

The Pain of Joseph and the Purpose of God
Luke 2:1-5

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. Luke 2:1-5

From Joseph's perspective:

1. Joseph's _____ is overthrown. (1)

2. Joseph's _____ is threatened. (2)

3. Joseph's _____ is over. (3)

4. Joseph's _____ is disappointing. (4)

5. Joseph's _____ is scandalous and strained. (5)

From God's perspective:

1. Joseph's _____ is overthrown.
God is fulfilling His _____. (1)

2. Joseph's _____ is threatened.
God is sending the _____ to Bethlehem. (2)

3. Joseph's _____ is over.
God is _____ out of Egypt. (3)

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. *Micah 5:2*

4. Joseph's _____ is disappointing.
God is removing the _____ from Judah. (4)

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. *Genesis 49:10*

5. Joseph's _____ is scandalous.
God was bringing forth a _____ Son. (5)

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14