A white dove is shown from a top-down perspective with its wings fully extended. The dove is centered in the frame, and its wings are spread wide, creating a large, symmetrical shape. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color with a subtle, repeating pattern of circular motifs, possibly representing a tiled floor or a decorative surface. The lighting is soft and focused on the dove, giving it a glowing appearance.

Chapter 22-The Birth of the King

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Matthew	James	Matthew
Mark	Galatians	Mark
Luke	1 and 2 Thessalonians	Luke, Acts (Luke)
John	Mark	John
Acts	Matthew	<u>Paul's Letters During</u>
Romans	1 Corinthians	<u>Missionary Journeys</u>
1 Corinthians	2 Corinthians	Galatians
2 Corinthians	Romans	1 Thessalonians
Galatians	Luke	2 Thessalonians
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Philippians	Colossians	2 Corinthians
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2 Thessalonians	Philemon	<u>Imprisonment in Rome</u>
1 Timothy	1 Peter	Colossians
2 Timothy	1 Timothy	Ephesians
Titus	Titus	Philemon
Philemon	Hebrews	Philippians
Hebrews	2 Peter	<u>Paul's letters After Release</u>
James	2 Timothy	1 Timothy
1 Peter	Jude	Titus
2 Peter	John	<u>Paul's Second Imprisonment</u>
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2 John	Revelation	<u>Other Authors</u>
3 John		James
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		2 Peter
		1 John
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		3 John
		<u>Prophecy through John</u>
		Revelation

Ryrie, Charles. *Ryrie Study Bible: Expanded Edition: New American Standard Bible*. Chicago: The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, 1995, xxii; 1500.



Middle East



Introduction

The Gospel of John

- The Gospel of John's primary theme answers the question, "Who is Jesus?" Jesus came into the world, incarnate (God in human form), to reveal the identity and purpose of God.
- God's identity is one of **love** (John 17:22-26) []. The purpose of God is to redeem mankind from the bondages and destruction of sin.



- John used seven specific miracles (*signs*) in his book to prove the divine qualities of Christ and to prove that Christ was God's messenger to the world:
- 1. Water into wine; 2. the cure of nobleman's son; 3. cure of the paralytic; 4. the feeding of the multitude; 5. the walking on the water; 6. the giving of sight to the blind; 7. Raising of Lazarus.

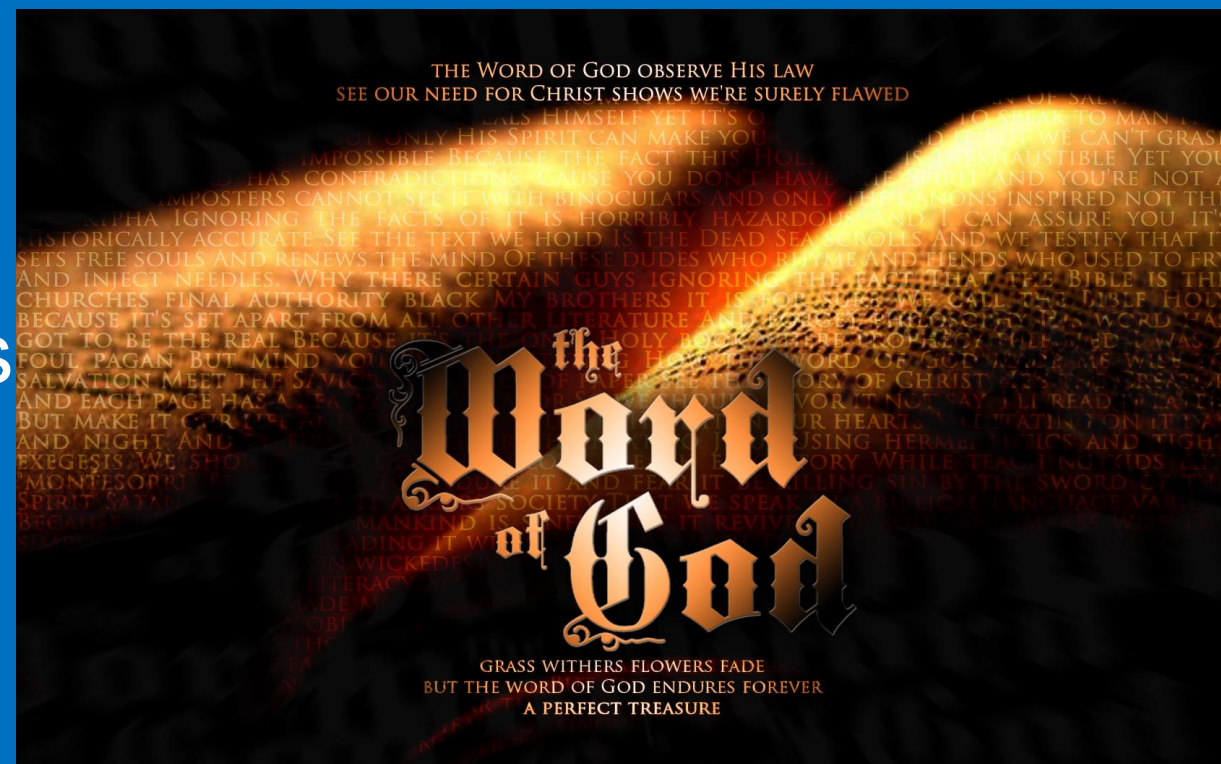


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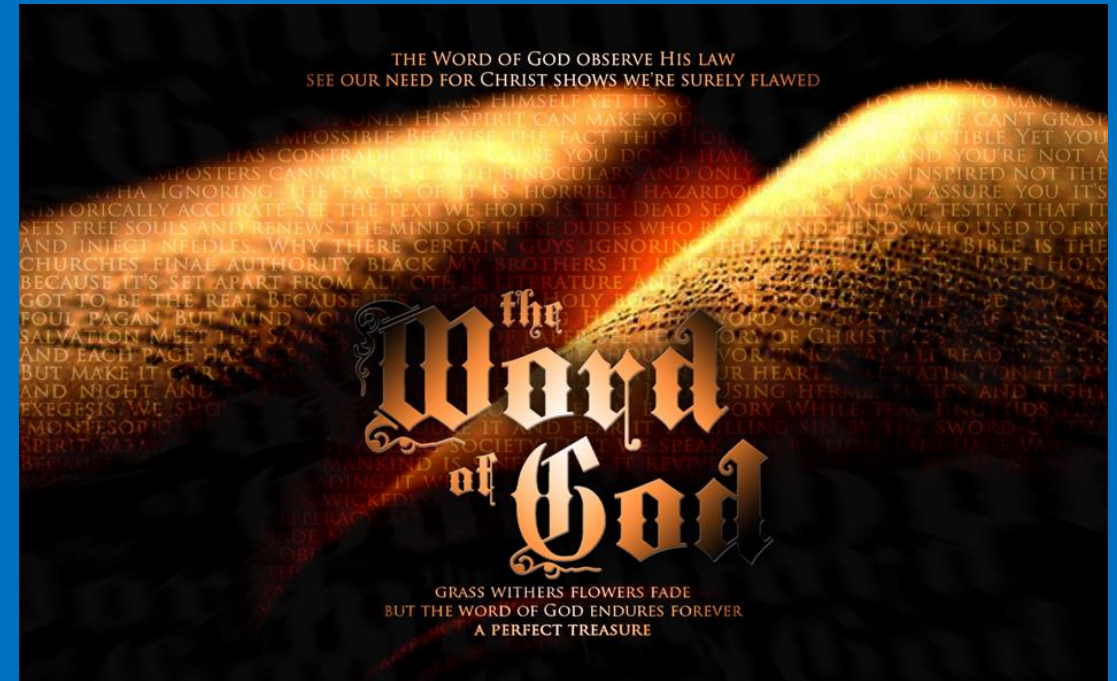
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Ch. 1-The Incarnation of the Son of God (God as man)

- Chapter 1 answers the important question, “Who is Jesus?” Verse 1 says that Jesus was the “Word.” []
- In the Old Testament, Jews were not permitted to say God’s name *Yahweh*.
- The “Word” translates as *logos*. Logos can be defined to mean intelligence, divine reason, mind, or wisdom.



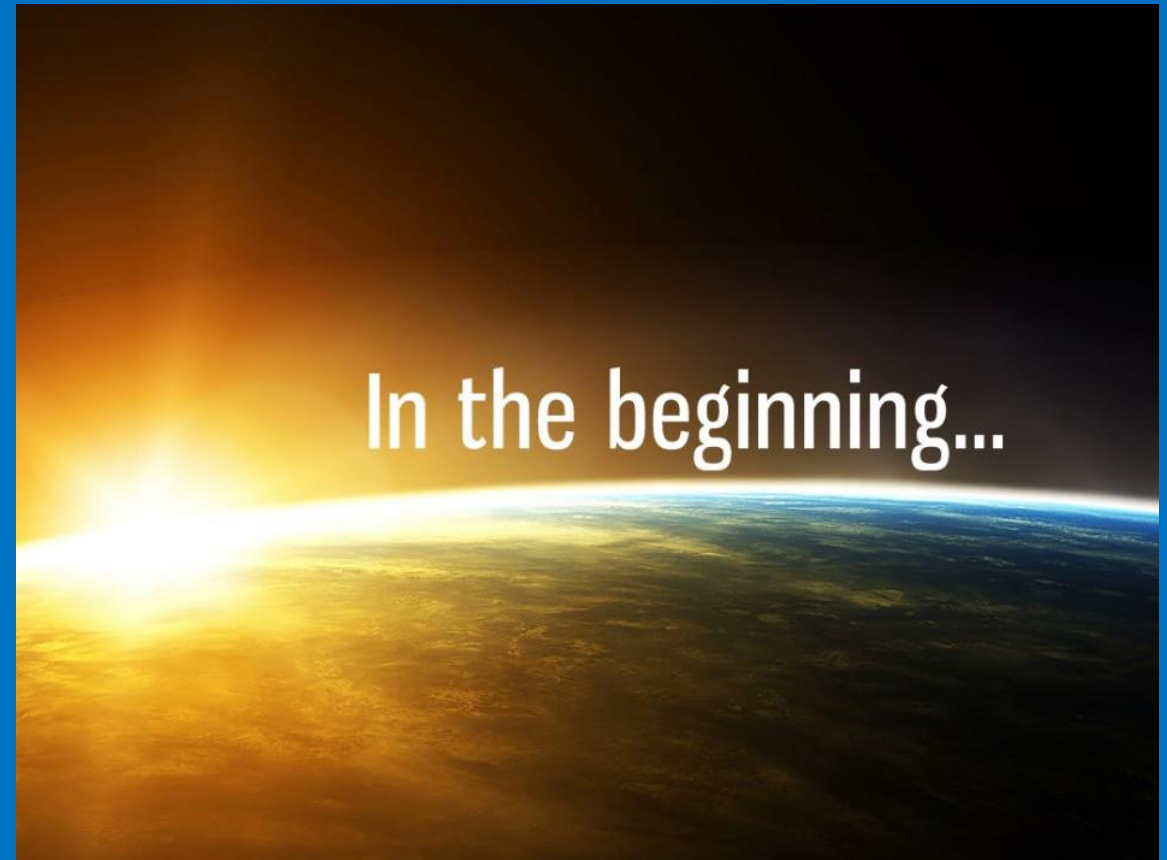
- John translated this meaning into the person of Jesus. When John stated that Jesus was “the Word,” he meant that Jesus was not only the messenger, intelligence, divine reason, mind, or wisdom from God but was God.



<https://abideingodsword.com/2014/03/18/31714-the-powerful-word-of-god/>

Vs. 1-18 give us some very interesting insights about Jesus. Jesus was/is:

- Vs. 1 “In the Beginning... [Beginning-”arches”(ar-ches) absolute sense; before there was any beginning]; never created; with God; God; Jesus was before creation therefore Jesus was never created.
- was the Word...” (*Logos-Intelligence* divine reason, mind, or wisdom).



- Vs. 2-before time with God
- Vs. 3-the creator of all things
- Vs. 4-life-only those who receive Christ will have eternal life with God; light-Christ illuminates the personage of God to mankind.
- Vs. 5-the illuminator of sin



<http://www.douglashamp.com/the-angelic-domain-created-before-genesis-11-or-after/>

- Vs. 9-revealed to everyone (Romans 1:18-21a) []
- Vs. 10-11-a man; the creator of everything; but people did not recognize Him. They crucified Him.
- Vs. 12-the one capable of making us children of God.



<http://soltsisters.blogspot.com/2012/09/the-triumph-of-cross.html>

- Vs. 13-the one to give spiritual birth. The Jews believed that they were automatically going to heaven because they were Jews by physical birth. John states that one becomes a child of God by **faith in Christ.**



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- Vs. 14-the revelation and personage of God (*the Word*). The Word became a man and lived among men. Jesus was the *only begotten one-unique one* (*monogenes: (mono-genes[monogenous])* from the Father. Christ was unique because He was man and God.



<https://wirsindmormonen.de/jesus-christus/weihnachten-fuer-alle-christen-muslime/>

- Vs. 16 the *fullness* (all that God is) of God.

- Vs. 17-the fulfillment of the Law of the Old Testament; grace and truth were exposed through Jesus Christ.
- Vs. 18-the unique one who has seen God and resides in God.



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Luke-Jesus' Birth Chapter 1

Vs. 26-55

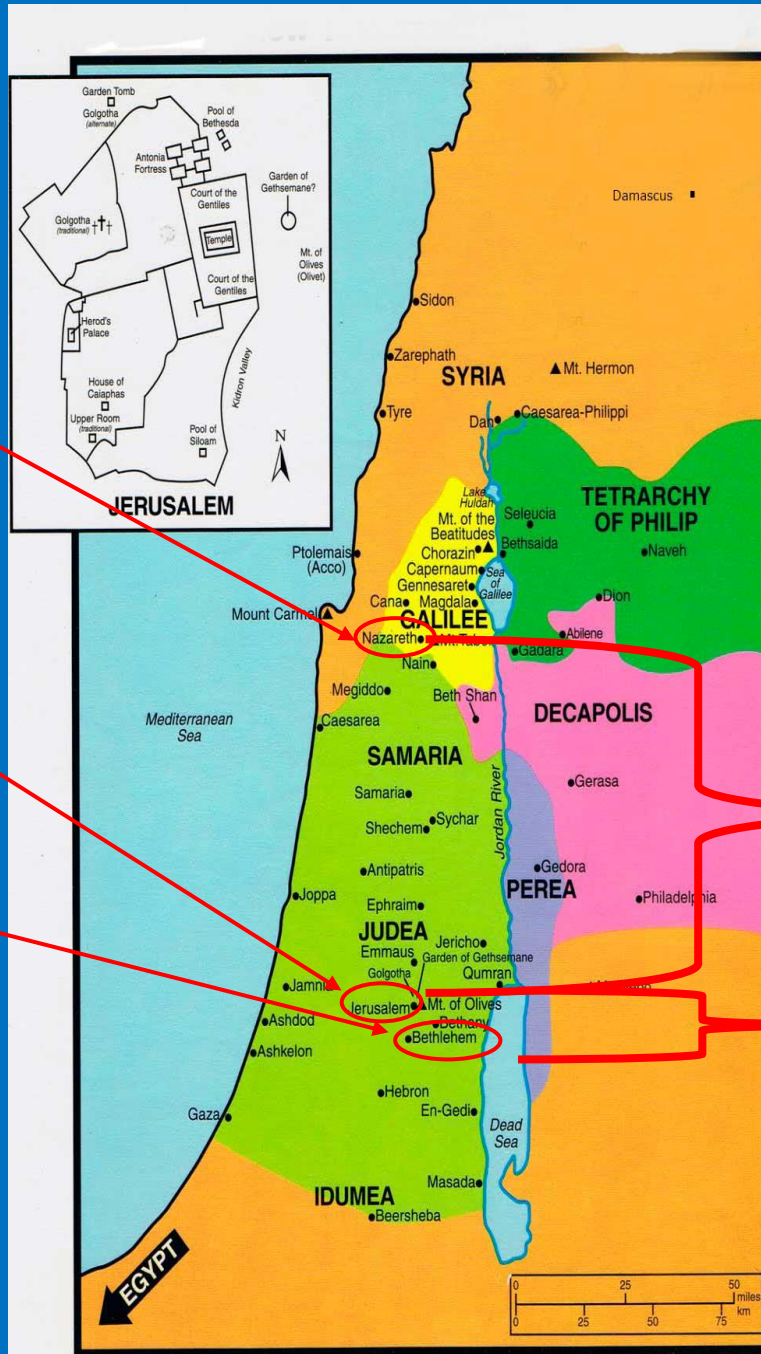
- Gabriel, an angel of the Lord, was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to a man named Joseph.



Nazareth

Jerusalem

Bethlehem



120 Miles/90 Miles
through Samaria

About 20 Miles

- The angel told Mary that she would bear a son and His name would be Jesus. Mary's pregnancy would be divinely wrought by the Holy Spirit.
- Gabriel told Mary that the child would be called the Son of the Most High. The phrase "son of" means "the same as." In other words, Jesus would be God or one who derives human nature directly from God.



- Verses 46-55 is often referred to as the “Magnificat,” which translates from Latin as “glorified.” []
- In the Magnificat, Mary gave praise to God and recited 15 discernible quotations from the Old Testament. This signified how much the Old Testament was relevant to those in Jesus’ time.



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Matthew-Jesus' Birth Chapter 1

Vs. 18-25

- Mary became pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, the one to whom she was engaged, did not know that Mary's pregnancy was divinely wrought so he decided to secretly send her away.



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- An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him that he was to take Mary as his wife for the child had been conceived by the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus' birth was prophesized many years earlier by Isaiah:
 - Isaiah 7:14
 - Isaiah 9:6-7 []

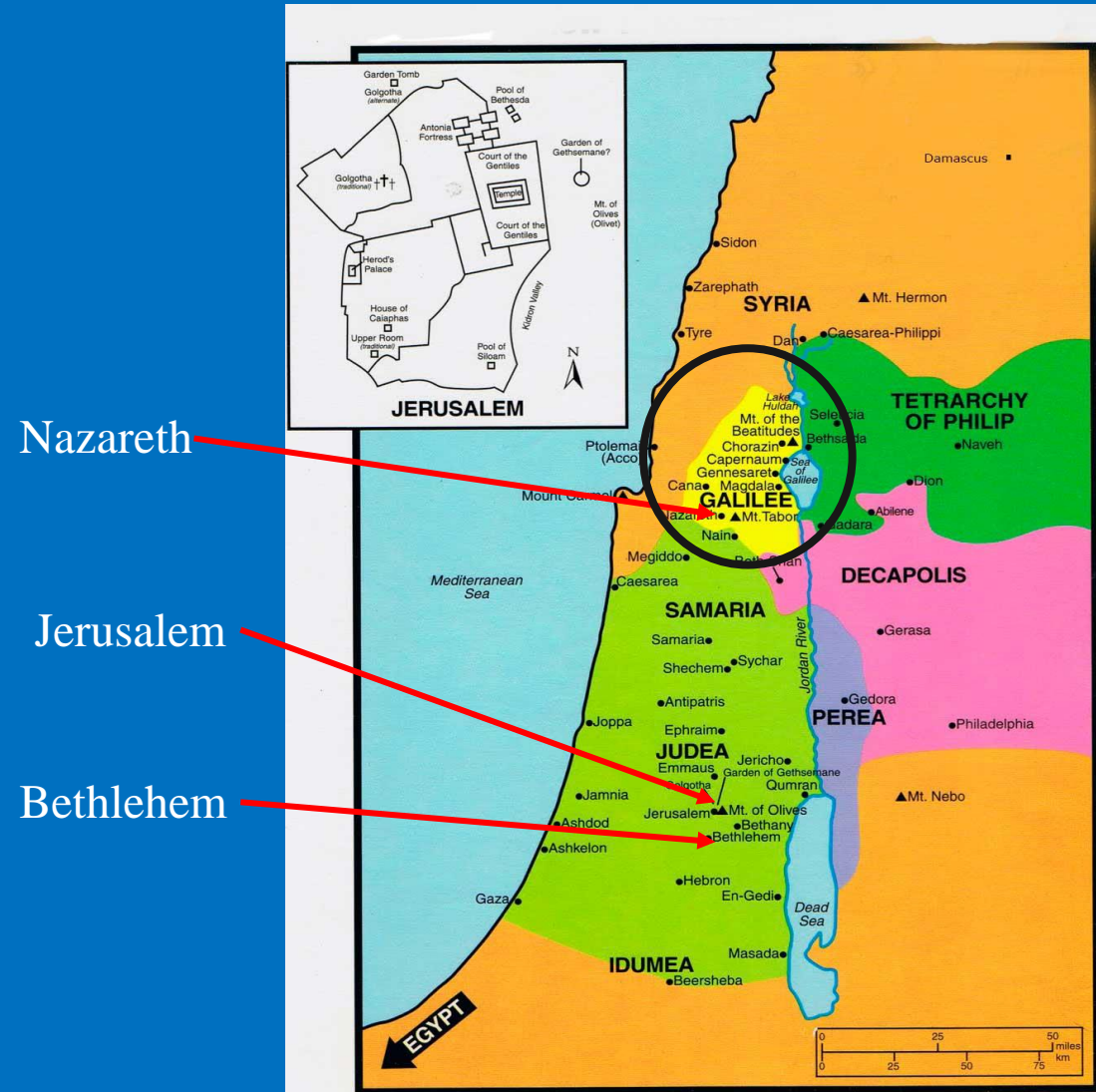


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Luke-Jesus' Birth

Vs. 2:1-20

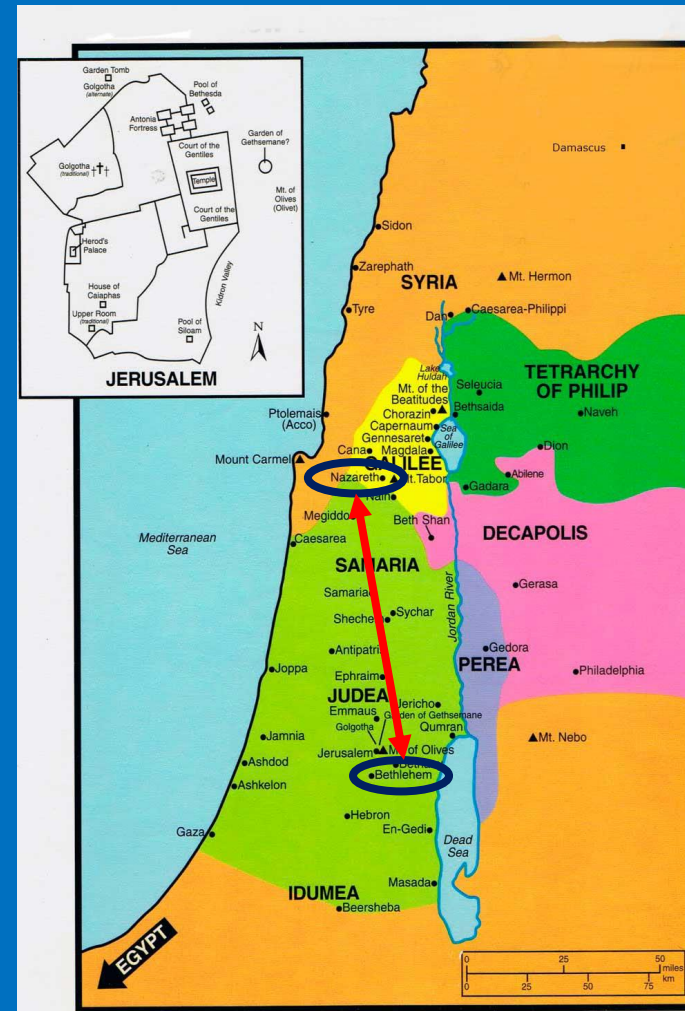
- Caesar August, the Roman ruler (27 B.C.-14 A.D.), had decreed a **census** be taken from all those within the Roman Empire. Joseph left Nazareth in Galilee and went to the city of Bethlehem. Bethlehem was the birthplace of King David from whom Joseph was a descendant. This fulfilled the prophecy of Micah 5:2. []



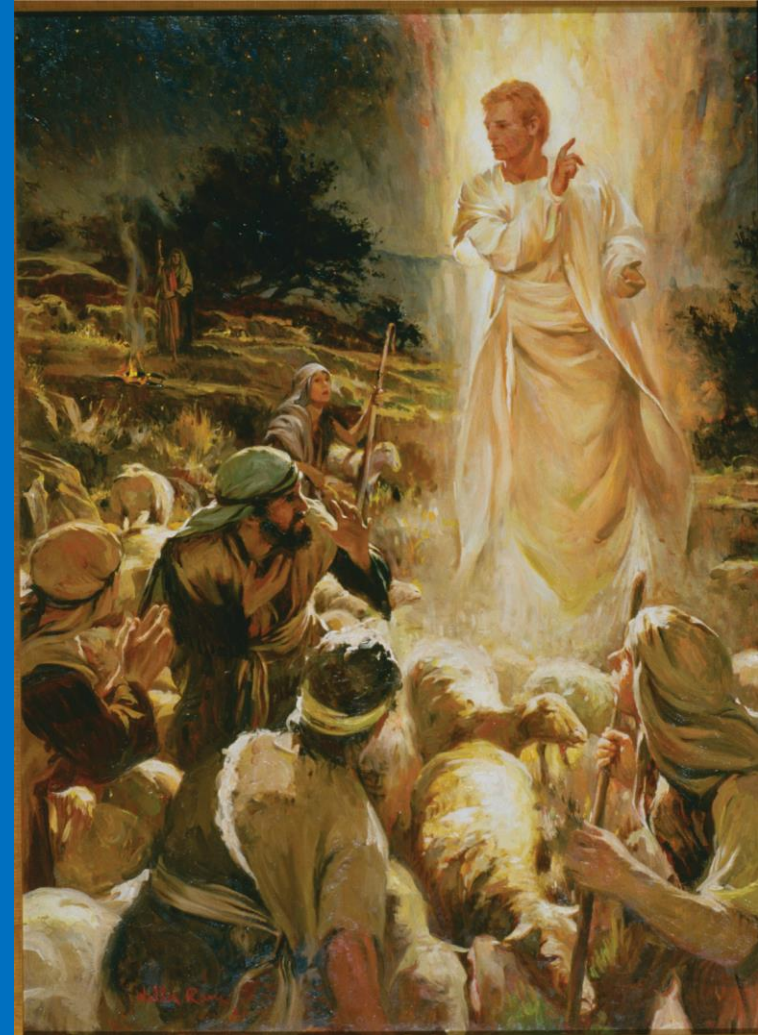
- While in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to Jesus. Jesus' birth and childhood residence of Nazareth was apparently unknown to those later in Jesus' life. When Jesus called Nathanael as a disciple, Nathanael stated, "Can anything good come from Nazareth."

- The Pharisees were also confused about Jesus' birth (**Bethlehem**) (John 7:47-52).
[]

- **Actually, the prophet Jonah did come from Galilee.**



- (Luke 2:8-14) At the time of Jesus' birth, there were shepherds in the nearby fields watching over their flocks. Suddenly, an angel appeared [*ephistemi-epi-steem*] (stood before, came upon, appeared), to them and announced the birth of Jesus. After the angel's announcement, an entire host of angels appeared praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."
- The shepherds hurried away and found Jesus lying in a manger-just as the angel had said.



Matthew-Jesus' Birth

2:1-23

- After Jesus was born, some Maji (possibly astrologers from Persia or southern Arabia) came and asked King Herod about the King of the Jews. After finding Jesus, the Maji presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense (incense), and myrrh (anointing, embalming-Isaiah 60:6).
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...wise men from the East

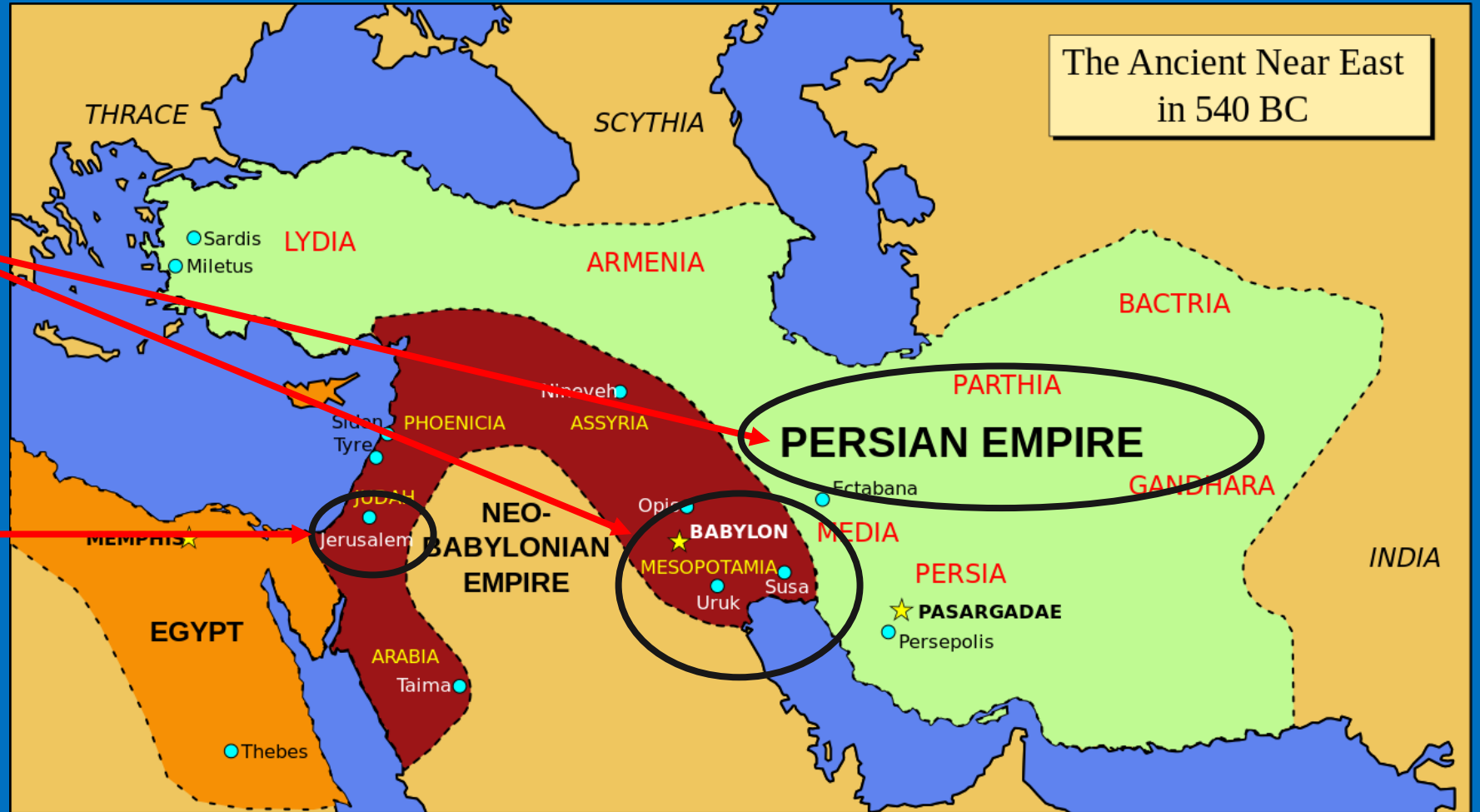


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Daniel 9:25 []

Persia and Arabia

Jerusalem



- King Herod sought to destroy all the babies from the ages of two years and under in Bethlehem and within the surrounding regions.
- An angel of the Lord had warned Joseph to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt until Herod was no longer a threat.



<https://touristinisrael.wordpress.com/2016/10/08/crossing-the-borders-with-egypt-jordan-syria-lebanon-and-israel/map-of-egypt-israel-jordan/>

- After Herod's death, an angel told Joseph that it was safe to return to Israel. Judea, however, was no longer safe since Herod's son, Archelaus, was ruling. An angel appeared again to Joseph and warned him not to stay in Judea. Joseph returned to his hometown of Nazareth in the region of Galilee.



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Luke-Jesus Accompanies His Parents to Jerusalem

2:41-52

- When Jesus was 12 years old, He accompanied His parents to Jerusalem to observe the Feast of the Passover. This feast was instituted **1400** years prior when the Israelites left Egypt. On that night, they were instructed to put blood over the doorpost of their houses and on the two side posts. This sign would prevent the death angel from killing the first born.



- Little did anyone know that the Passover Feast was symbolizing Jesus' ultimate death and sacrifice upon the cross. It makes one wonder how much Jesus, as a 12-year-old boy, understood the significance of this feast.



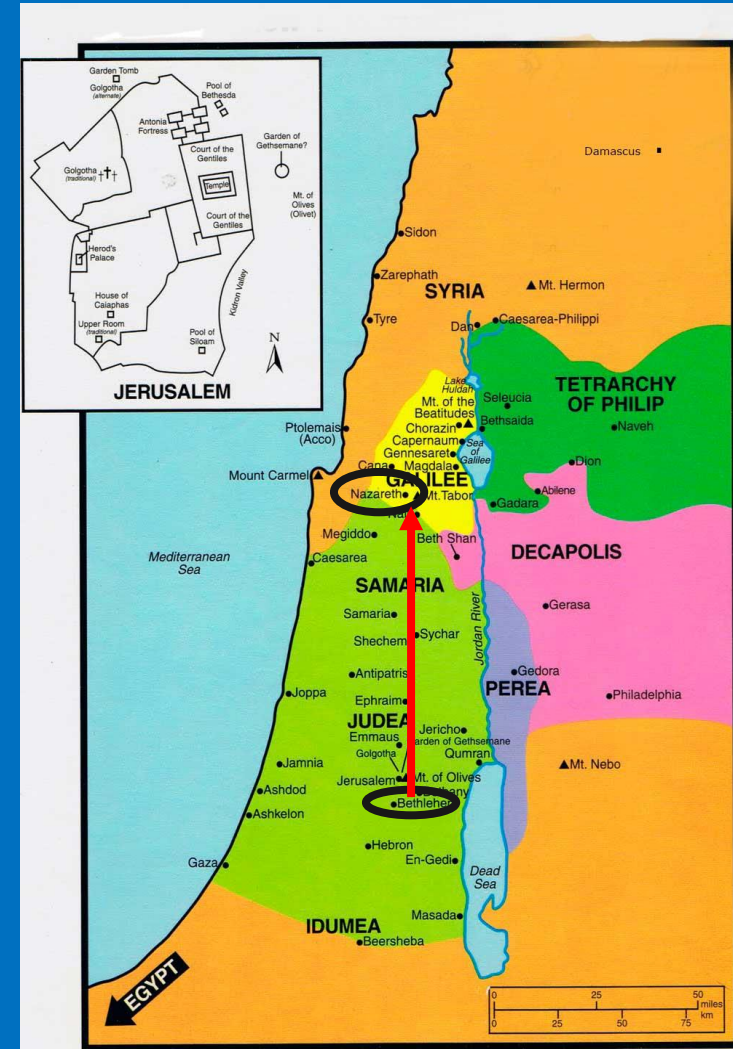
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- Jesus apparently understood enough to stay in Jerusalem after His parents left for Nazareth. Realizing that Jesus was missing, His parents returned to Jerusalem to find Jesus sitting in the temple among the teachers. He was listening and asking the teachers questions.



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- When His parents inquired as to why He did not return with them (for they had been very worried about His absence) He stated, “Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s house?”
- Jesus left Jerusalem with His parents and remained in Nazareth until He began His public ministry.



Summary

God had meticulously planned and proclaimed Jesus' birth many years prior through the prophets of the Old Testament. Little did anyone think the Messiah's birth would take place in a lonely manger. Years later Jesus stated, "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:32). Jesus was born in humility and His death was among those most despised. God wanted the world to know that **His love** would reach out to those with the deepest need and to those with the vilest sin.

John 17:22-26

22 I have given them the glory [*doxa-dok-za*-recognition] that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

24 “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory [total recognition], the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

25 “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. 26 I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.” []

John 1:1

This passage defines who Jesus was/is:

- **1 In the beginning [*Beginning-"arches"(ar-ches) absolute sense; before there was any beginning*] was the Word (the "Word" translates as logos. Logos can be defined to mean intelligence, divine reason, mind, or wisdom), and the Word was with God (Theos-*Thee-os-singular for God-the true God; intelligence*), and the Word was **God** (Theos). 2 He was with **God** in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. []**

Isaiah 7:14

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Other References of breaks in prophecy

Luke 18: Isaiah 61:1-2a []

[]

Micah 5:2

2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” (This was 700 years prior to Jesus’ birth) []

John 7:47-52

47 “You mean he has deceived you also?” the Pharisees retorted. 48 “Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? 49 No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law—there is a curse on them.” 50 Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked, 51 “Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?” 52 They replied, “Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee.” []

Isaiah 60:6

6 A multitude of camels will cover you, The young camels of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba will come; They will bring gold and frankincense, And will bear good news of the praises of the Lord. []

Luke 1:46-55

46 And Mary said, My soul (*psuche-shoe-ka*) doth magnify the Lord,

47 And my spirit (*pnefuma-nu-ma*) ability to communicate with God) hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed [*makarizo-ma-care-e-os*-to pronounce as blessed; fully satisfied].

49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

[Over---]

50 And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

51 He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

54 He hath holpen (helped) his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;

55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever. []

Romans 1:18-21

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. []

Luke 4:18: Isaiah 61:1-2a

Luke 4:18

8 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed, 19 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.”

Isaiah 61:1-2a

1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Because the Lord has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners; 2 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord And the day of vengeance of our God... []

Daniel 9:25-26

25 So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks=[**173,880 days**]; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. 26 Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, [**from the first of the month Nisan (*ne-sun*) 445 B.C. to the tenth of Nisan (April 6) A.D. 32-Palm Sunday-Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem**], and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined [**70 AD. The Romans destroyed Jerusalem**]. []