

*The Birth of*  
*Jesus Christ*



# Nativity Quiz

1. How many wise men were there?
  - A. 3
  - B. 7-8
  - C. The Bible doesn't say
2. Did Joseph meet the wise men?
  - A. Yes, in the stable
  - B. Yes in their home
  - C. The Bible doesn't say.
3. What animal did Mary ride to Bethlehem?
  - A. A donkey
  - B. A horse
  - C. A camel
  - D. The Bible doesn't say
4. The Parents named the child Jesus because
  - A. An angel told Mary
  - B. An angel told Joseph
  - C. All of the above
5. What kind of a building was Jesus born in?
  - A. A stable
  - B. A cave
  - C. A hospital
  - D. The Bible doesn't say
6. What animals were present at the Nativity?
  - A. Goats, Sheep, and Cattle
  - B. Chicken and pigeons
  - C. Pigs
  - D. Oxen
  - E. The Bible doesn't say
7. Who besides the wise men saw the star?
  - A. Shepherds
  - B. Herod
  - C. The Bible does not say
8. How did the star compare in brightness with the other stars?
  - A. Far brighter than the other stars.
  - B. Lots brighter than the other stars.
  - C. The Bible does not say
9. How soon after Joseph and Mary reached Bethlehem was Jesus born?
  - A. Immediately, the same day.
  - B. The same week.
  - C. The Bible does not say.



**KING DAVID**  
(1085 BC – 1015 BC)



**JESUS CHRIST**  
(5 BC – 33 AD)

# The Lineage of Jesus Christ

LINE OF JOSEPH

Joram  
Jehoshaphat  
Asa  
Abijah  
Rehoboam  
Solomon

Ahaziah  
Joash  
Amaziah  
Uzziah  
Jotham  
Ahaz

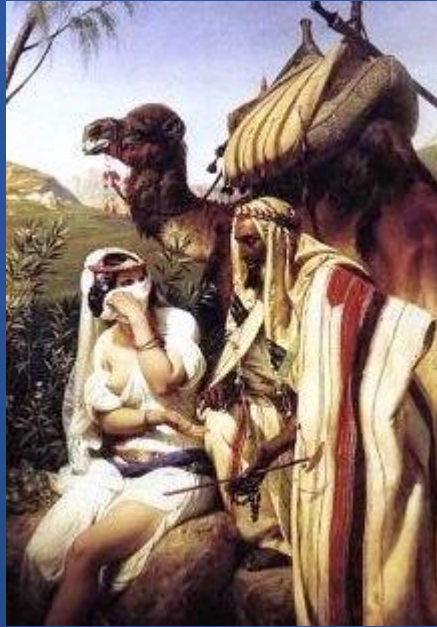
Jeconiah  
Jehoiakim  
Josiah  
Amon  
Manasseh  
Hezekiah

Shealtiel  
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Azor  
Sadoc

Joseph  
Jacob  
Matthan  
Eleazar  
Ellud  
Achim



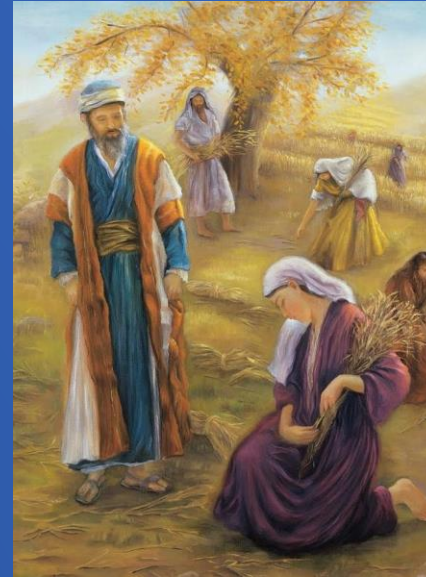
# Genealogy of Jesus Christ



**Tamar**



**Rahab**



**Ruth**



**Bathsheba**

# Mary's Parents - Joachim and Anna

## Childless Couple

Joachim tried to offer  
a sacrifice

*"You are not worthy  
to offer sacrifice  
with those childless hands."*

## An Angel appeared:

*"A daughter most blessed, by whom  
all the nations of the earth  
will be blessed, and  
through whom will come  
the salvation of the world."*



# Mary is Presented at the Temple



*Miriam or Mary*  
“Excellence”  
or “Bitterness”

Mary was  
dedicated to  
temple service  
as a small child



# Ancient Prayer Circle



# Mary's Vision in the Temple





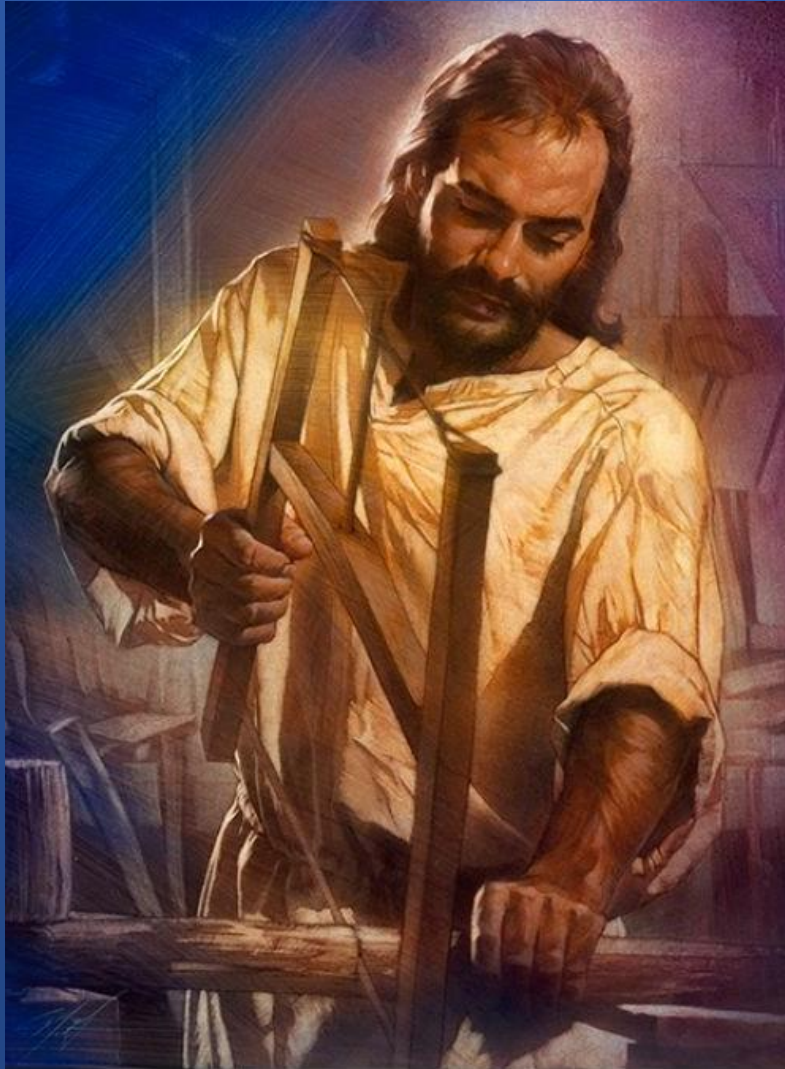
# Mary – the Greatest Female Spirit

*"Can we speak too highly of her whom the Lord has blessed above all women? There was only one Christ, and there is only one Mary. Each was noble and great in the pre-mortal existence and each was foreordained to the ministry he or she performed. We cannot but think that the Father would choose the greatest female spirit to be the mother of His Son, even as He chose the male spirit like unto Him to be the Savior."*



The Mortal Messiah Bruce R McConkie

# Joseph the Carpenter



Nathan Greene

He was a *just* man  
*Tzaddik*

A Master builder

Learned

In tune with the Spirit

Beyond Reproach

# Betrothal of Joseph and Mary

Probably arranged while children

Bride price is paid and a contract is given by the young man to the young woman

**Average Betrothal age:**

Females: 12-13

Males: 18-20





# The Annunciation



**“How Shall this be,  
seeing I know not  
a Man”**



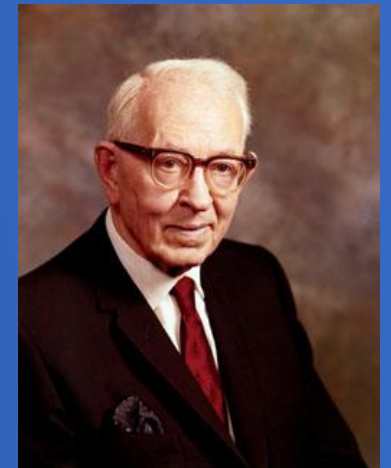
*How are we begotten? I answer: just as Jesus Christ was begotten by his Father. The Christian denominations believe that Christ was begotten, not of God but of the Spirit that overshadowed his mother.*

*This is nonsense.*

*Why will not the World receive the truth?*

*Why will they not believe the Father when he says that Jesus Christ is His Only Begotten Son?*

*Why will they try to explain this truth away and make a mystery of it?*



*Pres. Joseph Fielding Smith*



# Mary's Call to be the Mother of the Savior of the World



# *“Mary, Thou Hast Found Favor”*



*“Behold  
The handmaid  
of the Lord....  
....Be it unto me  
according  
to thy word.”*



***Blessed Art Thou Among Women”***





# The Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
And my spirit hath rejoiced  
in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the low  
estate of his handmaiden:  
for, behold, from henceforth  
all generations  
shall call me blessed.

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



# “Mary was Found to Be with Child”



James, the brother of Jesus said,

“And Mary was in her sixth month and behold Joseph came...and entering into her house, he discovered she was big with child. And he.....wept bitterly.”

*“Joseph was Minded to Put Her Away Privily”*





# Joseph's Vision

That which is  
conceived in her  
is *of* the Holy Ghost

Joseph had been  
chosen to be the  
earthly father of the  
Savior of the World!





# The Marriage of Joseph & Mary

Scholars are divided

Either Joseph and Mary were married immediately

Or Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem and were formally married after Christ's birth

He "knew her not"



# “All the World should be Taxed”

Rome required a  
Census  
and a Tax

The law required  
that both  
Joseph and Mary  
were to be taxed





# Mary and Joseph went “Up” to Bethlehem



The Road to Bethlehem, by Joseph Brickey, © 2000 Joseph Brickey

# “No Room in the Inn”



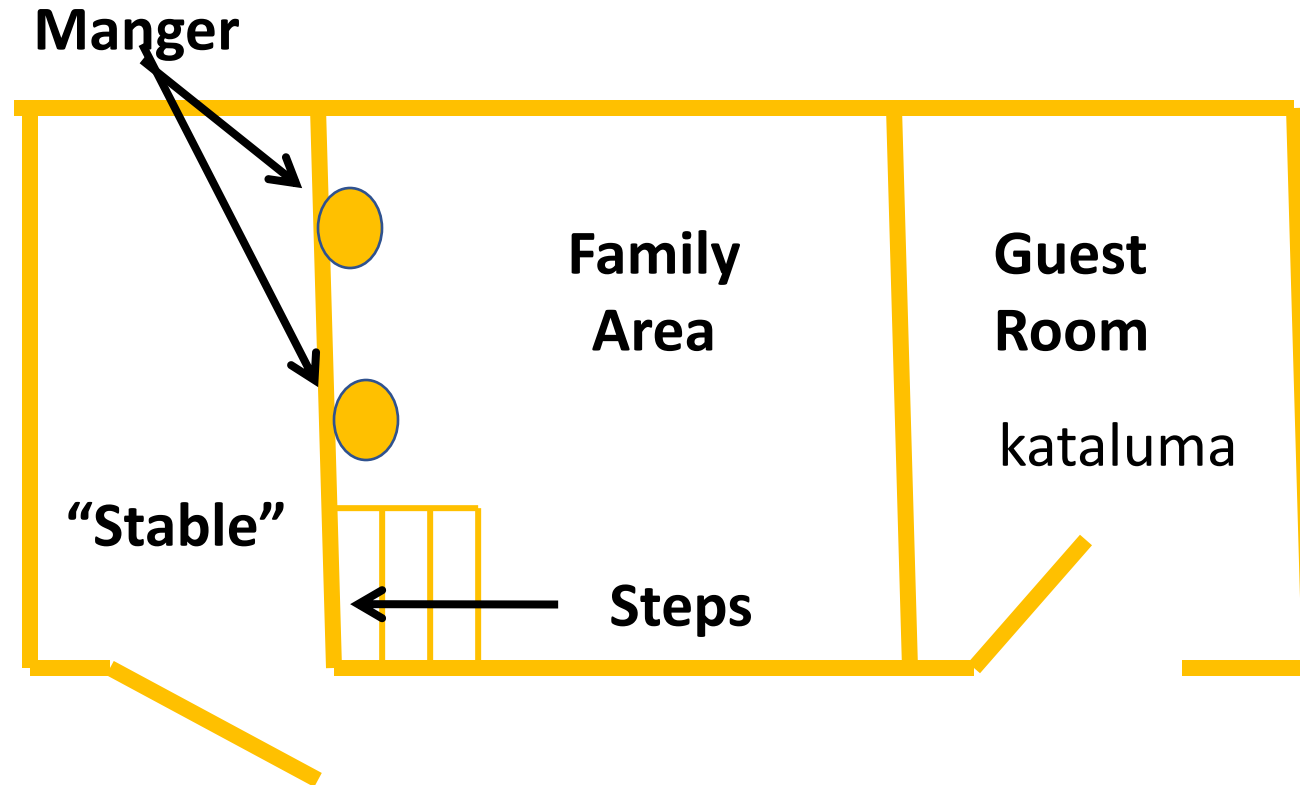


# Caravanserai





# “No Room in the “Kataluma.”



There was no “room” available in the “kataluma” or guest room so Joseph and Mary shared the Family Room attached to the “stable.”

# The Star

Matthew emphasizes the Star – reminding the Jews that a star announced the birth of Abraham and Moses

Only the Wise Men saw the Star. The Star may have been literal or a symbol for frequent visitations from an angel who guided the Wise Men.



# The Birth of Jesus





# The Shepherds = Outcasts



# The First Witnesses



## Shepherd Priests

Sacred duty: First born male lambs without blemish  
for the Passover sacrifices



# Fear Not

I bring you  
good tidings of  
great joy!

For unto you is  
born....a Saviour,  
which is Christ the  
Lord!





**Ye shall find  
the babe....**



**.....Wrapped in  
swaddling bands**



....Lying in  
a manger.



# A Name and a Blessing

## Circumcision







Joseph  
named him  
“Yeshua”

“Jehovah is  
Salvation”

“Immanuel”

“He is God!”

“God is  
with us!”



# The Dedication of Jesus at the Temple

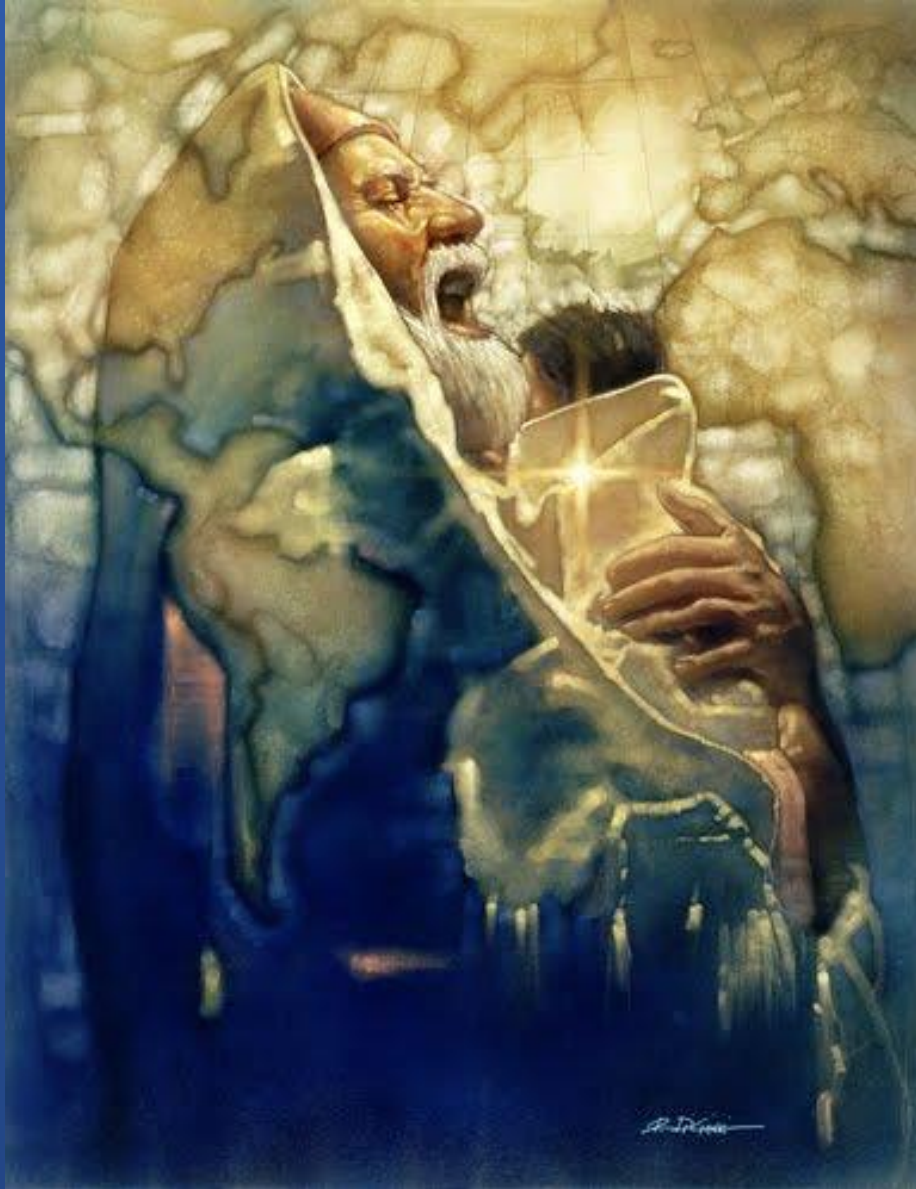


40 days after birth

A lamb is to be sacrificed to redeem the child.

Two doves were brought for Mary's purification and atonement.





# Simeon

Revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah.

He came by the Spirit into the Temple

“A sword shall pierce thy breast.”

# Anna

Married at 12-14

Widowed at 19-21

Unmarried for 84 years

At least 101 years old when  
she saw the Savior

Anna = Grace

Phanuel = Face of God

Asher = Happy and blessed

“Happy am I” for I have seen  
“the face of God”  
through His “Grace.”





# The Magi = the Wise Men



Religious  
men from  
the Diaspora

**According to  
the scriptures:**

The only  
people who  
saw the star.



# How Many Wise Men Were There?



## **Gold = King**

Incorruptible, pure,  
valuable, eternal

## **Frankincense = Priest**

Temple incense,  
sacrifice, prayer,  
resurrection

## **Myrrh = Healer**

Balm, healing, death,  
atonement





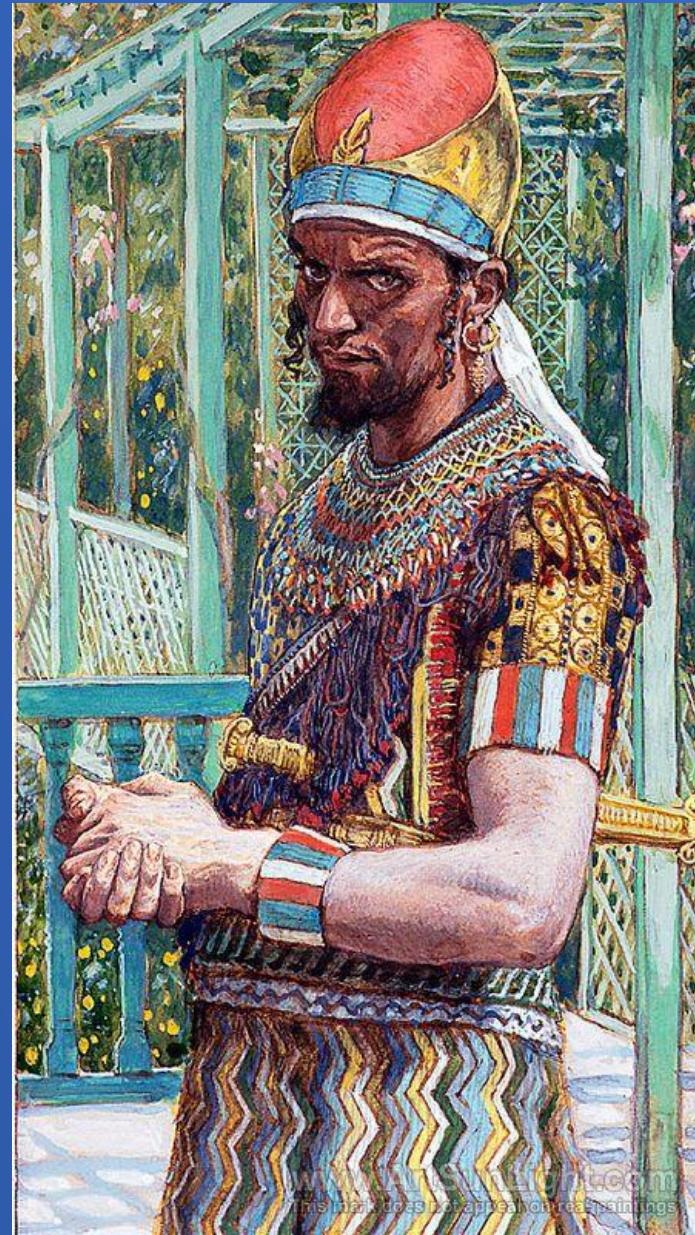
# Herod the Great

Arabian ancestry

Brilliant genius

Richest man in the  
Roman Empire

Baby Killer





# Flight into Egypt



Joseph was warned in another vision to go to Egypt



Heliopolis =  
Zi - On

The same area of  
Goshen where  
the Israelite  
slaves lived

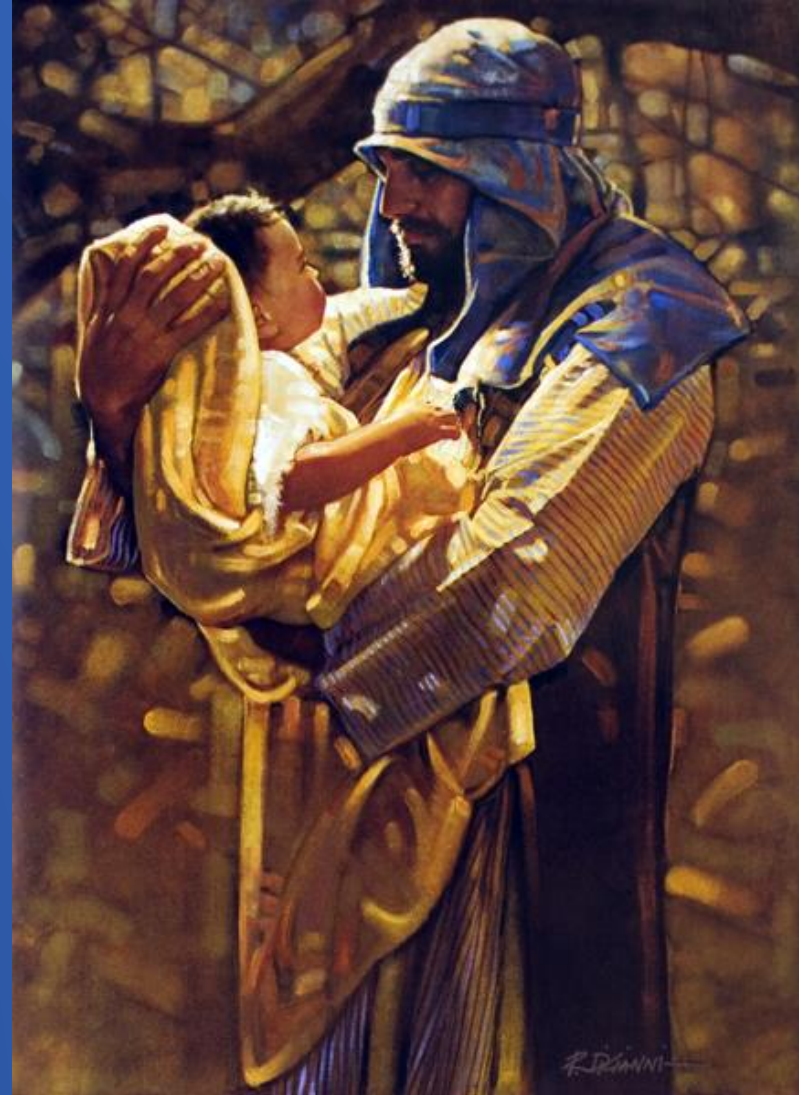
# Herod has Zacharias Killed

Herod orders the death of males 2 years and younger.

Zacharias sends Elizabeth and John to the desert

Herod's soldiers come

Zacharias is killed between the altar and the porch of the Temple





# The Glorious Advent of our Savior



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See Script for presentation