

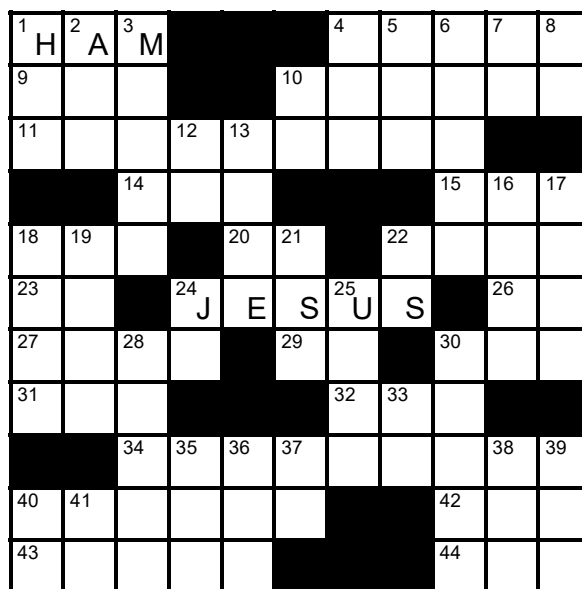
Simon Burris: Black History Matters:
Crossword:
Hamitic: The First Christmas Story
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Across

1. **Ham: Hamitic ancestor of Africans [Af], Arabs [Ar], Canaanites [C], Edomites [E] Story: Matthew 1: 1-16
4. **Israel's greatest king; a descendant of Tamar, Rahab and Ruth [C]
9. Lyric poem
10. **Judean kings sought to kill infant Jesus [E]
11. **One of the wise men, informally
14. *Roman Pope ___ XIV (Afro-Creole descent)
15. Limb
18. Madame (abbr.)
20. Family member
22. *Conqueror of Canaan/Israel: Jo ___; a descendant of Asenath the African wife of Joseph (Numbers 27)
23. *African Union (initials)
24. ** The Messiah, a descendant of David [C]
26. Trial rule, briefly
27. Grand Largo, Florida (initials)
29. ***"We saw his ___ar from the east
30. "___ will be done"
31. Iowa Energy Assn (abbr.)
32. Bachelor's last words
34. **Jesus' birthplace
40. **David and Jesus' homeland
42. ***"No room in the ___" (Luke 2:7)
43. **Holy Family sought a 3-year refuge in this country (Matt. 2:13)
44. "Be merciful unto ___ Lord" (Psalms)

Down

1. In what way?
2. "Much ___ about nothing"
3. Country singer Haggard
4. Leave (___ART)
5. *Johnny Mathis hit "Chances ___"
6. "Voices of rabbis are heard" (acronym)
7. Passport, for example
8. *Singer Summer's monogram
10. Hello



12. Opposite of Northwest
13. Desire
16. **Moabite great-grandmother of David [C]
17. **Mother of Jesus [C]
18. **Wise men from the East [Af/C]
19. ***"40 Acres and a ___" (Failed promise made to 5 million freed slaves in 1865)
21. **Jesus' donkey (transportation)
22. Seven Sins, briefly
24. *Boxer Louis' monogram
25. Electric or gas, for example (abbr.)
28. Film actress Nanette ___
30. "___ be the glory" (Romans 11: 36)
33. Rio ___ Janeiro
35. Low-priced (CH ___)
36. ___ Offensive (Vietnam War)
37. Height-length, for short
38. East Northeast (initials)
39. Trio before PQR
40. *Bow ___ State University (MD)
41. South Gate (initials)

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

By Simon Burris

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; Cushite patriarch of the Hebrews. [Babylonian: Ethnic-Ethiopian] Genesis 11
- (2) Ruth; the great-grandmother of David. A Moabite: Palestinian. [Ethnic- Canaanite]. Ruth 1; Matt.1:5
- (3) Isaiah; prophet; foretold the coming of the Messiah; a nephew of Uzziah king of Judah (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 (three years), 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.*