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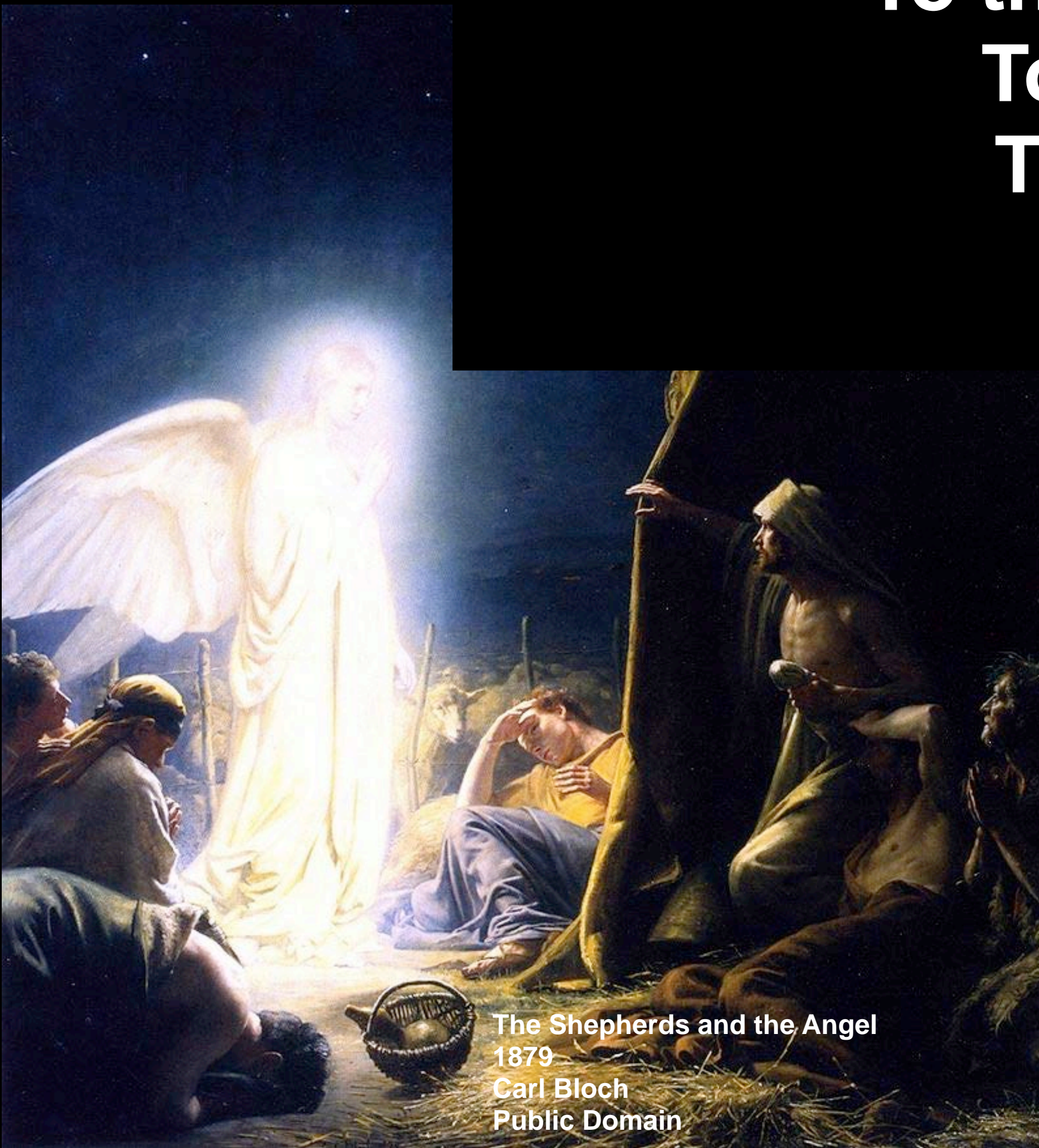
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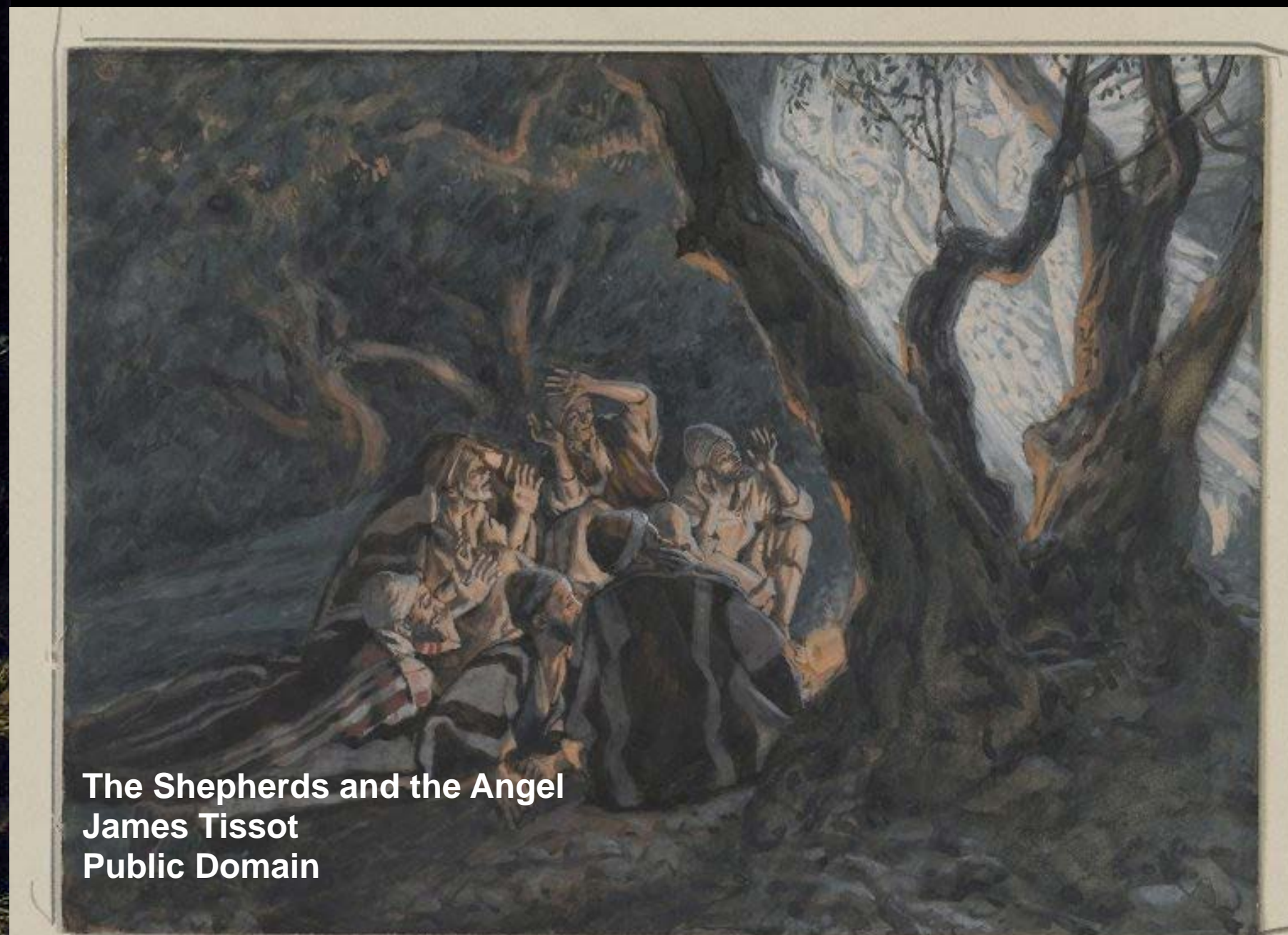
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To the Shepherds, Luke 2:9–14;  
To Joseph, Matthew 2:13;  
To Joseph, Matthew 2:19



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**The Fourth Angelic Message:  
To the Shepherds  
Announcing the Birth of the Savior,  
*Messiah*, the Lord**

**Luke 2:8–19**

**Trust and Praise!**



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# Background: God's Covenant with King David

1 Chron. 17:11, [God speaking to David] “ ‘And it shall be, when your days are fulfilled, when you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up your descendant after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom.’ ”

1 Chron. 17:12, “ ‘He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.’ ”

1 Chron. 17:13, “ ‘I will be his Father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My mercy away from him, as I took it from him who was before you.’ ”

1 Chron. 17:14, “ ‘And I will establish him in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever.’ ”

**Psa. 2:2, “The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Messiah, saying,”**

**Psa. 2:6, “ ‘Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.’**

**Psa. 2:7, “ ‘I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, “You are My Son, today I have begotten You.” ’ ”**



The Annunciation  
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**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 1:32**, “He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

**Luke 1:33**, “And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” [NKJV]

**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 2:5**, “to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

**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.”

**Prophecy:**

**Mic. 5:2**, “But you, Bethlehem of Ephrath, 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.”

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*2 Sam. 7:12–16*  
*Psa. 89*  
*1 Chron. 17:11–14*

## ETERNAL HOUSE

*2 Sam. 7:11, 13a, 16*  
*1 Chron. 17:10*

## ETERNAL KINGDOM

*2 Sam. 7:12c*  
*1 Chron. 17:14*

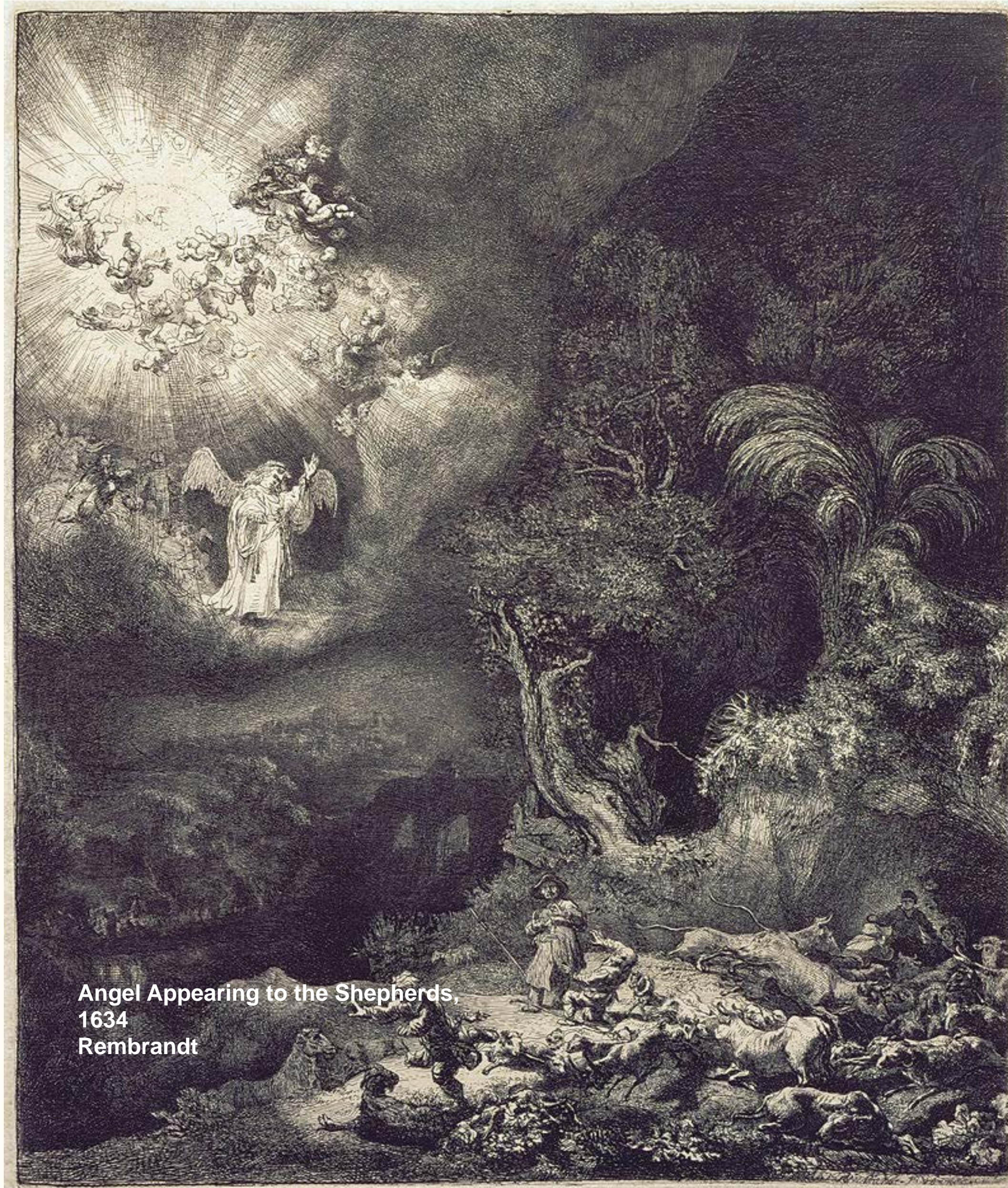
## ETERNAL THRONE

*2 Sam. 7:13b*  
*1 Chron. 17:12b, 14*



## The Setting

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

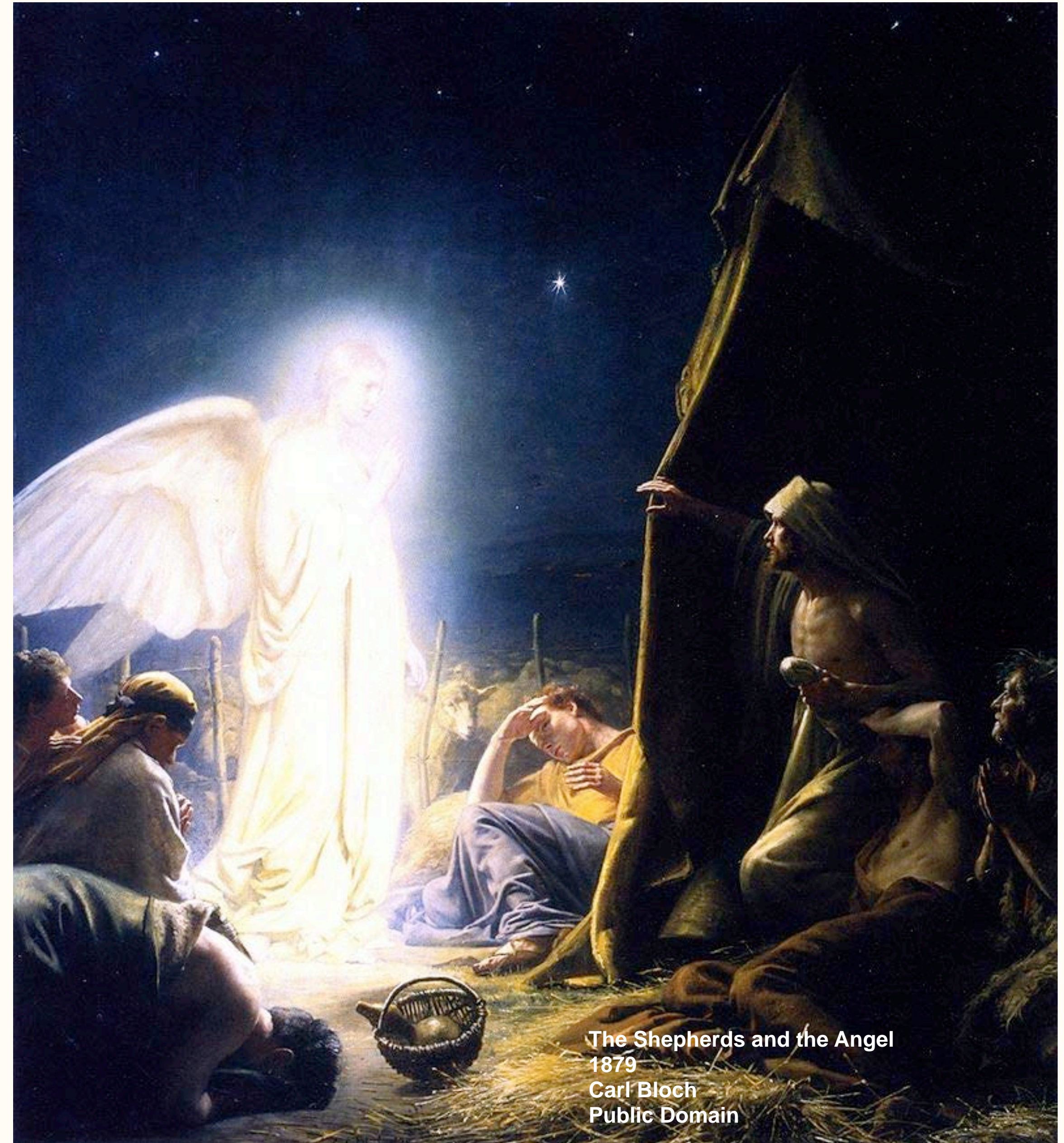


Angel Appearing to the Shepherds,  
1634  
Rembrandt



# An angel

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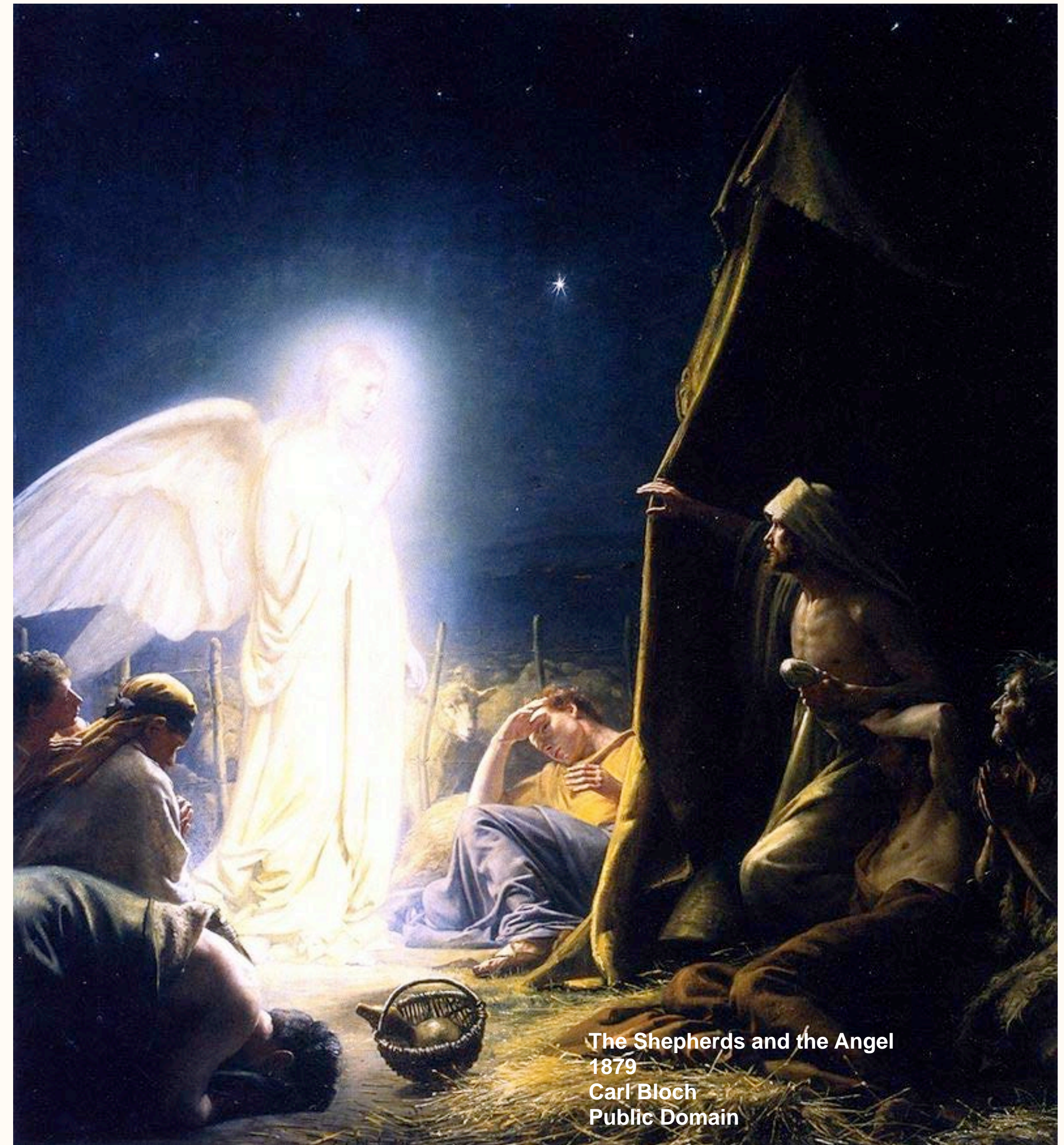
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## Shekinah glory

**“*shakan*” the dwelling presence of God, often visible as fire, or bright light.**

**The Christmas star was the Shekinah glory.**



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The Angel Appearing to  
the Shepherds,  
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**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.’ ”

# **The Four Statements of the Angel**

- 1. Do not be afraid.**
- 2. I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.**
- 3. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**
- 4. This will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.**

# 1. “Do not be afraid.”

**Used over 112× in the Bible, either as *do not be afraid*, or *do not fear*, or *fear not*.**

**Nearly always used at the time of a Divine or Angelic appearance (theophany or angelophany).**

**2. “I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.”**

**“good tidings” is the good news (εὐαγγελίζω *euaggelizō*  
“to proclaim good news”**

**“all people” – Luke uses this phrase almost exclusively to emphasize the people of Israel. It is not until later in Acts as the Church has begun and expanded to the Gentiles that it means more.**

**3. “For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”**

**Savior: a term that most often refers to a deliverer from enemies: a judge, or general. Jehoahaz is the only king called a soter.**

***Soter* has the idea of a rescuer or deliverer from peril, either spiritually or physically.**



**3. “For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”**

**City of David reminds us of God’s covenant with David, the promise of an eternal descendant, on an eternal throne, for an eternal kingdom.**

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**Christ: *Christos* (Gr.), translates *Meshiach* [מָשִׁיחַ] in Hebrew; the anointed or appointed one. This is a technical term for the descendant of David.**

**Psa. 2:2, “The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed [*Meshiach*], saying,”**

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**Lord (κύριος): throughout the Old Testament this is the standard translation for *YHWH*, thus indicates the undiminished deity of the Messiah.**

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**2 Cor. 5:19, “that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”**

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**1 Tim. 2:4, “who [God our Savior] desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”**

## The Result:

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.”





## The Praise:

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.”



## **The Fifth Angelic Message: To Joseph: A warning**

**Matt. 2:13, “Now when 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.’ ”**

**The Sixth Angelic Message:  
To Joseph: Told to go home, a message of comfort**

**Matt. 2:19, “Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,**

**Matt. 2:20, “saying, ‘Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.’**

**Matt. 2:21, “Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.”**

- **Zechariah doubted, was disciplined;**
- **Mary trusted, but wanted to understand more about how she would become a mother;**
- **Joseph trusted and obeyed three times;**
- **The shepherds trusted, praised God, and told others.**