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Bethlehem Church of Nativity, cave of birth



Adjacent Cave under the Church of Nativity

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Hill country east of Bethlehem



Shepherd with flock near Bethlehem

# The Bad Reputation of Shepherds

1. Tended to be a lower class of people
2. Nomadic, always wandering to find pastures for their sheep
3. Regularly suspected of stealing as they wandered
4. Considered so dishonest they couldn't serve as judges or witnesses in court
5. Under the Rabbinic ban because of their isolation from religious ordinances and their manner of life





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