

**Why
A
Stable?**

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Luke 2:7 (ESV)

Mary gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

This event in Luke is the fulfillment of an OT prophecy:

Isaiah 9:6–7 (ESV)

- 6 For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
- 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

This OT promise of God was fulfilled by this baby in a stable!

Why A Stable?

**#1 Because only God could fulfill HIS purpose from this more than humble beginnings! Isaiah states:
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

#2 When the Lord is responsible, no matter how humble the beginnings, the event will be accomplished. **Therefore, in the stable, God's promise was a done deal!**

Biblical Lessons:

#1 The "reality" of the future was established in the stable!

#2 Therefore do not despise small beginnings, our own stable! **God is the source of the fulfillment!**

#3 God's promise is not lesser or greater in the stable. The only uncertainty is our perception and faith!

This is God's way; the Stable and small beginnings!

Moses; Abilities:

Exodus 4:10 (ESV)

But Moses said to the LORD, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, but I am slow of speech and of tongue."

Exodus 4:11 (ESV)

Then the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Is it not I, the LORD?"

Gideon; Status:

Judges 6:15 (ESV)

And he said to him, "Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house."

Judges 6:16 (ESV)

And the LORD said to him, “But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man.”

Rebuilding the Temple; Physical circumstances:

Haggai 2:3 (ESV)

How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes?

Haggai 2:4 (ESV)

Yet now be strong all you people. Work, for I am with you, declares the LORD of hosts.

Lessons from our stable or small beginnings?

#1 Our stable or small beginnings is **necessary so we will totally rely on God!**

#2 Our stable or small beginnings is an **avenue to see God work!**

#3 Our stable or small beginnings is a **witness to others of God’s glory.**

Therefore our Big Lesson in Life:

1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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2 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV)

Because we walk by faith, not by sight.

Why A Stable? The Stable is physical evidence that all things flow from God! Also from the Stable flows the gospel, which is the power of God!

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.