

Christmas Special

December 23, 2012

Dean Bible Ministries

www.deanbible.org

Dr. Robert L. Dean, Jr.

The Birth of the Savior

Luke 2:1–40; Matt. 2:1–18



Gal. 4:4–5,

“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

Luke 1:26, “Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

Luke 1:27, “to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.”

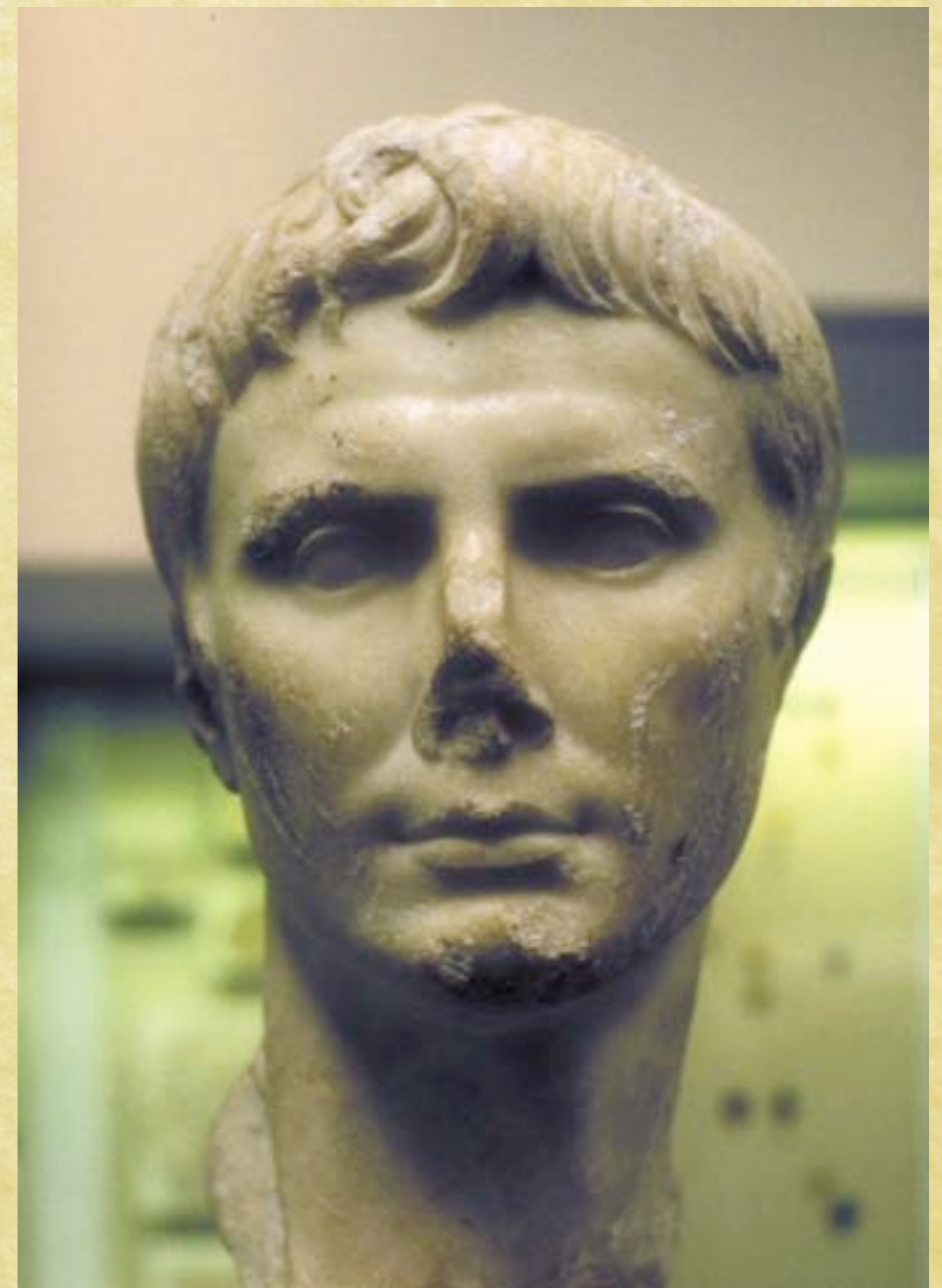


Luke 2:1, “And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

Luke 2:2, “This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.”



Octavius
Augustus Caesar
27 BC – AD 14



Luke 2:3, “So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Luke 2:4, “Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,”

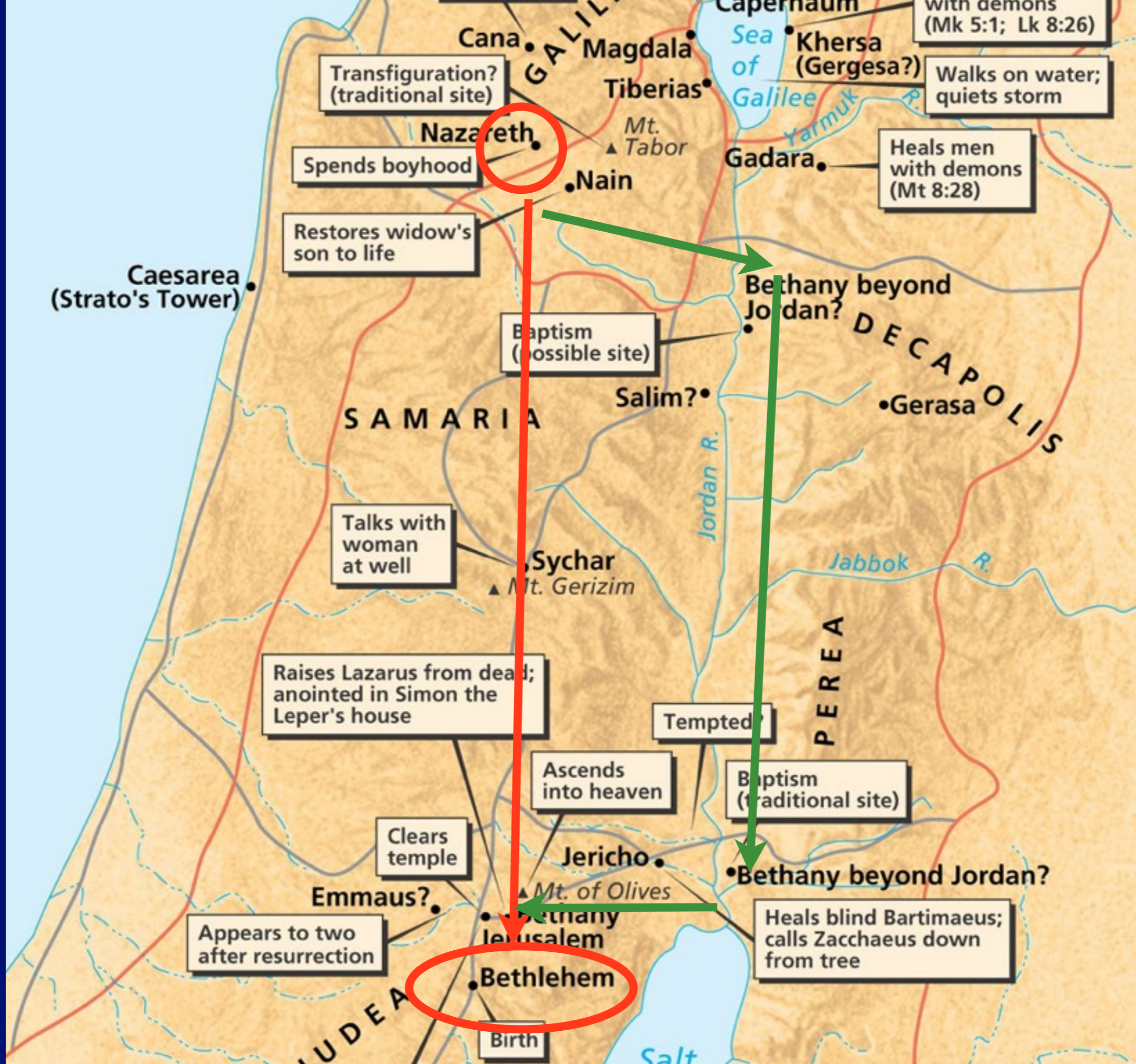
Luke 2:3, “So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

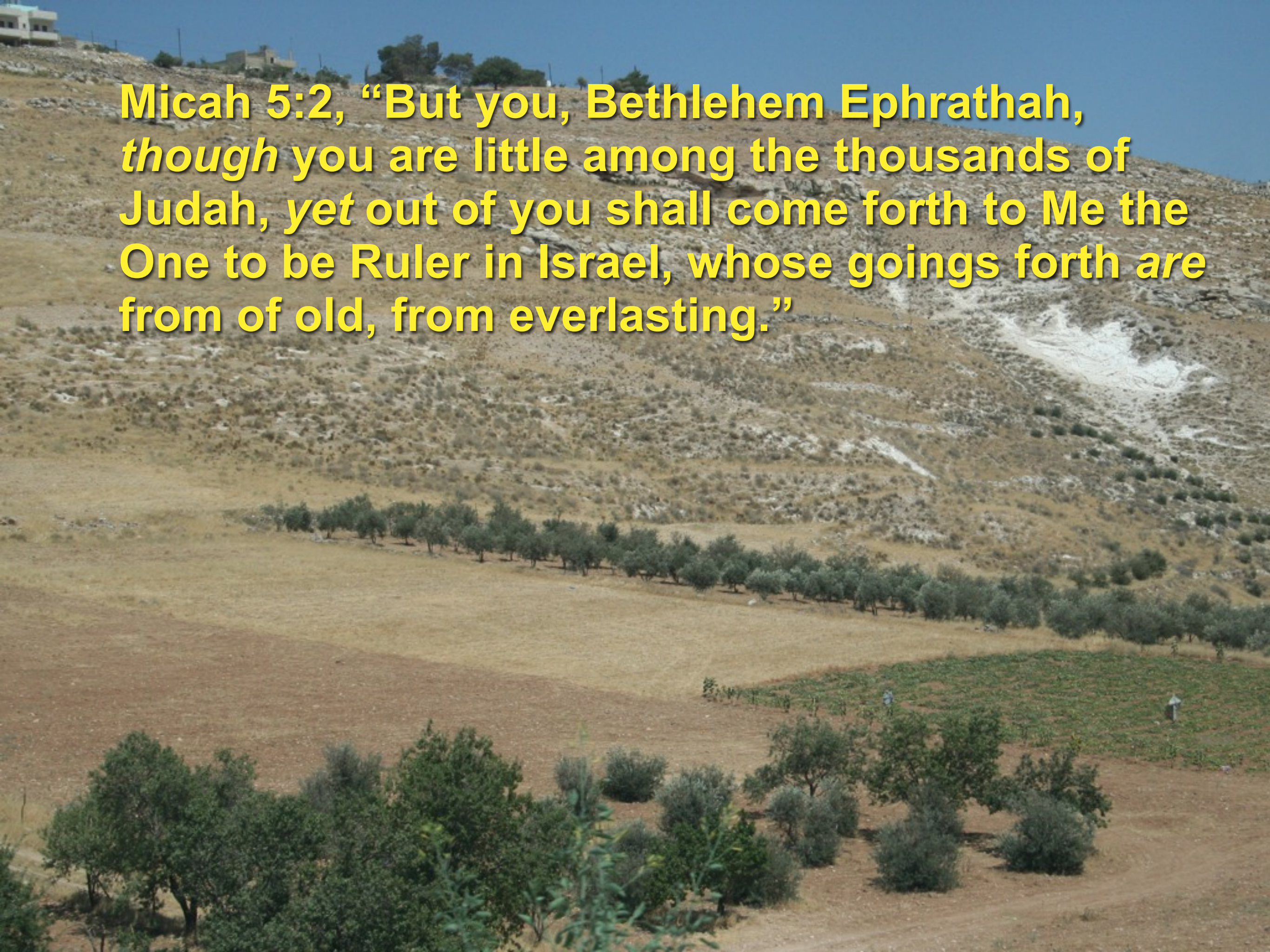
Luke 2:4, “Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,”

Matt. 1:11, “Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon.

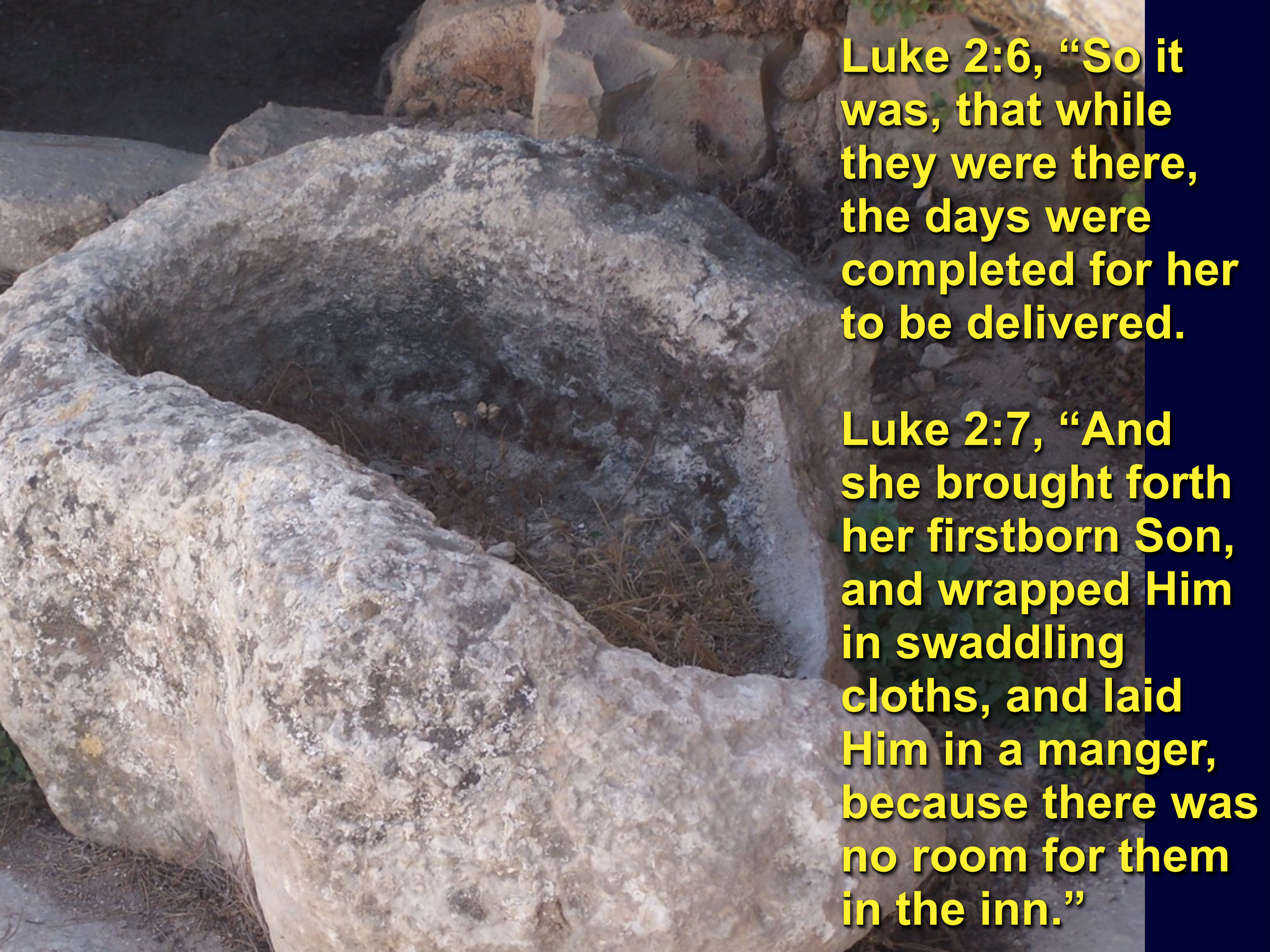
Matt. 1:12, “And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel... Joseph, the husband of Mary (1:16)”

Jer. 22:30, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Write this man down as childless, a man who shall not prosper in his days; For none of his descendants shall prosper, sitting on the throne of David, and ruling anymore in Judah.’ ”



A landscape photograph showing a hillside with sparse, dry vegetation. In the foreground, there is a line of green trees and bushes. The sky is clear and blue. The text is overlaid on the upper part of the image.

Micah 5:2, “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth *are* from of old, from everlasting.”



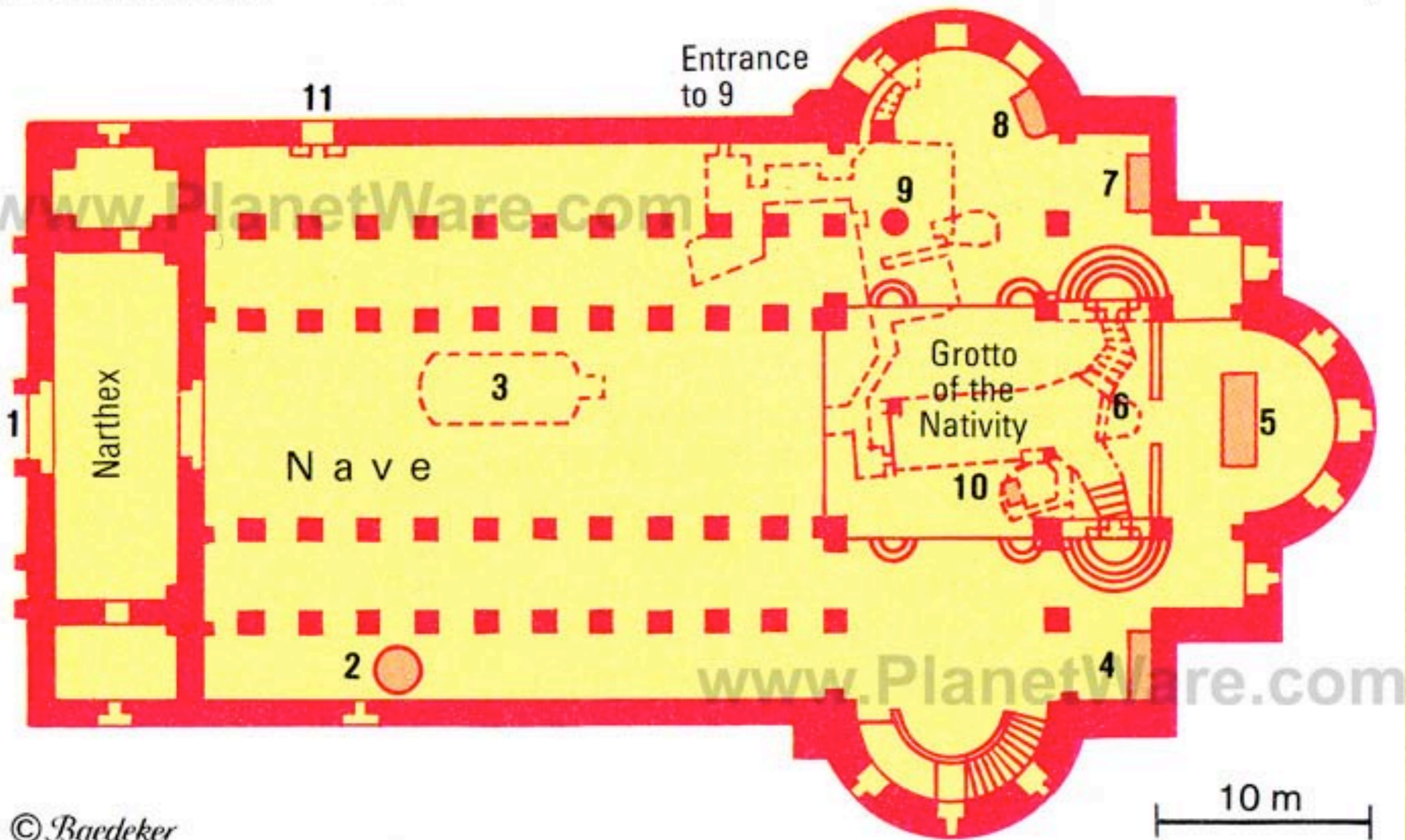
Luke 2:6, “So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

Luke 2:7, “And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”



Bethlehem

Church of the Nativity



© Baedeker

- 1 Entrance
- 2 Font
- 3 Mosaic pavement
- 4 Altar of Circumcision

- 5 High altar
- 6 Iconostasis
- 7 Altar of Three Kings
- 8 Altar of the Virgin

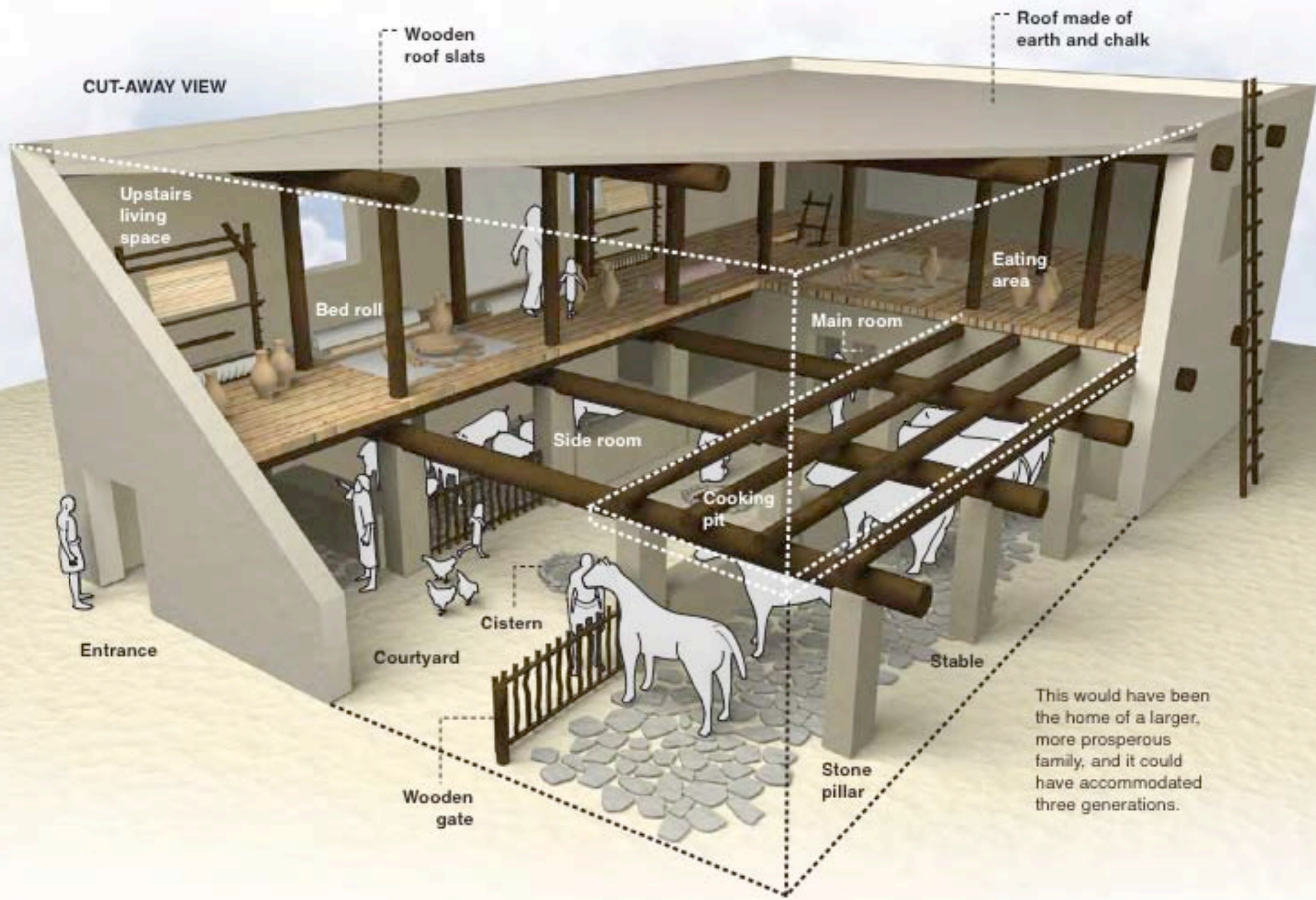
- 9 Grotto of Holy Innocents
- 10 Altar of the Manger
- 11 Doorway to St Catherine's Church



Luke 2:7, “And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”

**κατάλυμα *kataluma*
dat neut sing
guest room, upper room**





CUT-AWAY VIEW

Wooden roof slats

Roof made of earth and chalk

Upstairs living space

Bed roll

Eating area

Main room

Side room

Cooking pit

Cistern

Courtyard

Stable

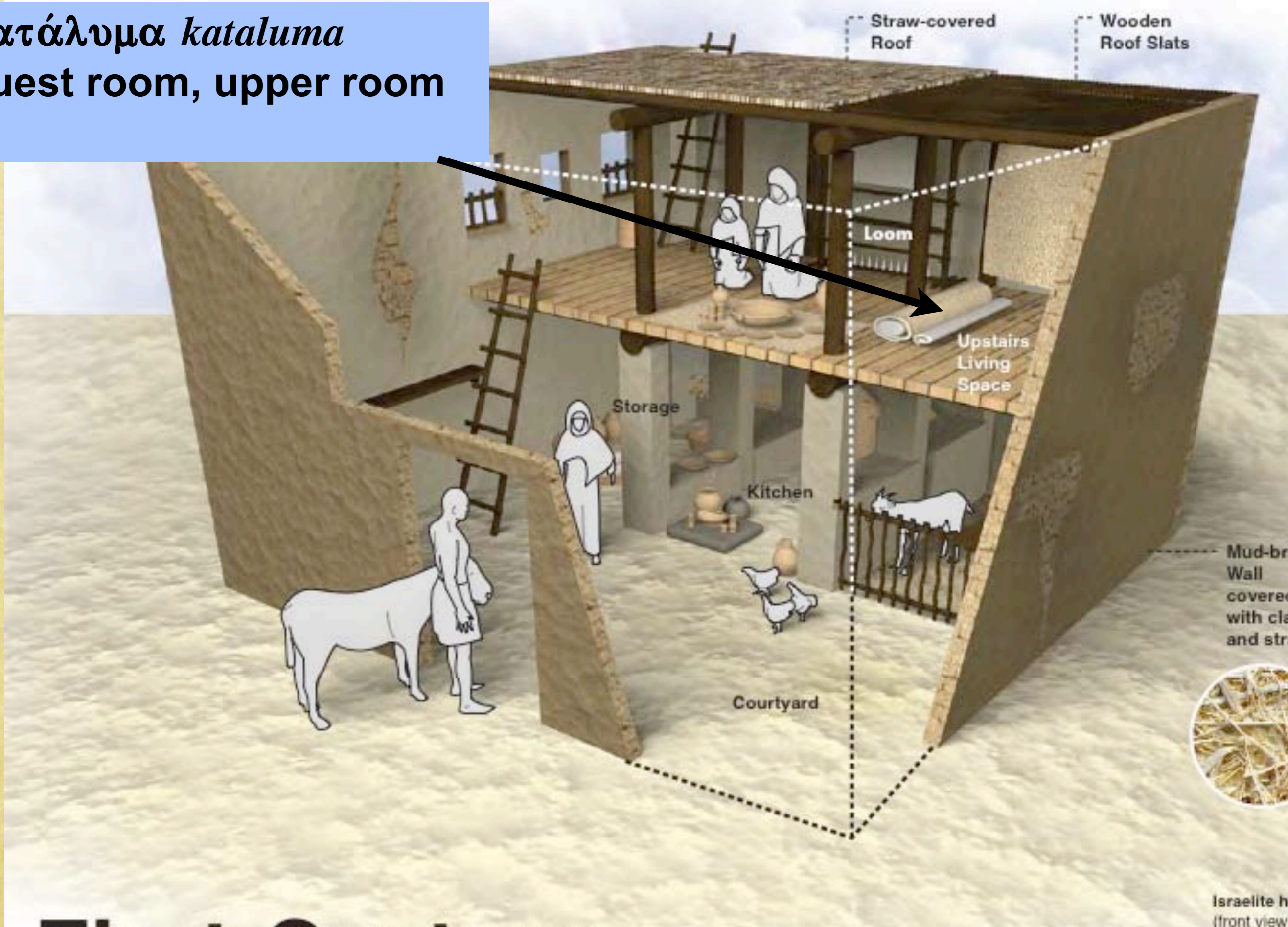
Entrance

Wooden gate

Stone pillar

This would have been the home of a larger, more prosperous family, and it could have accommodated three generations.

κατάλυμα *kataluma*
guest room, upper room



First-Century

Size comparison:

Height

Israelite house
(front view)

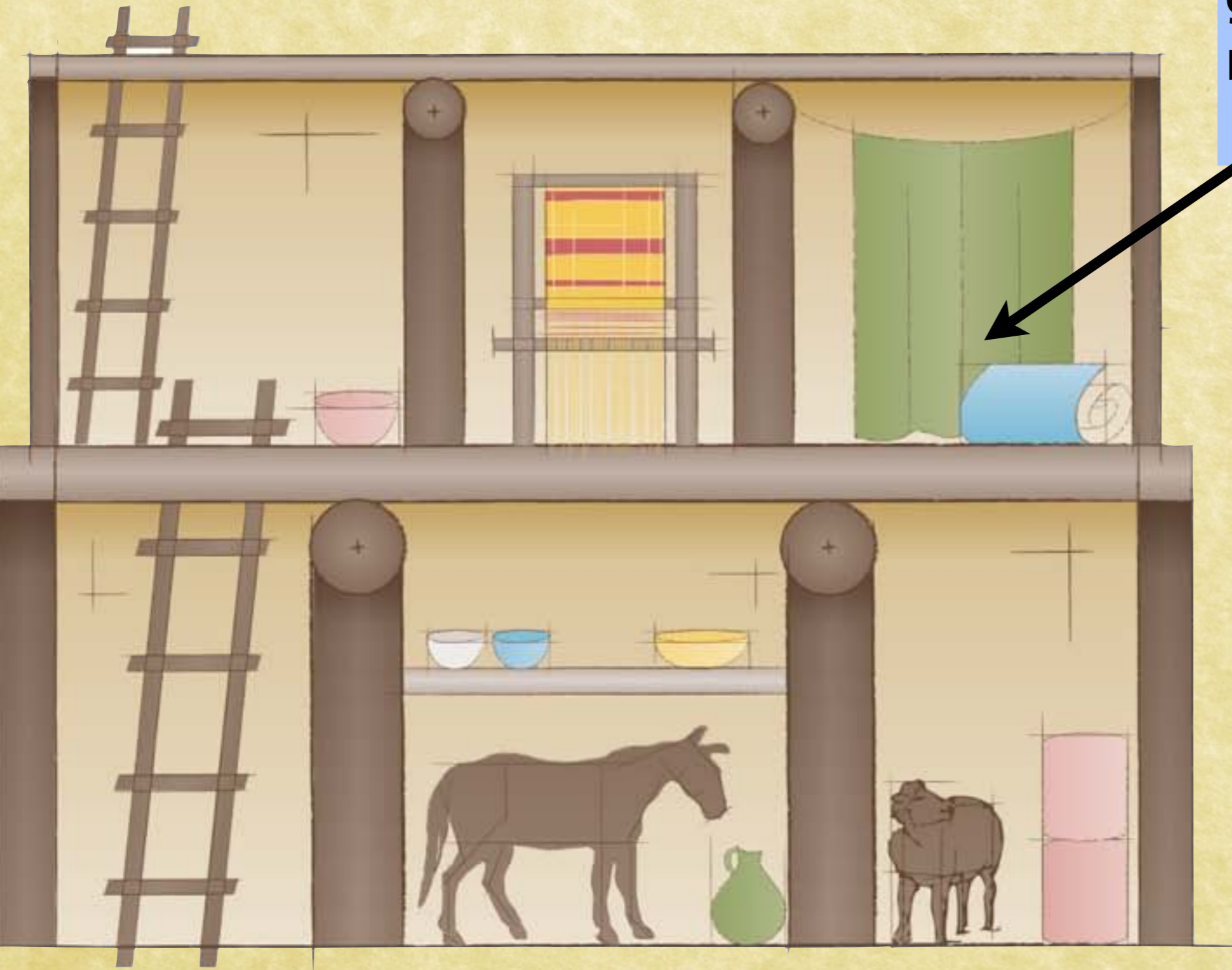
Each floor

Typical 1st Century AD Jewish Home

κατάλυμα *kataluma*
guest room, upper
room

Living and
Sleeping Quarters

Daytime Living
Quarters where
vulnerable or
especially valuable
animals were stored
at night



1 Sam. 28:24, “Now the woman had a fattened calf in the house, and she hastened to kill it. And she took flour and kneaded it, and baked unleavened bread from it.”

Luke 13:15, “The Lord then answered him and said, ‘Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it?’

Luke 13:16, “ ‘So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?’

Luke 13:17, “And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.”

Luke 10:34, “So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

Luke 10:35, “On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ ”

πανδοχείον *pandocheion*
acc neut sing
a commercial inn

Luke 22:10, “And He said to them, ‘Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters.

Luke 22:11, “Then you shall say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?” ’

Luke 22:12, “ ‘Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready.’ ”

κατάλυμα *kataluma*

dat neut sing

guest room, upper room

“Perhaps ... recourse was had to one of the Bethlehem houses with the lower section provided for the animals, with mangers ‘hollowed in stone,’ the dais being reserved for the family. Such a manger being immovable filled with crushed straw, would do duty for a cradle.”

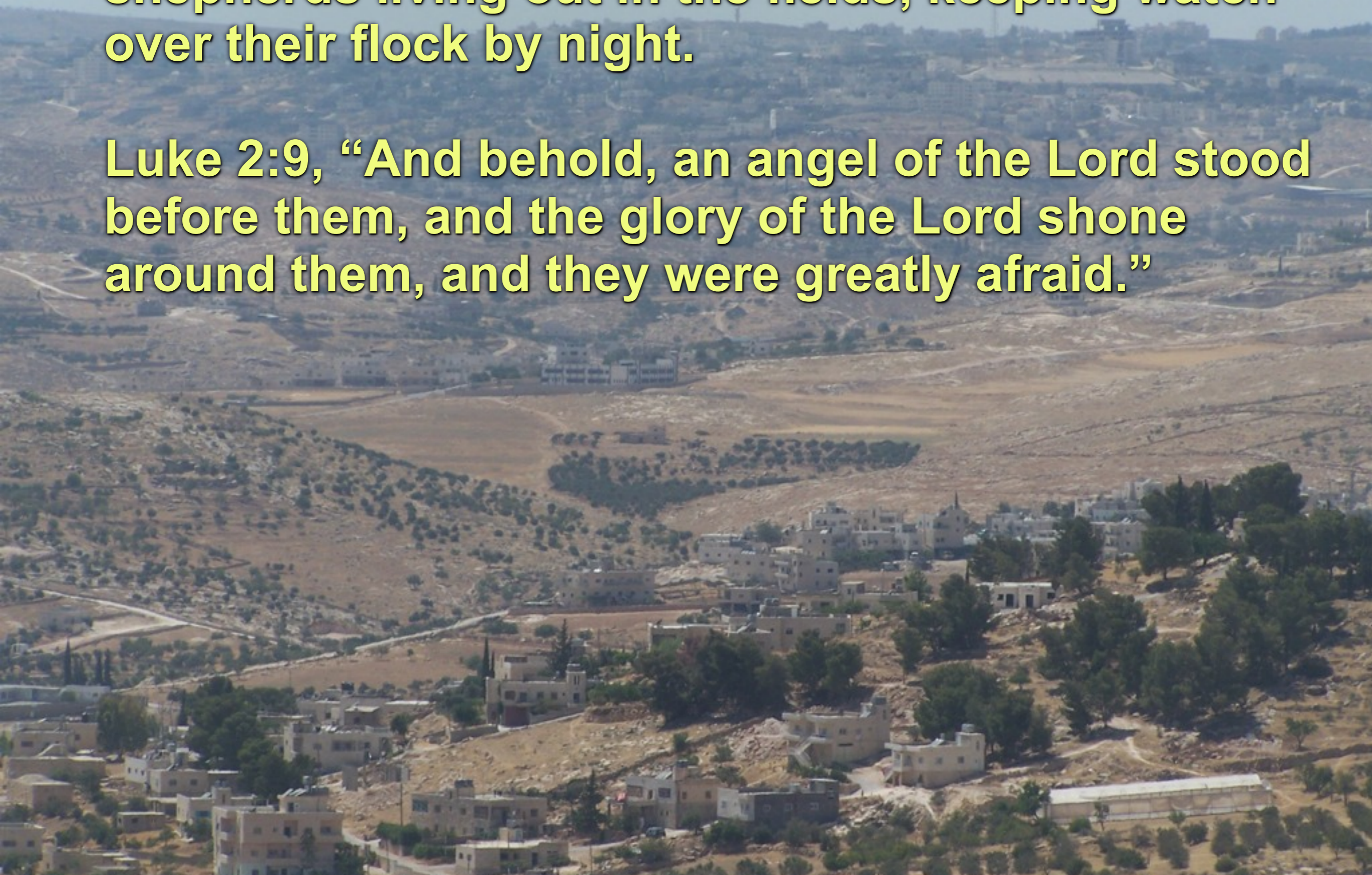
~Anglican scholar E. F. F. Bishop, who lived in Jerusalem from 1922 to 1950.

“It is a little doubtful whether the familiar translation ‘in the inn’ is correct... It is possible that Joseph had relied upon the hospitality of some friend in Bethlehem, whose ‘guest-chamber,’ however, was already full when he and Mary arrived.”

~Plummer, *Luke*

Luke 2:8, “Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Luke 2:9, “And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.”



Luke 2:10, “Then the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

Luke 2:11, “ ‘For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:12, “ ‘And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.’ ”



Luke 2:13, “And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

Luke 2:14, “ ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!’ ”

Luke 2:15, “So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.’

Luke 2:16, “And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:17, “Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

Luke 2:18, “And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

Luke 2:19, “But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 2:20, “Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.”

Luke 2:21, “And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.”

Luke 2:21, “And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.”

- **Jesus is the Greek form of *Yehoshua*, or Joshua**
- **The root is *yasha*, to save or deliver**
- **Joshua was an extremely popular name, as was: Yakob (Jacob, James), Yoseph (Joseph, Joses), Judah (Jude, Judas). These were extremely popular names in the first century.**

Luke 2:21, “And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.”

Matt. 1:21, “And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Luke 2:21, “And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

Luke 2:22, “Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

Luke 2:23, “(as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD’),

Luke 2:24, “and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, ‘A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.’ ”

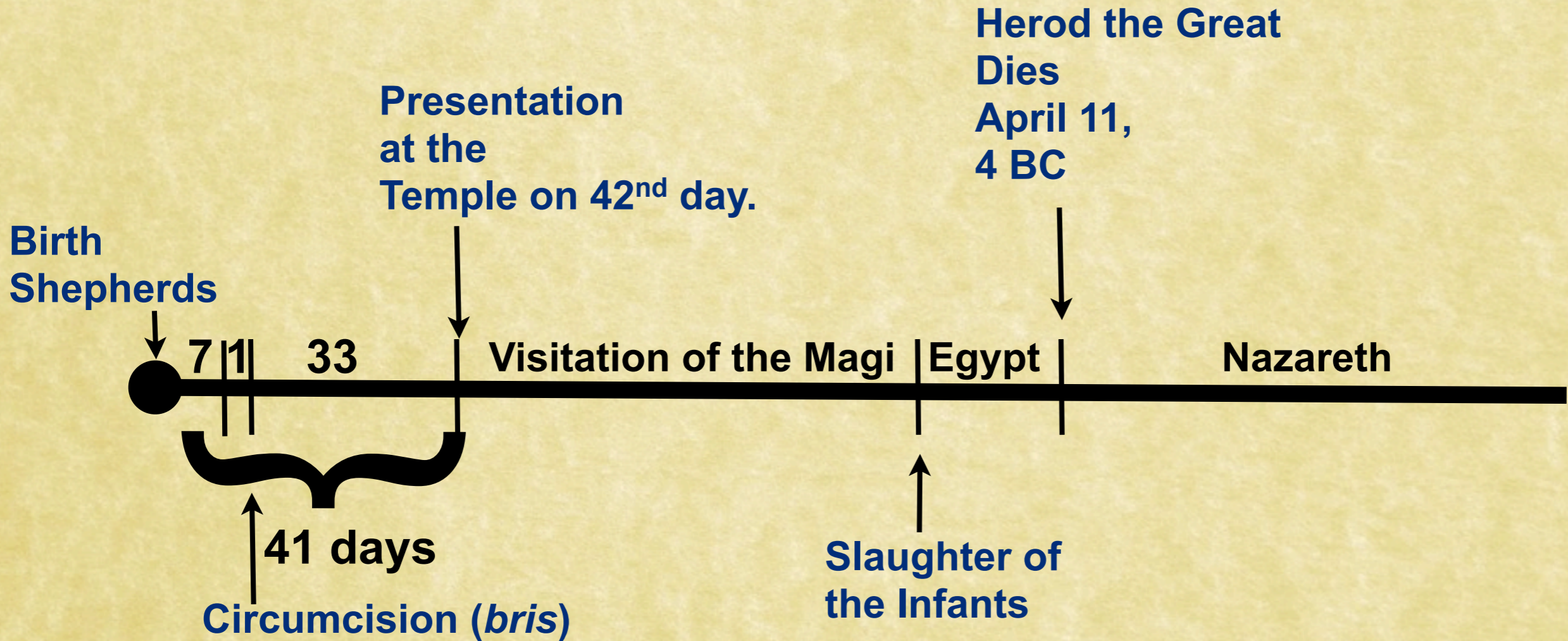
Lev. 12:1, “Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Lev. 12:2, “ ‘Speak to the children of Israel, saying: “If a woman has conceived, and borne a male child, then she shall be unclean seven days; as in the days of her customary impurity she shall be unclean.

Lev. 12:3, “ ‘ “And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

Lev. 12:4, “ ‘ “She shall then continue in the blood of her purification thirty-three days. She shall not touch any hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary until the days of her purification are fulfilled.” ’ ”

Timeline for Jesus' Infancy



Minimal Time From Birth to Death of Herod: approx 77 days/11 weeks.

This would place Jesus' birth around mid-January 4 BC

Maximum Time from Birth to Death of Herod: around April 11, 6 BC.

Matt. 2:7, “Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.”

Matt. 2:16, “Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.”

Matt. 2:1, “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,

Matt. 2:2, “saying, ‘Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.’ ”

Matt. 2:3, “When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Matt. 2:4, “And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

Matt. 2:5, “So they said to him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

Matt. 2:6, “ ‘ *“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.” ’ ”*

Matt. 2:7, “Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.

Matt. 2:8, “And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, ‘Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.’

Matt. 2:9, “When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

Matt. 2:10, “When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

Matt. 2:11, “And when [after] they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh”

Matt. 2:12, “Then, *after* being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

Matt. 2:13, “Now *after* they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, ‘Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.’ ”

Matt. 2:14, “When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt,

Matt. 2:15, “and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, ‘Out of Egypt I called My Son.’

Matt. 2:16, “Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.”

Gal. 4:4–5,

“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

1 Tim. 1:15, “This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.”

John 11:27, “She said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.’ ”

John 12:46, “I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.”