

****HAMITIC: The First Christmas Story****

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The narrative of Jesus' birth and proof of his Hamitic (Black) African bloodline began in the Old Testament in the book of Genesis chapter 10, in the Land of Ham, located in southwest Asia and Africa. HAMITES: Sons of Ham: Cush (Ethiopia); Mizraim (Egypt); Put (Libya); Canaan (Palestine/Israel).

- (1) Abraham; patriarch of the Hebrews. [Babylonian: Ethnic-Ethiopian] Genesis 11
- (2) Ruth; the great-grandmother of David. A Moabite: Palestinian Arab [Ethnic-Egyptian] Ruth 1; Matt.1:5
- (3) Isaiah; prophet; foretold the coming of the Messiah; a nephew of Uzziah king of Judah (of Hebrew-Canaanite lineage); an ancestor of Jesus. 2 Chron. Matt.1;8,9
- (4) David, Israel's greatest king; a descendant of Abraham, Ruth, also Canaanites Tamar and Rahab. (Ancestors of Jesus). Matt.1:3,5
- (5) Edomites were of mixed Hebrew/African/Canaanite stock. [Genesis 36]

Hamitic people and places are underlined.

Mary the virgin mother of Jesus and her husband Joseph the "foster" father of Jesus, a carpenter, lived in Nazareth a town in northern Palestine.

At this time Emperor Augustus of the Roman Empire decreed a census would be taken. Everyone in his domain had to go to his or her hometown to register. He ordered Cyrenius (Quirinius) the Afro Roman governor of Syria / Judea district to take charge and supervise the mandate.

Both Joseph and Mary were of the lineage of David, Joseph descended from David's son Solomon (and Bathsheba), and Mary extended from another son Nathan. Therefore, they were required to go to the little town of Bethlehem, in Judea and there, in a cattle shed Jesus was born. (Bethlehem is 70 miles south of Nazareth and 5 miles south west of Jerusalem.)

A short time later, shepherds from the countryside, as well as, Wise Men (Magi) from neighboring countries Arabia, Babylonia, and Persia traveled to the nativity site, paid homage and worshipped the infant-Savior.

Now Joseph was warned by the Lord in a dream Herod the Edomite king of Judea was plotting the murder of the child, fled with his family to Egypt, returning to Nazareth after the death of Herod. Jesus had siblings, brothers Joseph, Simon, Epistle writers James, Jude, and several sisters. The last mention of Joseph occurs in the Gospel of Luke when he and Mary took the 12-year-old Jesus to Jerusalem. Mary played a vital role all through Jesus' life, from the day He was born till the time of the crucifixion.

Conclusion: The four Gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke and John chronicled the full themes of Christ as the Universal Savior.

Footnotes: Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? [The ancient Romans celebrated the winter solstice on December 25 as the birthday of the SUN; the Babylonians and Persians -SON of the SUN. Some 300 plus years after Jesus' earthly demise, Roman Emperor Constantine in 336 legalized this date as the birthday of the SON of GOD – JESUS the CHRIST! Originally: [Christ's Mass].

***Eurocentric racism: Pope Julius II in 1508 commissioned Michelangelo, Raphael and other Renaissance artists and church scholars to portray and depict almost all major biblical characters as Europeans (Caucasians), except servants and slaves.*

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 Black History Month II Crossword
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Across

1. **Notes: Ancestor of Africans [Af], Arabs [Ar], Canaanites [C] and Edomites [E]; (Gen.10; Matt. 1-2)
4. **Greatest king of Israel [C/Ar]
9. Consumed
10. ** Six rulers of Judea (Israel) who sought to kill Jesus [E]
11. **Flock tenders who were Jesus' first 'Christmas' visitors [Ar/C]
14. *" ___ Young" (Nat King Cole song)
15. Limb
18. Middle Markers (abbr.)
20. " __, myself, and I"
22. Joint (M ___ _L)
23. African Union (initials)
24. **Theme of this puzzle
26. Trial Run, briefly
27. Dale
29. * __ Matthew, Mark or Luke, namely
30. " ___ will be done" (Matt. 6:10)
31. Abbr. for In-Ear-Monitor (abbr.)
32. Bachelor's last two words
34. **Birthplace of David and Jesus
40. **Jerusalem and Nazareth's land
42. **"No room for them in the ___"
43. **Holy family's exiled home (nation)
44. Anybody (SO ___ _NE)

Down

1. Consumes
2. *LeBron James, for instance (abbr.)
3. Athletic events
4. 'The' in Berlin
5. Arkansas Data (initials)
6. "Very old story, as told" (acronym)
7. Passport, for example
8. *Singer Summer's monogram
10. ___ or she
12. Post Office's initials

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13. "Where the heart is"
16. ** Moabite ancestress of David, Mary and Jesus [Ar; Matt. 1:5]
17. **Mother of Jesus
18. **Wise men offered gifts to Jesus
19. **"40 acres and a ___" :(Failed promise made to 4 million freed slaves, 1865)
21. Curvy letter
22. We
24. *Singer Legend's first name (abbr.)
25. Short utility
28. Baseball Hall of Famer Wayne ___
30. "Run ___ _" (Bobby Vee song)
33. Rio ___ Janeiro
35. _dgar _llen _oe (writer)
36. Teach each teen (acronym)
37. _owie _ong of TV fame
38. Opposite of WSW
39. Trio between L and P
40. Inside Edge (abbr.)
41. Surgeon, briefly

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