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BEHOLD THE LAMB PART 3

BIRTH OF THE LAMB OF GOD

When the very pregnant Mary arrived with Joseph in Bethlehem, it was no accident that they could not find a room in an inn. It became obvious that she was about to deliver. There was only one place to be found to take Mary. It was at the sheepfold on Bethlehem's outskirts, the Migdal `Eder.

The sheepfold, tower of the flock [Micah 4:8] was empty because the priestly shepherds had taken the sheep out to the field. This is where Mary delivered Jesus. There were no animals there; they were out in the field. (If there had been animals, it would only have been lambs because no other animals were allowed in Migdal `Eder.)

Since the animals were not there, the stone manger was empty and cleaned. Mary gave birth and wrapped baby Jesus in the same swaddling clothes (clean) as used for newborn lambs and laid Jesus in the manger in the same way that the sacrificial lambs were laid. None of this was merely by chance. It had to happen in this way to fulfill prophecy. Father God had it all planned out.

Upon Jesus' birth it was then that the heavenly host of angels announced Christ's birth to the shepherds in the field. These were not just any shepherds. They were the chosen priestly shepherds of the Migdal `Eder. When the angel said in Luke 2:12, ***“And this will be a sign (of the Christ) to you. You will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”***

The shepherds knew exactly what the angel was saying. They rejoiced and hurried back to the Migdal `Eder to see the newborn Christ. They knew the prophecies. They understood the fulfillment. It was the most joyful night of their lives. God, in the flesh, had just been born!