

Power over Authority

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. Micah 5:2 (bold added)

Why is Bethlehem called Ephrathah? Why is that important?

So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).
Genesis 35:19 (Underline added)

... Joseph ... took his two sons Manasseh and **Ephraim** along with him. Now then, your two sons born to you in Egypt before I came to you here will be reckoned as mine; **Ephraim** and Manasseh will be mine, just as Reuben and Simeon are mine.

But Israel reached out his right hand and put it on **Ephraim's** head, though he was the younger, and crossing his arms, he put his left hand on Manasseh's head, even though Manasseh was the firstborn.

... So he put **Ephraim** ahead of Manasseh. Genesis 48:1, 5, 14, 20
(bold added)

Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring, ... because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel, ... Let all these rest on the head of Joseph, on the brow of the prince among his brothers. Genesis 49:22, 24, 26

... a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ... Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. Ruth 1:1-2

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. ... she gave birth to a son. The women said ... May he become famous throughout Israel!" Ruth 4:13-14
(underline added)

Now David was the son of an Ephrathite named Jesse, who was from Bethlehem in Judah. Jesse had eight sons ... 1 Samuel 17:12 (underline added)

Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.' " 2 Samuel 7:16

[From the angel Gabriel to Mary]

You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom will never end."

Luke 1:31-33 (Underline added)

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Now it came about in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. Luke 2:1-7 (Underline added) NASB

The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord; He directs it like a watercourse wherever He pleases. Proverbs 21:1

Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. ... " John 19:11

... for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Romans 13:1

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Matthew 2:12 & 16

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Matthew 28:18

which He (God) exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, Ephesians 1:20-22

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Matthew 2:13-15 & 19-20

But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, ... I was delivered ... The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen. 2 Timothy 4:17-18

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Matthew 2:21-23

When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by ... During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." Acts 16:7-9

... Isaiah says, *The Root of Jesse will spring up ... May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* Romans 15:13