Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

The Christmas Story

Luke 2
December
2008



and



Matthew 2
December
2009



Christmas

In the Beginning was The Word,
And The Word was with God,
And The Word was God.
He was with God in the Beginning.

The Word became flesh and made His

Dwelling among us.

We have seen His glory, the glory of

The ONE and ONLY,

Who came from The Father,

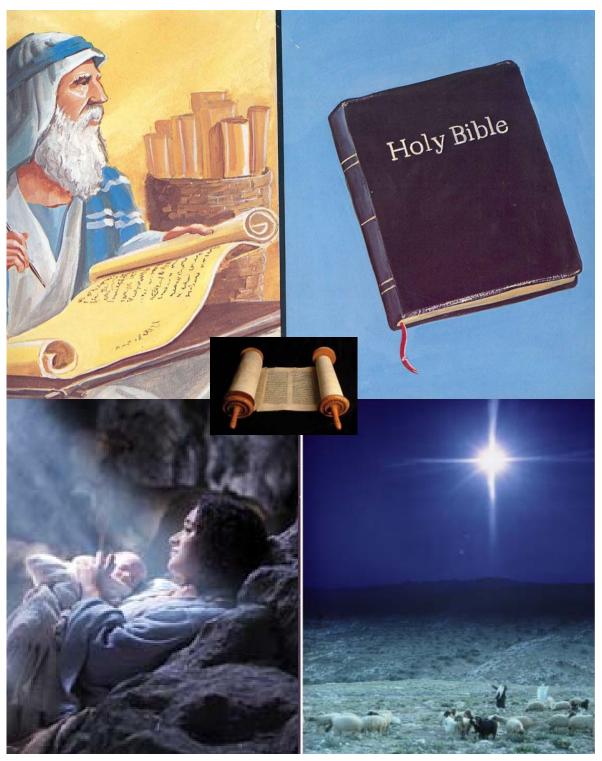
full of Grace and Truth.

John 1: 1-2, 14

This book is the beginning of a book that will grow each year until it is finished. Children are a heritage from The LORD, Psalms 127: 3
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The Word is the only heritage that will last forever.

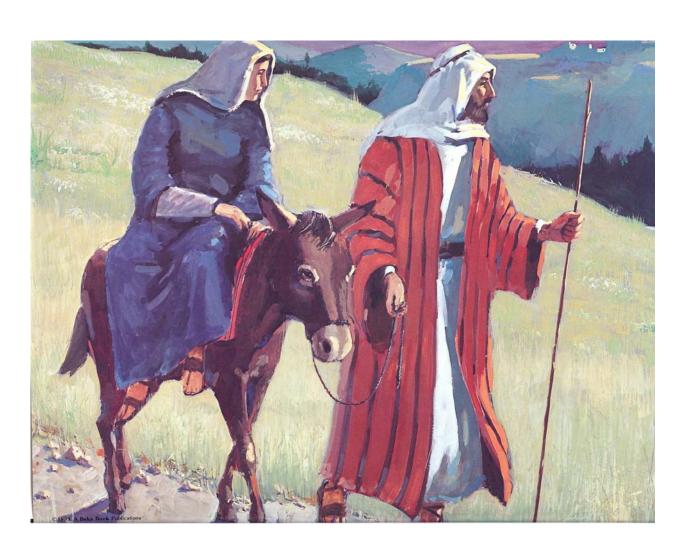
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Many hundreds of years ago God gave prophets His Word to write down for us. His Word is a love letter to us. His Word tells us of His Son, who is Jesus Christ The LORD. The Bible tells us of how He was born.

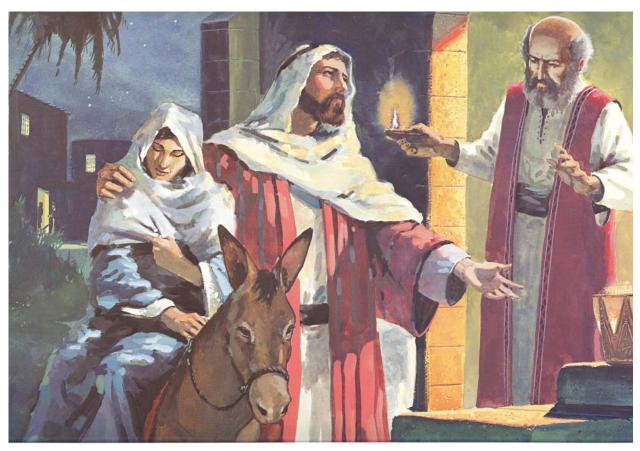
It is written in Luke 2

1 And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. 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, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

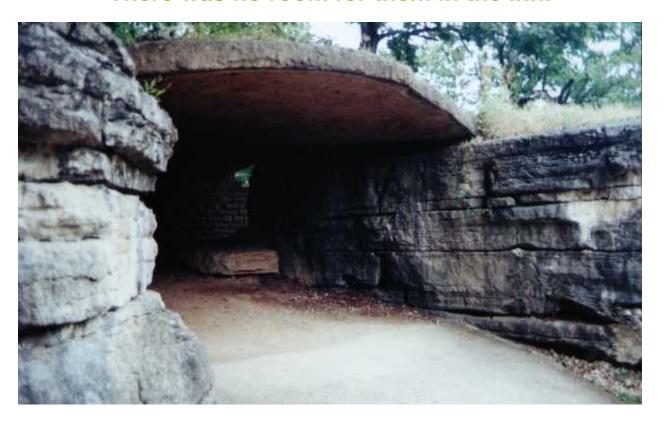


6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

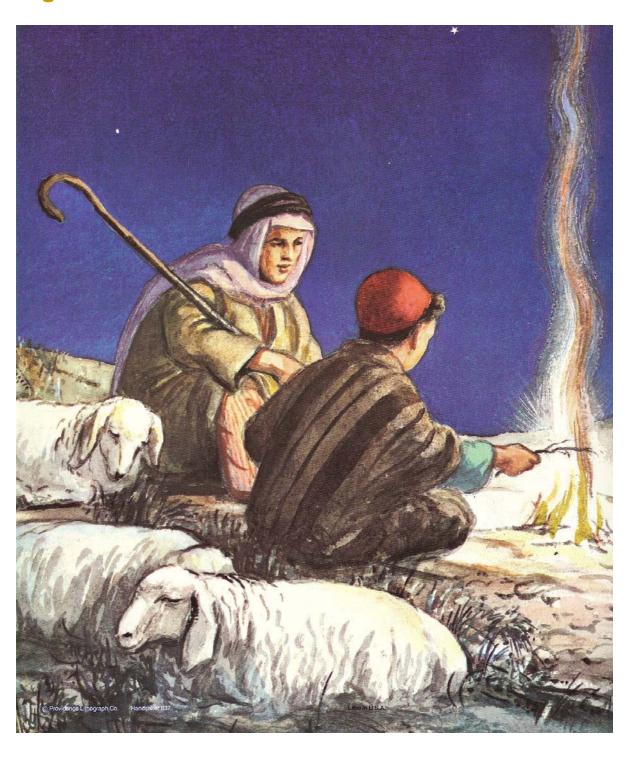




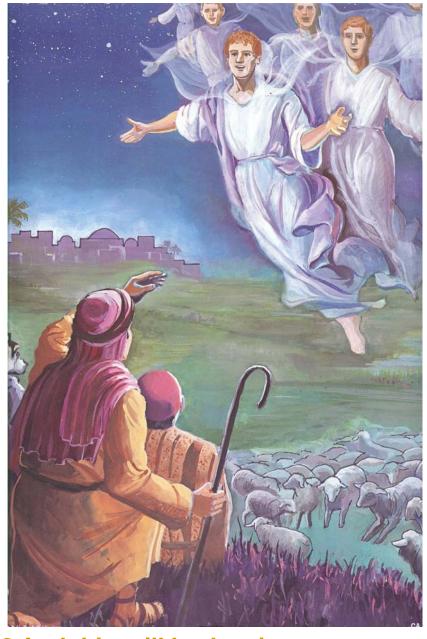
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8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.



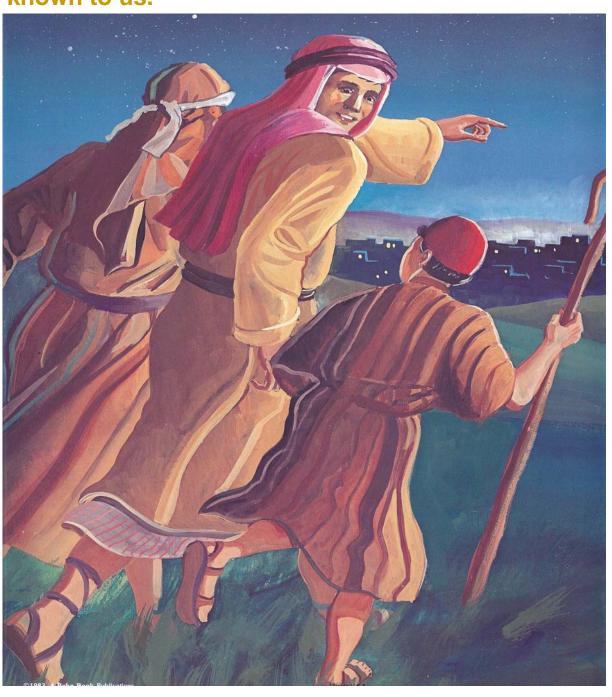
9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid, 10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is

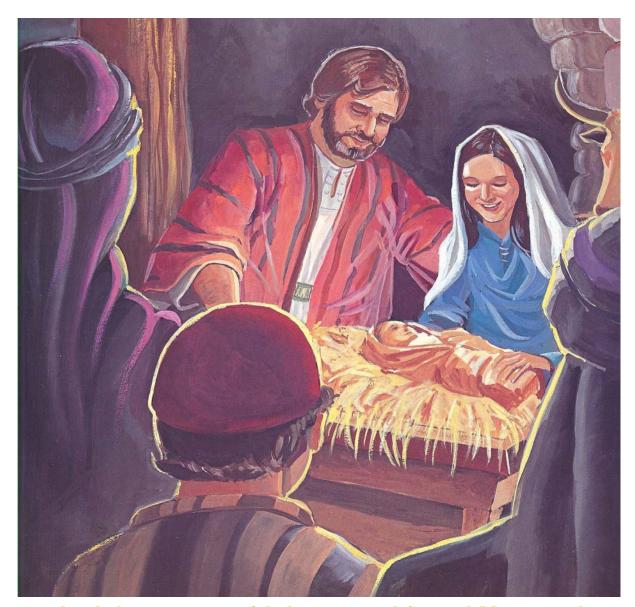


Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

14 " Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

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."



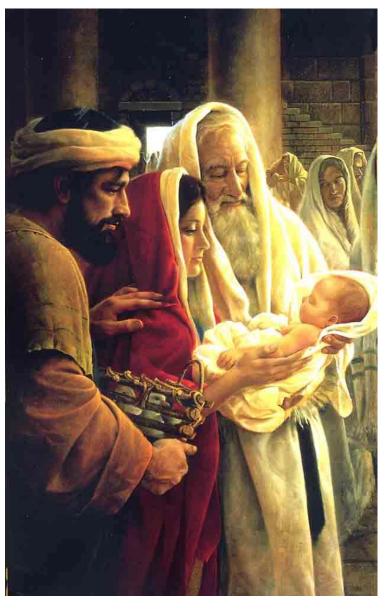


16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. 17 Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. 18 And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. 20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

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.



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 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"), 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."



Luke 2: 25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, 28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

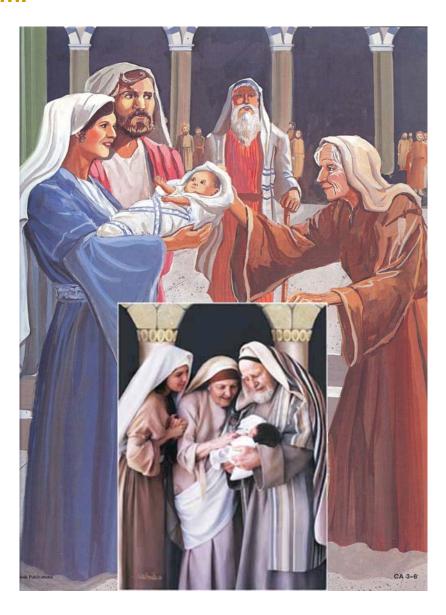


29 "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; 30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation 31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, 32 A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."



Luke 2: 33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this *Child* is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against 35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

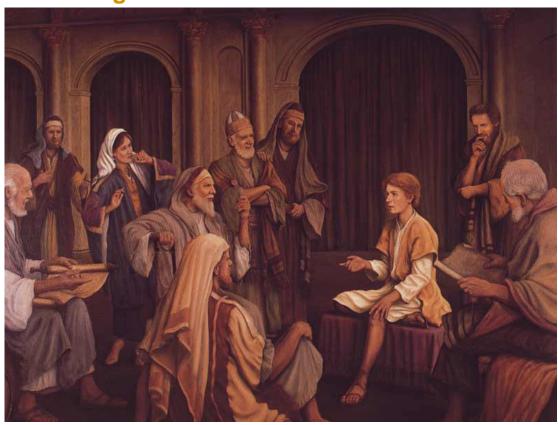
Luke 2: 36 Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; 37 and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day. 38 And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.



Luke 2: 39 So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their *own* city, Nazareth. 40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.



Luke 2: 41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover, 42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. 43 When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; 44 but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. 45 So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. 46 Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.



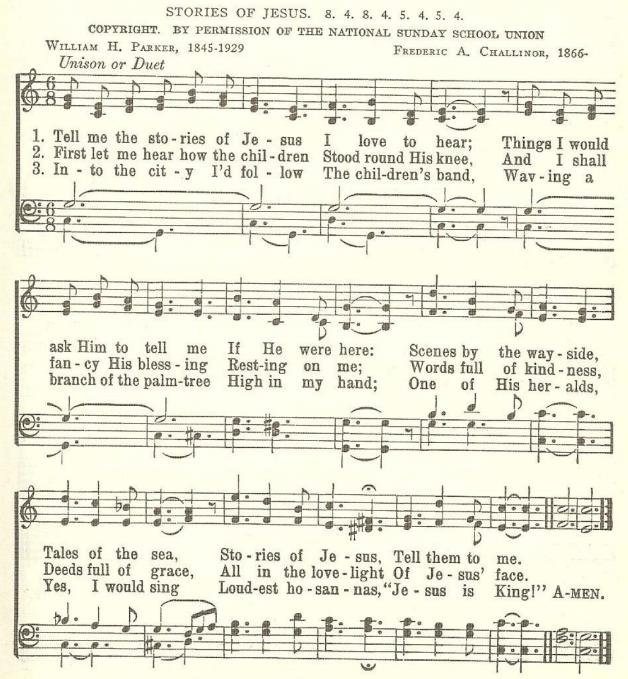


Luke 2: 48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." 49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" 50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.



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It is written in Matthew 1

¹THE BOOK of the ancestry (genealogy) of Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed), the son

(descendant) of David, the son (descendant) of Abraham.

²Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

³Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Aram,

⁴Aram the father of Aminadab, Aminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon,

⁵Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse,

⁶Jesse the father of King David,,,





",16 Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, Who is called the Christ. (the Messiah, the Anointed). ¹⁷So all the

generations from Abraham to David are fourteen, from David to the Babylonian exile (deportation) fourteen generations, from the Babylonian exile to the Christ fourteen generations. ¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place under these circumstances: When His mother Mary had been promised in marriage to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be pregnant [through the power] of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her [promised] husband Joseph, being a just and upright man and not willing to expose her publicly and to shame and disgrace her, decided to repudiate and dismiss (divorce) her quietly and secretly. ²⁰But as he was thinking this over, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to take Mary [as] your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of (from, out of) the Holy Spirit.





¹NOW WHEN Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men [astrologers] from the east came to

Jerusalem, asking,



²Where is He Who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east at its rising and have come to worship Him.

³When Herod the king heard this, he was disturbed and troubled, and the whole of Jerusalem with him.

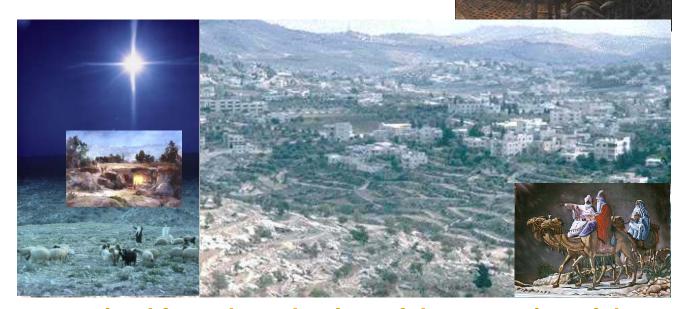
⁴So he called together all the chief priests and learned men (scribes) of the people and anxiously asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They replied to him, In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:



⁶And you Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are not in any way least or insignificant among the chief cities of

Judah; for from

you shall come a Ruler (Leader) Who will govern and shepherd My people Israel. ⁷Then Herod sent for the wise men [scholars-astrologers] secretly, and accurately to the last point

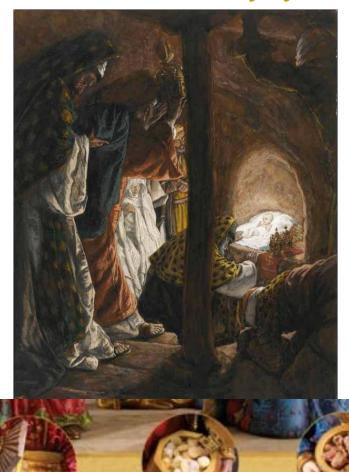


ascertained from them the time of the appearing of the star [that is, how long the star had made itself visible since its rising in the east]. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, Go and search for the Child carefully and diligently, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him. ⁹When they had listened to the king, they went their way, and behold, the star which had been seen in the east in its rising went before them until it came and stood over the place where the young Child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were thrilled with ecstatic joy.



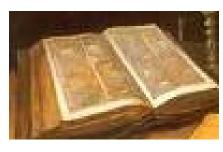
¹¹And on going into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then opening their treasure bags, they presented to Him gifts--

gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And receiving an answer to their asking, they were divinely instructed and warned in a dream not to go back to Herod; so they departed to their own country by a different way.



Gold for His Kingship, The King of all kings, The Only God. Frankincense for His Priesthood, The Everlasting Father. Myrrh for His Sacrifice, Death on the Cross, The Only Savior.

Frankincense



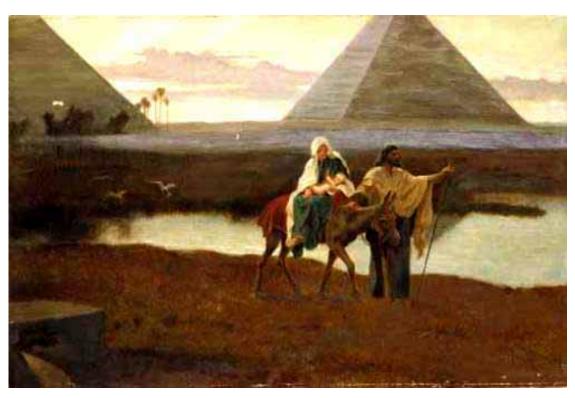
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13 Now
after they
had gone,
behold,

an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, Get up! [Tenderly] take unto you the



young Child and His mother and flee to Egypt; and remain there till I tell you [otherwise], for Herod intends to search for the Child in order to destroy Him. ¹⁴And having risen, he took the Child and His mother by night and withdrew to Egypt ¹⁵And remained there until Herod's death. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, Out of Egypt have I called My Son.





¹⁶Then Herod, when he realized that he had been misled by the wise men, was furiously enraged, and he sent and put to death all the

male children in Bethlehem and in all that territory who were two years old and under, reckoning according to the date which he had investigated diligently and had learned exactly from the wise men.

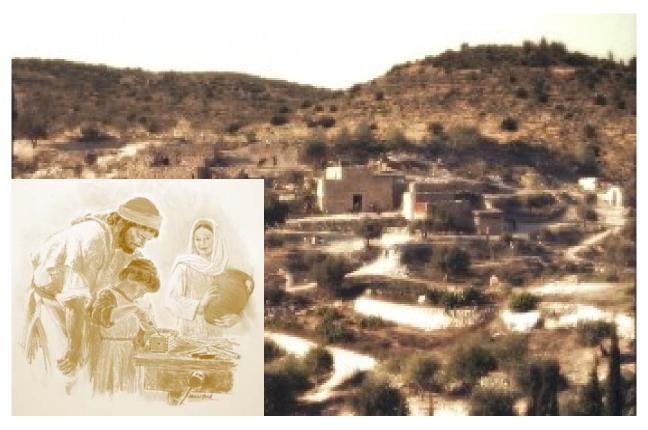
¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they were no more.





¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰And said, Rise, [tenderly] take unto you

the Child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead. ²¹Then he awoke and arose and [tenderly] took the Child and His mother and came into the land of Israel. ²²But because he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being divinely warned in a dream, he withdrew to the region of Galilee. ²³He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled: He shall be called a Nazarene [Branch, Separated One].



Away In A Manger

