

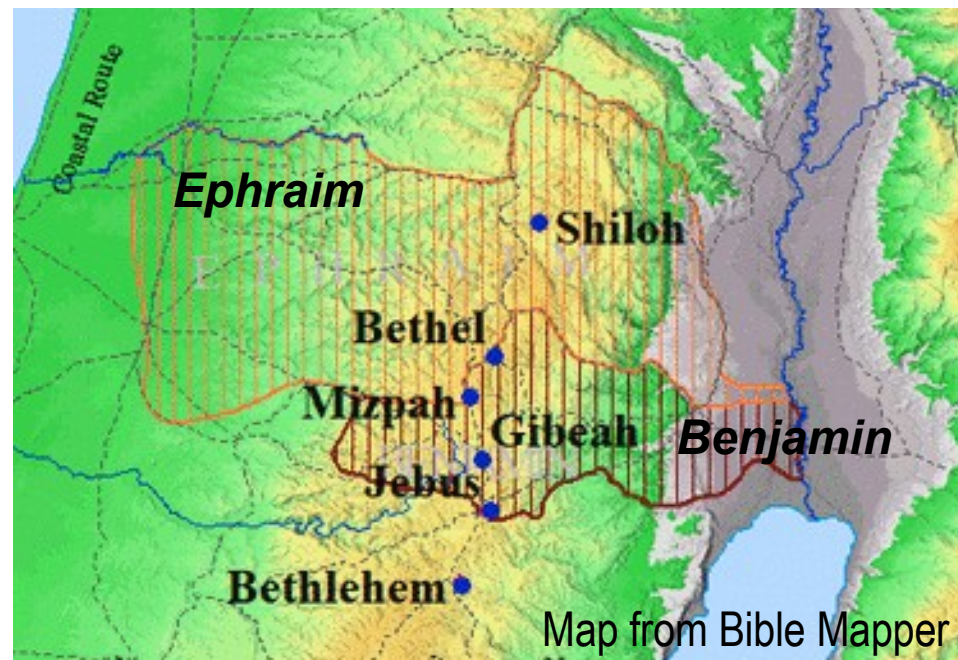
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A Week in Bethlehem

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Affairs of the Heart

The Levite's Intent: "Speak to **her** heart" The father's priorities:

Gen. 34:3 And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and **spake kindly** unto the damsel.

Ruth 2:13 Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast **spoken friendly** unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

Is. 40:2 **Speak ye comfortably** to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.

Hos. 2:14 Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and **speak comfortably** unto her.

19:5, 8 Comfort **thine** heart

Gen. 18:5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and **comfort ye your hearts**; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

19:6, 9 Let thine **heart** be merry

Rth 3:7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and **his heart was merry**, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn:

1Ki 21:7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and **let thine heart be merry**: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

Judges 19:5-6

5 And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son in law, Comfort thine heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way.

6 And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry.

- What did the damsel's father say to his son-in-law?

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Beware of gluttony.

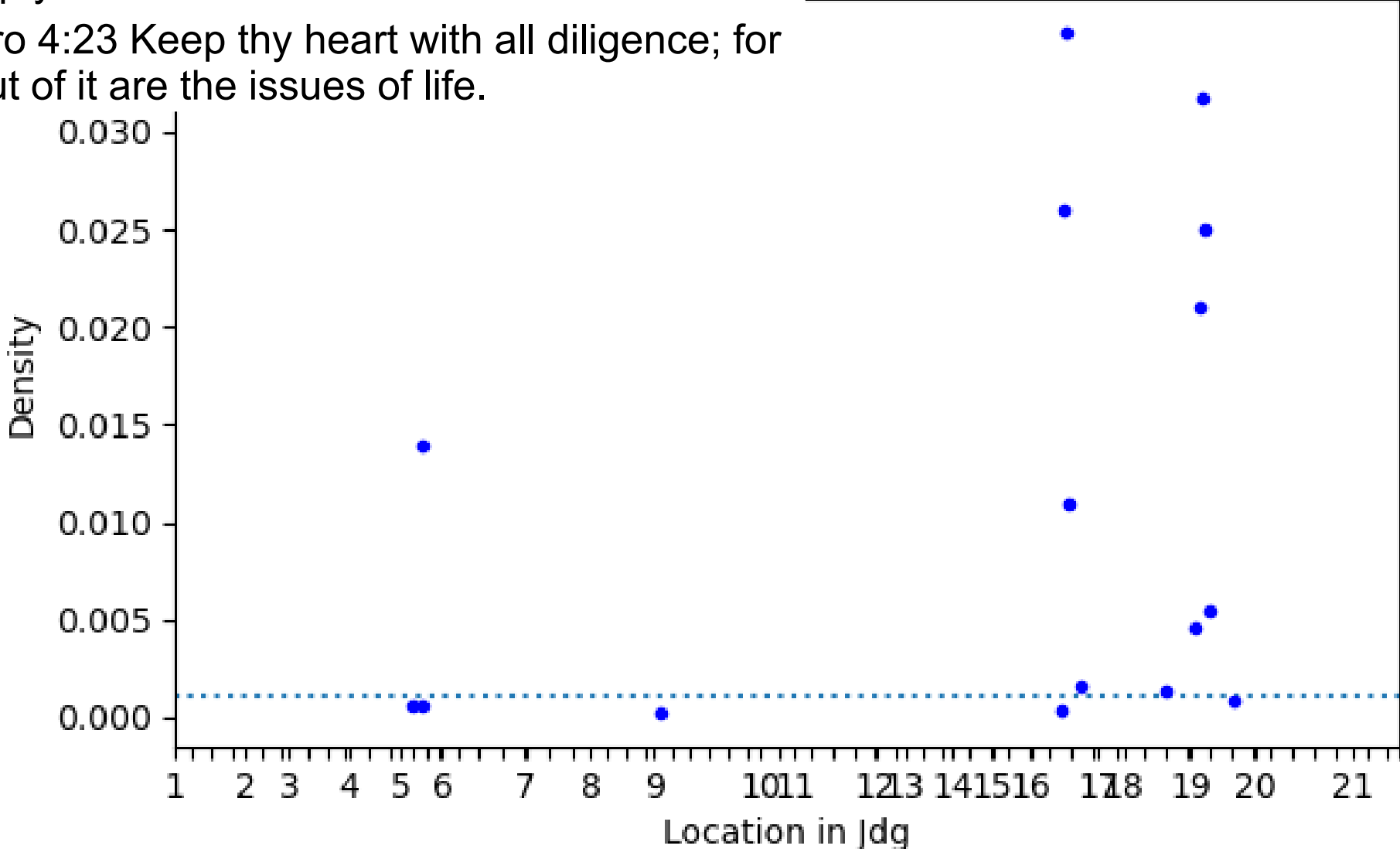
Eccl. 10:17 Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!

Keep your heart

Pro 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Lessons from Bethlehem

Heart H3820, H3824 in Judges



Some Useful References

A Tenacious Father-In-Law

Gen 29:26 And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. 27 Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.

Gen 30:25 And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country. 26 Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee. 27 And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake.

Jdg 17:13 Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest.

History of Jebus

Jos 18:28 And Zelah, Eleph, and **Jebusi, which is Jerusalem**, Gibeath, and Kirjath; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

Jdg 1:8 Now the children of Judah had fought against **Jerusalem**, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire.

Jdg 1:21 And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the **Jebusites** that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

The Angels Visit Sodom



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Gen. 18:20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; 21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. 22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.