the Great, two significant events occurred in Galilee. One was the relocation of Joseph, Mary and Jesus from Egypt to Nazareth. The other was the selection of Zippori as the capital of Herod Antipas, the new Tetrarch of Galilee and Perea. As one of the four surviving sons of Herod the Great, he was given a fourth part of the kingdom, which is why he was called "Tetrarch.". To Bible believers, it would appear providential that a ruler with a passion for building should chose a capital near the home of an important tekton (carpenter or builder) named Joseph, and his more important adopted son, who was also a tekton. *Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him (Mark 6:3).*

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Ναζαρετη ωασ α τωων οφ 300 ορ σο ιν Χηριστῆσ τιμε, ιτ ισ ονλψ 3 μιλεσ φρομ Ζιππορι ωιτη 20 το 30,000 ιν Χηριστῆσ τιμε, ωασ α χαπιταλ χιτψ οφ Ηεροδ Αντιπασ ωηιχη ηε σπεντ 30 ψ εαρσ βυιλδινγ. Ιν φαχτ ιτ ισ α Διπινε χοινηιδενχε τηατ τηε βιγγεστ βυιλδινγ προφεχτ ιν Γαλι λее ωασ αν ηουρσ ωαλκ φρομ ωηερε Χηριστῆσ ηομε ωασ λοχατεδ. Ιτ ισ αλσο αμαζινγ τηατ θεουσ μοστ λικελψ ωορκεδ ωιτη ηισ φατηερ θοσεπη βυιλδινγ Ηεροδ □σ 500 αχρε χιτψ. Τηε πυβλιχ βυιλδινγσ, τηεατρε, ωατερωορκσ ανδ σο ον □ αλλ νεεδεδ σκιλλεδ τεκτονσ (ασ θεου σ ωασ χαλλεδ ιν Μαρκ 6.3).

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Zippori Ruins 2

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Ιντερεστινγλψ ενουγη, τηε χονστρυχτιον τοοκ πλαχε δυρινγ τηε τιμε θεουσ ωασ γροωινγ υπ ιν τηε νεαρβψ τωων οφ Ναζαρετη. Ιτ ωασ φυστ αν ηουρ □σ δονκεψ ριδε φρομ θεουσ □ ηομε το Ζιππορι. Τηε Γοσπελσ δον □τ μεντιον Ζιππορι, βυτ τηεψ δο ινδιχατε τηατ Ναζαρετη ωασ α σμαλλ τωων τηατ βοτη θοσεπη ανδ θεουσ ωερε □τεκτονσ □ βψ τραδε. Ιτ ωουλδ νοτ βε υνρ εασοναβλε το ασσυμε τηατ βοτη θοσεπη ανδ θεουσ σπεντ α χονσιδεραβλε αμουντ οφ τιμε πλψινγ τηειρ τραδε ιν τηε βυστιλινγ χαπιταλ οφ Ζιππορι. θοσεπη ωασ α τεκτον, α βυιλδερ ω ηο χονστρυχτεδ τηινγσ. θεουσ λεαρνεδ τηε τεκτον τραδε.

- The Yeshiva [3] in Zippori - There is an old Christian tradition, dating at least to Byzantine times, that Mary was born in Zippori. Israeli guide, Yossi Ashkenazi, stated that evidence from Talmudic sources confirms this, and that Mary's father was the headmaster of Zippori's Jewish school (Yeshiva). The Gospel accounts indicate that the Lord Jesus was often called "Rabbi" by His disciples and other people. The term Rabbi was not used loosely in Israel; it was only attributed to someone who had received the rigorous training in the Law of Moses provided by a Yeshiva. The small town of Nazareth was large enough to have its own synagogue,

but it was certainly not large enough to have a rabbinic Yeshia. So it is reasonable to speculate that Jesus studied at the Yeshiva in Zippori where His own maternal grandfather was the headmaster. This conclusion helps us to fill in some of the gaps in the silent years of our Lord's life. LXX in Alexandria **SEPTUAGINT**: or LXX, from the story that 72 scholars (6 from each of the 12 tribes) working in 12 groups produced 12 identical Greek translations from Hebrew in 3C BC. Jesus may have memorized the Torah in His childhood as the Mishnah instructed devout young men to do!

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Τηε Τεμπλε

- **WORSHIPING**: From Nazareth Jesus walked with His family probably three or more times each year to Jerusalem (55 miles south of Nazareth). All men were to present themselves before the Lord three times each year, and Joseph made sure that his growing family, soon to number at least seven children (Mark 6.3), made it up to Jerusalem. There they celebrated all the pictures of Christ's Coming with the faithful remnant of Israel's worshipers.

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REMEMBER CHRIST'S BOYHOOD PASSOVERS. It was for thirty years Jesus followed His family to Jerusalem (Luke 2:41) at each Passover season. It was Jesus who as the oldest son [4] was holding in his arms the lamb, which the group from Nazareth wished to sacrifice.

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He myst hape handed ower the lamb which a look of intense sorrow in his eyes. In his heart he seemed to be sharing the tragedy of the lamb, which the Levites carried away to sacrifice in the temple of Ishaiah's famous words. I will be in readiness Ishaiah's prophecy of Christ:

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He ωασ δεσπισεδ ανδ ρεφεχτεδ οφ μεν; α μαν οφ σορροωσ ανδ αχθυαιντεδ ωιτη γριεφ; ανδ
ωε ηιδ ασ ιτ ωερε ουρ φαχεσ φρομ ηιμ; ηε ωασ δεσπισεδ ανδ ωε εστεεμεδ ηιμ νοτ.

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Συρελψ ηε ηασ βορνε ουρ γριεφσ ανδ χαρριεδ ουρ σορροω; ψετ ωε διδ εστεεμ ηιμ στριχκεν,
σμιιτεν οφ Γοδ, ανδ αφφλιχτεδ.

Αλλ ωε λικε σηεεπ ηαπε γονε αστραψ; ωε ηαπε τυρνεδ επερπονε το ηισ οων ωαψ; ανδ της
Λορδ ηασ λαιδ ον ηιμ τηε ινιθυιτψ οφ υσ αλλ.

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He ωασ οππρεσσεδ ανδ ηε ωασ αφφλιχτεδ, ψετ ηε οπενεδ νοτ ηισ μουτη; He ισ βρουγητ ασ
α λαμβ το τηε σλαυγητερ, ανδ ασ α σηεεπ βεφορε ηερ σηεαρερσ ισ δυμβ σο ηε οπενετη νοτ
ηισ μουτη.

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He ωασ ωουνδεδ φορ ουρ τρανσγρεσσιονσ, ηε ωασ βρuiσεδ φορ ουρ ινιθυιτιεσ; τηε χηαστι
σεμεντ οφ ουρ πεαχε ωασ υπον ηιμ; ανδ ωιτη ηισ στριπεσ ωε αρε ηεαλεδ.

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Ωηεν τηε λαμβ ωασ ηανδεδ βαχκ αφτερ βεινγ βυτχηερεδ ανδ σκιννεδ φορ τηε Πασσοπερ Μ
εαλ, *□ιτσ βοδψ ωασ σλιτ δοων τηε μιδδλε ανδ κεπτ οπεν βψ τωο πιεχεσ οφ ωοοδ*— IN THE
ΦΟΡΜ ΟΦ Α ΧΡΟΣΣ.

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Τηε λαμβ σλαιν, τηε χροσσ οφ ωοοδ, τηε ωορδσ φρομ Ισαιαη □αλλ τηεσε ποωερφυλ πιχτυρε
σ ηιντινγ οφ Χηριστῶσ δεστινψ μυστ ηαπε φιλλεδ τηε μιנד ανδ ηεαρτ οφ τηε βοψ Χηριστ θε
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- **LEARNING:** It was from the city of Zipori, Herod Antipas's capital that Jesus learned the language of the culture of His day. In fact Jesus reflects the culture of His day in His sermons recorded in the Gospels. The words of the theater (hupocrites) are used 17x in the entire New Testament, and only by Jesus. Herod's minister of finance had a wife named Joanna who later financed Jesus, and used her wealth for God's work. So Sepphoris is the town Jesus helped to build. Because of the great theater there, Jesus at least knew of the Greek culture. This theater seats 4500 people. Even the Greek work for actor (hupokrites) speaks of the culture, and Jesus used that word 17x, no one else uses it in the Bible!
- Matthew 6:1-5 Jesus said **don't use the trumpet**. That was exactly how the lead "actors" were announced to the stage.
- Matthew 6:16-8 **Hypocrites** like actors blackened their faces for tragedies don't you show off.
- Luke 19:11-15 certain man of noble birth went away to get a kingdom, delegation, returned and killed, this was Jesus drawing on current events

and history to communicate to His culture. That was what Archaealaus had done after Herod the Great's death.

- **VISITING:** While living in Nazareth Jesus and His family also probably went to see His various relatives. We know from Scripture that Mary was related to Elisabeth and Zacharias who probably lived just outside of Jerusalem in Ein Kerem. They would have been seen at least times. We also know that Mary's sister was named Salome and she had two sons James and John who lived and worked on the Sea of Galilee.

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Τη φινάλ στοπ ον ουρ φουρνειψ τηισ επενινγ ισ **THE XPOSS**. Θεσυσ ωασ ηεαδεδ το τηε Χρ οσσ φρομ τηε χραδλε οφ Βετηλεηεμ. Τηε Σχριπτυρεσ αρε τοο νυμερουσ το λιστ βυτ το ποωε ρφυλ το πασσ βψ. Φορ α φεω μομεντσ χονσιδερ φυστ τηρεεσ φεω κεψ περσεεσ φρομ Γοδεσ Ω ορδ.

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Θοην 3.16

Αβραηαμ

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- **CALVARY WAS AT THE EXACT SPOT:** In Genesis 22 as we saw Isaac carrying the wood on his back – so Jesus carried His own Cross. As Abraham offered his only son, so God the Father offered His only Son. Even the location was the same, the elevation was the highest, and the picture is amazingly clear this side of Calvary.
- **CALVARY WAS AT THE EXACT MOMENT:** When Jesus was nailed to the Cross at 9AM the priests were tying the Passover lamb to the altar in the Temple. Six hours later, at precisely 3 PM as the call of the shofar from the top of the Holy Place was spreading across the gathered worshipers as the Passover lamb was slain—in an execution place outside the walls a few hundred yards away, the Lamb of God cried out – “It is Finished”.
- **CALVARY WAS THE EXACT EVENT:** In Daniel 9.24 we are told that Messiah would “be cut off” as a substitute, and not for Himself. So Jesus was “lifted up” as Moses foresaw 1,500 years earlier in Numbers 21 with the brazen serpent. David saw 1,000 years before Calvary that Christ would be “pierced” in His hands and feet, His garments were “divided” and His clothing was won by “casting lots” as Psalm 22 records. He was “bruised” as Isaiah saw 700 years before in chapter 53 “for our iniquities”.

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Allow you minds [5] to retrace the events of [6] Passover the day Christ was crucified. Levites have just opened the doors of the Temple so that the crowds can enter to offer their sacrificial lambs.

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At 9 AM □ τησ ωασ τηε σπεχιφιεδ τιμε ανδ □ατ τηατ εξαχτ μομεντ □τηρεε επεντσ τοοκ πλαχε.

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- While Israel's high priest was tying the Passover lamb for the Nation to the Temple's altar awaiting its sacrifice, and
- Each head of household takes a knife and prepares to slaughter the lamb that must be sacrificed for his family –
- **AT THAT VERY MOMENT**, outside the city walls of Jerusalem, **Jesus was being nailed to a cross to hang, and bleed**. For six hours both the lamb at the altar and Jesus the Lamb of God awaited death.

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At 12 Noon ασ τηε τηουσανδσ οφ ινδιπιδυαλ λαμβσ χοντινυε το βε βρουγητ ιντο τηε Τεμπλε, □τηε σκψ δαρκενσ, ανδ τηε χρωωδσ ινσιδε τηε Τεμπλε γρωω σιλεντ ανδ πενσιπε.

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- ***While the stones of the Temple courtyard run red with the blood thousands of lambs and goats***, the Lamb of God spills His life's blood outside the city.
- While the father in each household slaughters a lamb for the sake of his family, ***God the Father slaughters His holy Lamb for the sake of all who would accept Christ's gift of forgiveness and eternal life.***

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At 3 P.M ορ εξαχτλψ τηε νιντη ηουρ, τηε ηιγη πριεστ ασχενδεδ τηε αλταρ ιν τηε τεμπλε ανδ σαχριφιχεδ τηε λαμβ φορ τηε Νατιον.

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- At that moment, barely able to lift His blood-spattered face toward heaven, Christ's words thundered out over the city of Jerusalem in triumph, "***It is finished!***" (John 19:30).
- At that moment on Calvary's stark mountain, God the Father, the final High Priest of all creation, placed His holy hand on the head of His only begotten Son, allowing the sin of the world to descend upon Jesus.

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Ωηατ ωονδρουσ λοπε!

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Ωηατ αμαζιγγ γραχε! Νεπερ φοργετ ιτ.

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Πασσοπερ ρεμινδσ υσ τηατ τηε πρεχιουσ βλοοδ οφ τηε Ωορτηψ Λαμβ οφ Γοδ — πυρχηασε
δ ουρ ρεδεμπτιον.

Σινγ ωιτη με α σονγ οφ ωορσηιπ το Χηριστ ουρ Πασσοπερ Λαμβ:

Τηου αρτ ωορτηψ, Τηου αρτ ωορτηψ,
Τηου αρτ ωορτηψ, Ο Λορδ,
Το ρεχειψε γλορψ, γλορψ ανδ ηονορ,
Γλορψ ανδ ηονορ ανδ ποω□ρ.

Φορ Τηου ηαστ χρεατεδ, ηαστ αλλ τηινγσ χρεατεδ;
Τηου ηαστ χρεατεδ αλλ τηινγσ.
Ανδ φορ Τηψ πλεασυρε τηεψ αρε χρεατεδ;
Φορ Τηου αρτ ωορτηψ, Ο Λορδ.