

*Welcome to Women's
Bible Study!*

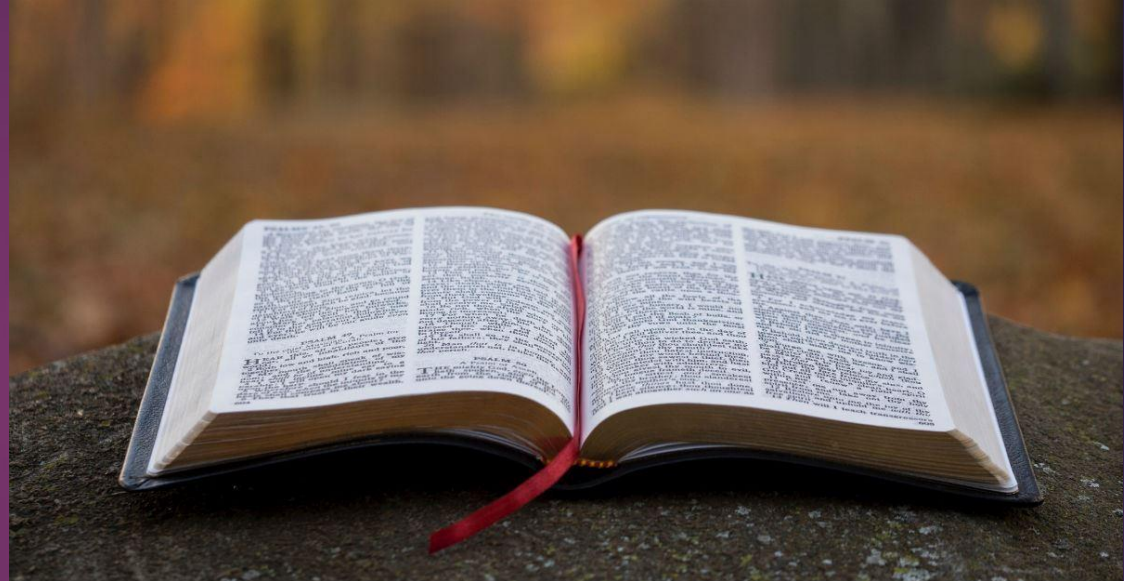
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Welcome





Theme: *The
Gospel of Luke*



Goal: To grow in the knowledge of the Lord in order to treasure Him more fully and to reflect Him more accurately as we are conformed to His image.



Review

Who is the Author?

- ▶ *Gentile*
- ▶ *Well Educated*
- ▶ *Strong interest in historical research and detail*
- ▶ *A Physician*
- ▶ *2nd generation Christian who didn't personally know Jesus.*
- ▶ *A travelling companion of Paul. Acts 16:9 (to Macedonia); Acts 20:6 (to Troas); Acts 21:1 (to Jerusalem)*

Who is Luke?

- ▶ Colossians 4:14: *Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas.*
- ▶ 2 Timothy 4:11 : *Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.*
- ▶ Philemon 1:24: *and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.*

Audience: Theophilus

Potentially a patron and maybe a new convert who sponsored the work of Luke/Acts.

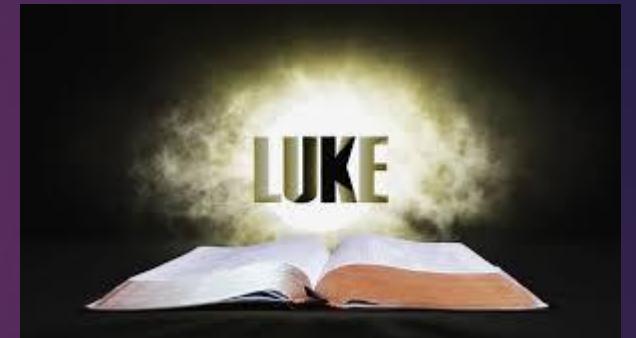
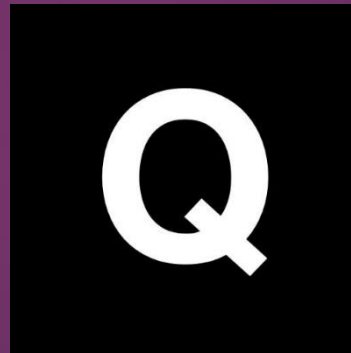
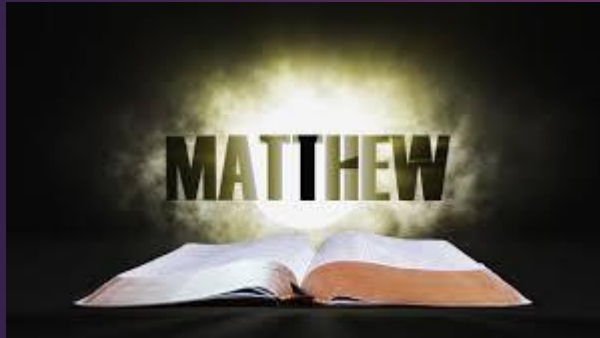


Audience:

Luke's work is primarily directed towards Gentiles, most likely proselytes and God-fearers who have turned from idolatry and attended Jewish synagogues.

who?

The Synoptic Gospels



Synoptic means: "Seeing together". These 3 accounts are interrelated to one another with a similar message for their particular audiences: "Repent for the Kingdom is at hand"

Date:

Since Luke was written after Mark, it needs to be dated after Mark's gospel. Acts ends with Paul in Rome awaiting trial around 62 AD so it was likely written around that time. That would put Luke being written around the mid-60s.

WHEN?

Purpose:

Luke 1:1-4 ...it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

→ To provide an orderly account of all that has taken place in order to provide his audience with assurance of its reliability.

Why?

Other interesting facts about Luke/Acts:

- ▶ *Luke-Acts could not have been written on the same papyrus roll, the normal roll being 40 feet. Luke would have fit on 35 ft, Acts on 32 ft.*
- ▶ *Luke is the longest book in the NT, Acts the second longest.*



Who is Jesus in Luke?

- He is Messiah and Lord, specifically the fulfilment of the Davidic Messiahship. Jesus offers hope for all, especially the downtrodden, marginalized, or poor. In the kingdom of God, all stand on equal footing.



The Kingdom of God

- *It is the central theme of Jesus' teaching.*



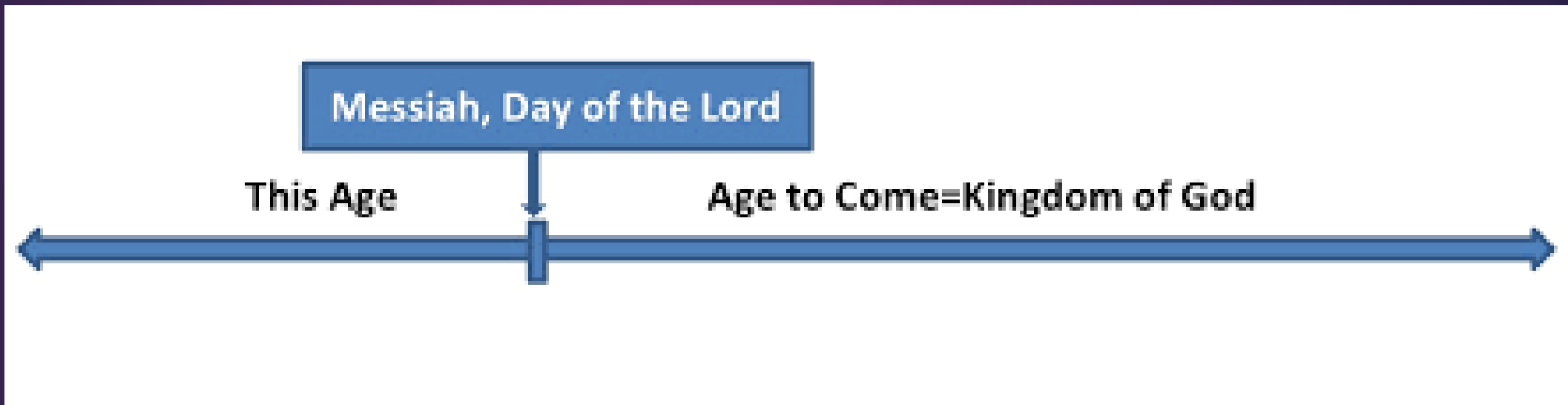
Various Views On The Kingdom of God

- *Inaugurated: The Kingdom has arrived but it's yet to come in its full reality. The Kingdom of God is here in present reality (already) yet there is a final consummation to come. (not yet)*

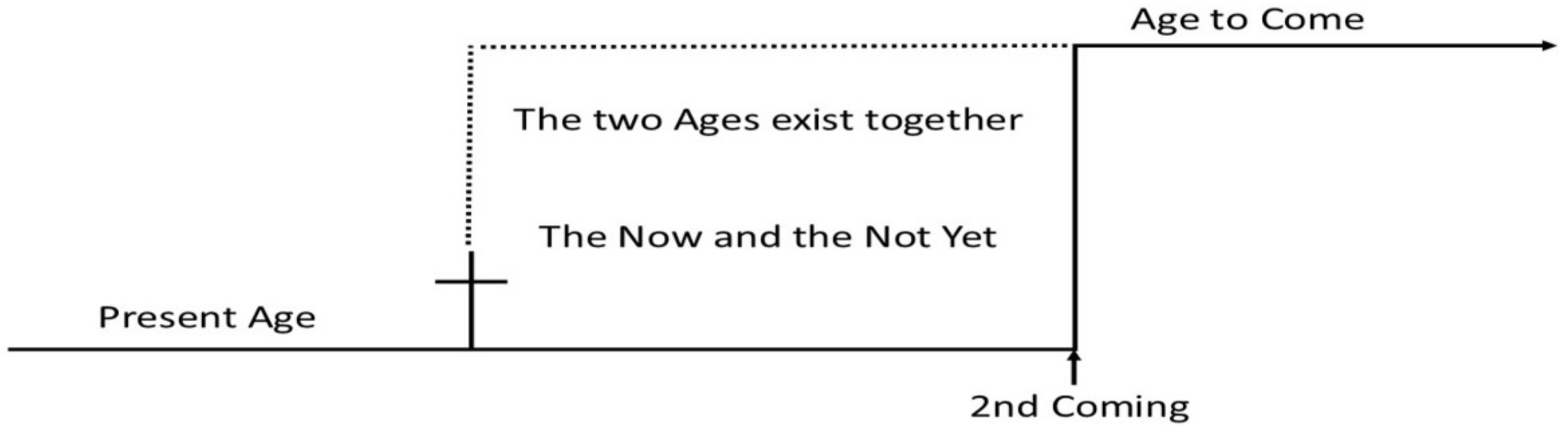


Expectation

- *The Jewish understanding of the coming Kingdom was as a single_event.*



Mystery



Luke 1:1-38









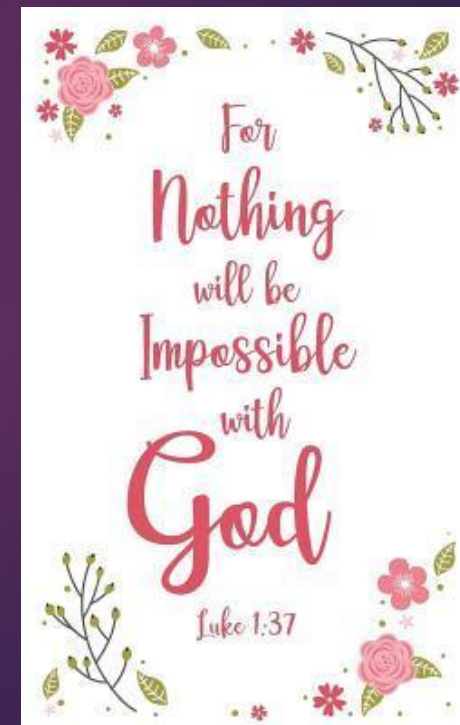
Closing Thoughts

- The long anticipated eschatological age has dawned. God's long-awaited promise to establish His kingdom had not been forgotten.*



Closing Thoughts

- *All they could “see” might have led them to believe God had abandoned them and His covenant. But “nothing will be impossible with God”! He keeps His promises!*



Luke 1:39-80

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Malachi 4:2-

*But for you who fear my name, the sun of
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You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.*



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For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

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and holy is his name.

50 And his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones

and exalted those of humble estate;

53 he has filled the hungry with good things,

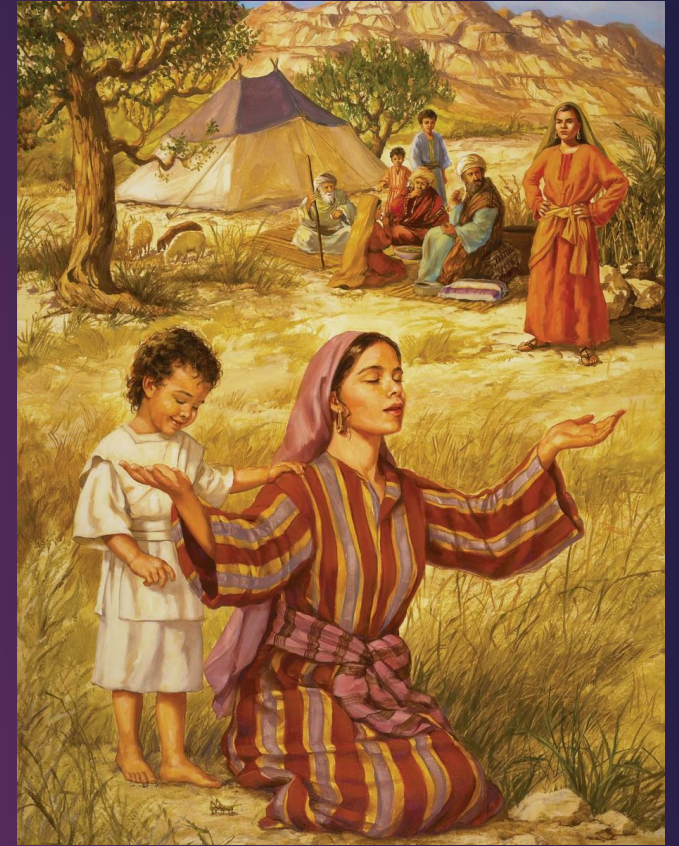
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*And Mary remained with her about three months
and returned to her home.*





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57 Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. 58 And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.



And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, 60 but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." 61 And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." 62 And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. 63 And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. 64 And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. 65 And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, 66 and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, 13 both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. (Genesis 17:12-13)

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for he has visited and redeemed his people
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in the house of his servant David,*

But now go, lead the people to the place about which I have spoken to you; behold, my angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.” (Exodus 32:34)

*There I will make a horn to sprout for David;
(Psalm 132:17)*

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might serve him without fear,
75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

And you shall say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, "Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness."' (Exodus 7:16)



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Psalm 107:9-10

For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. 10 Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,



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*80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit,
and he was in the wilderness until the day of his
public appearance to Israel.*

Isaiah 40:3

A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;



Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town.



4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to 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, who was with child.



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Now David was the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, named Jesse, who had eight sons. (1 Samuel 17:12)



But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. (Micah 5:2)



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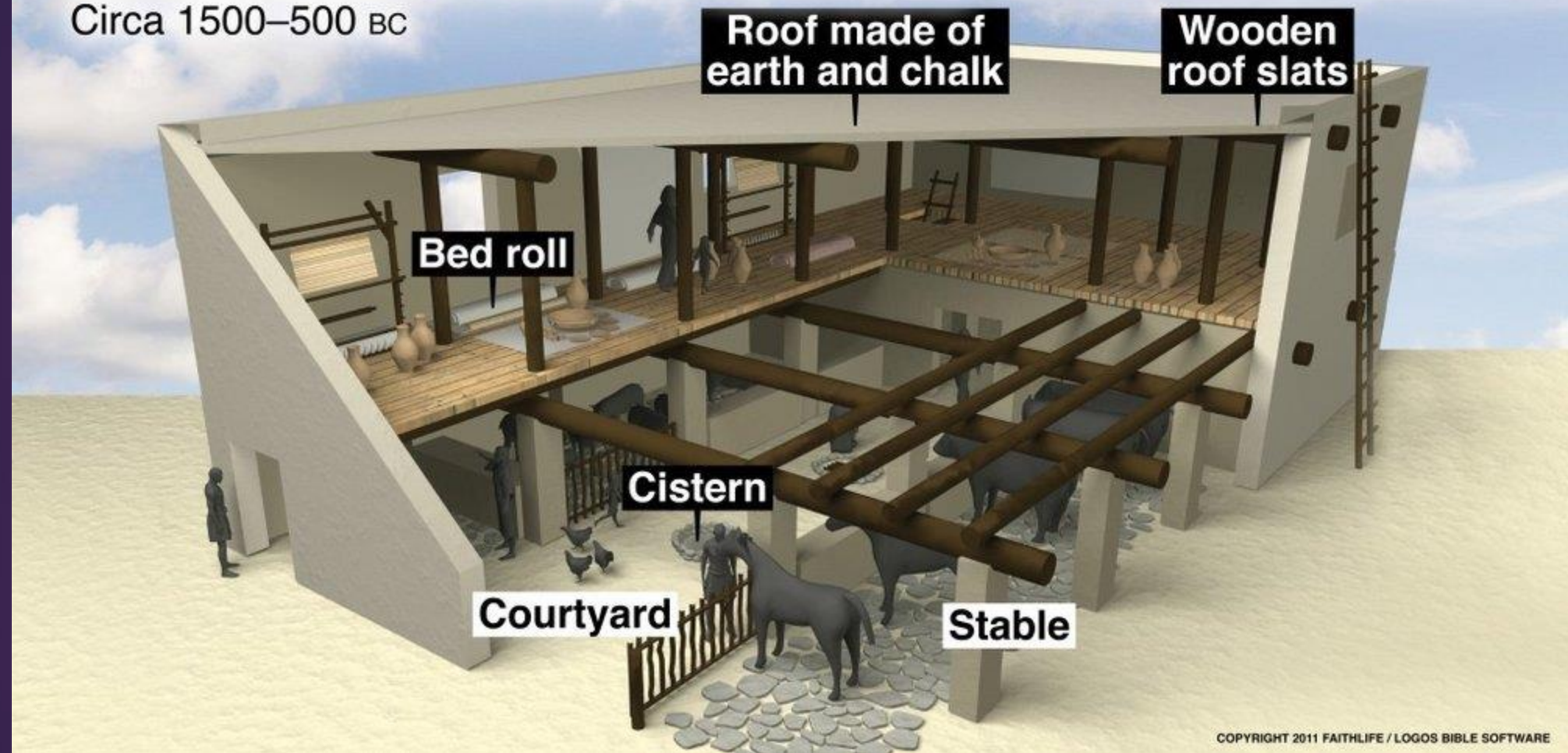
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Ancient Israelite House

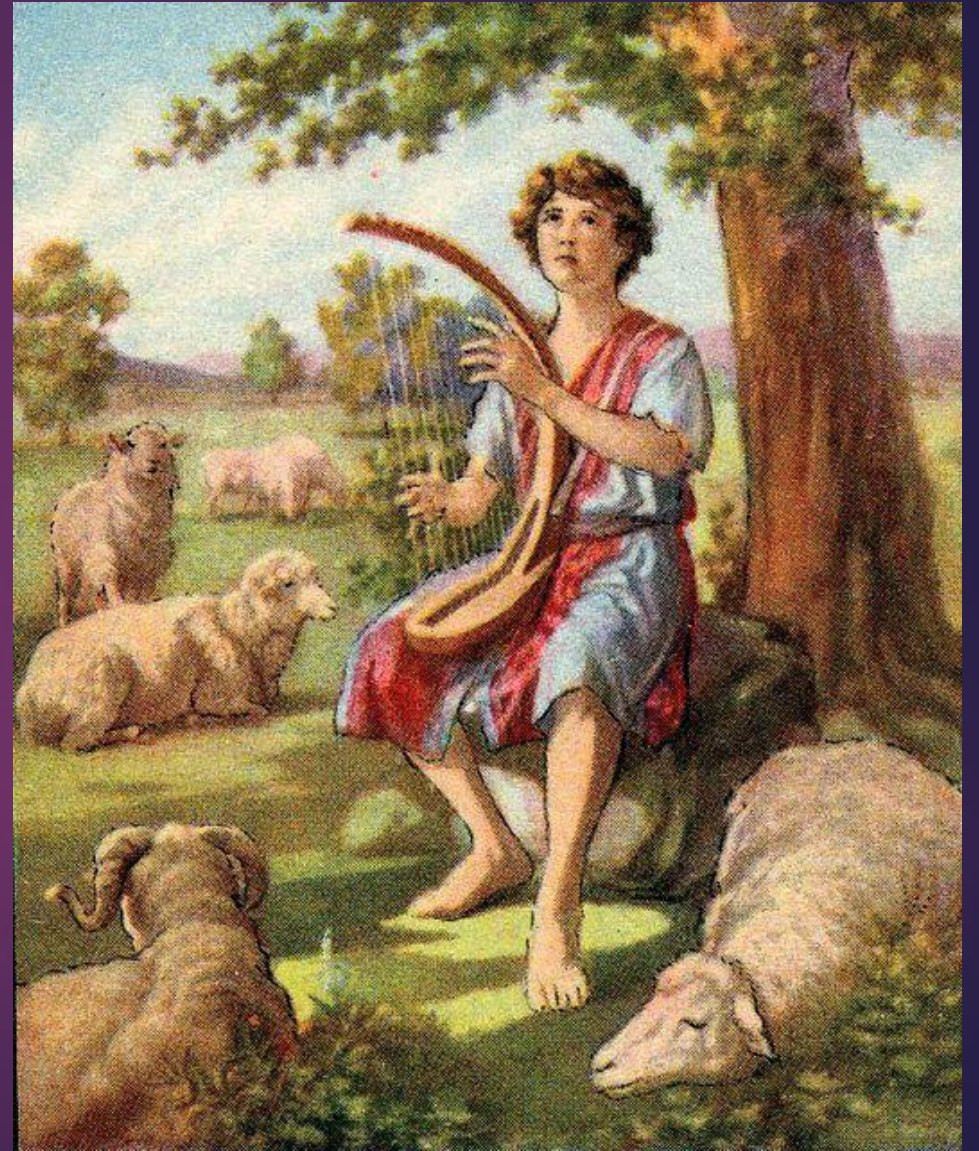
Circa 1500–500 BC



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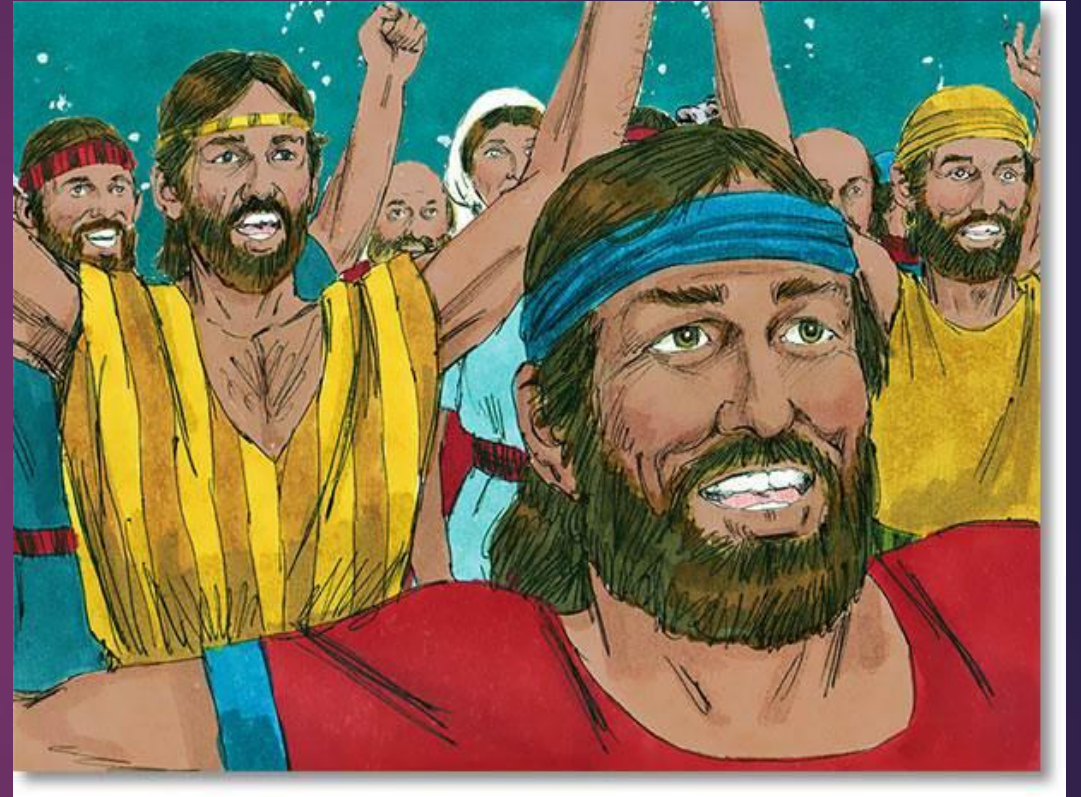


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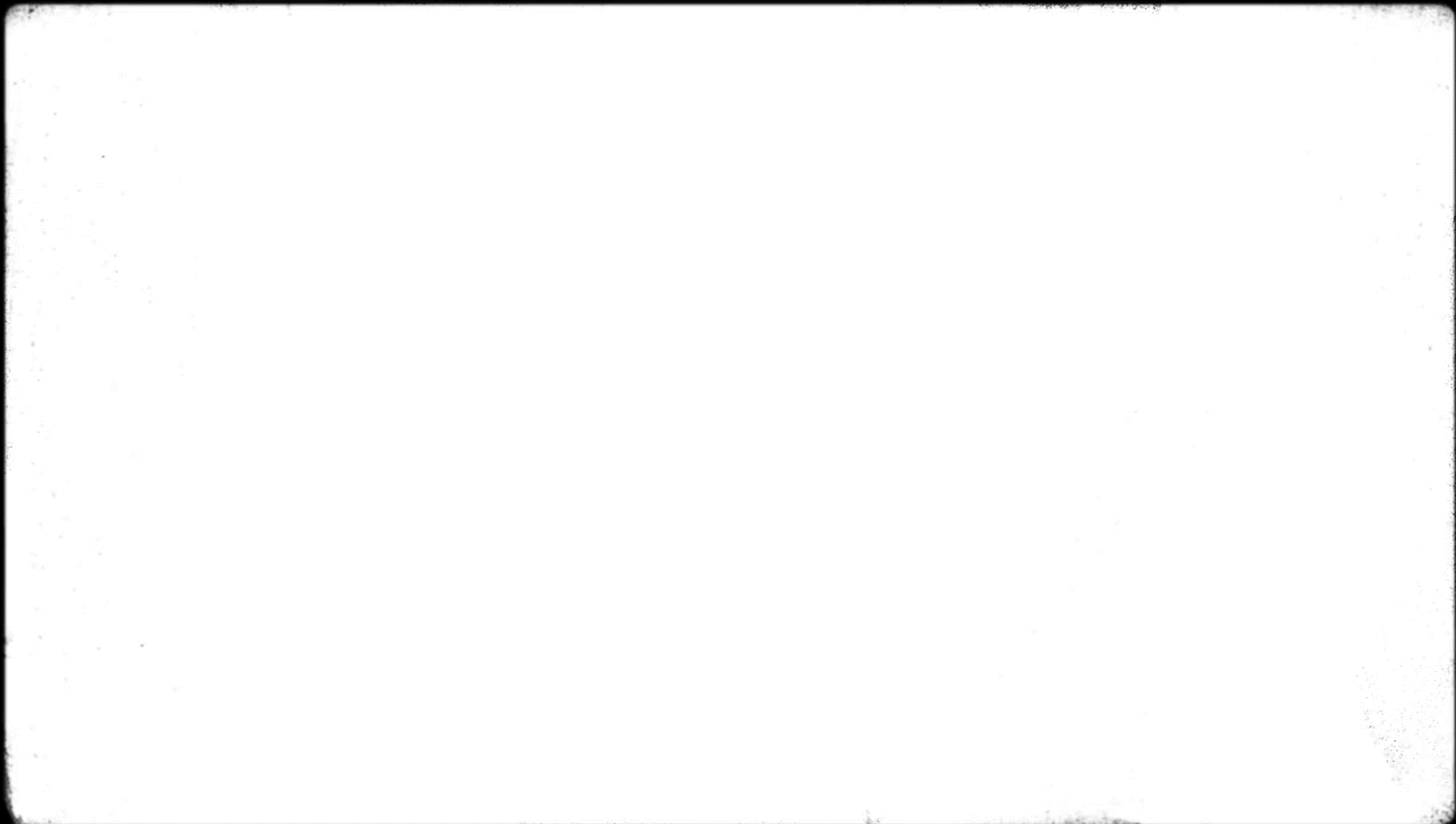


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Discussion Questions

- *What does it mean to us that God not only remembers His promise but that He then acts in human history to bring His plan to completion?*
- *In what ways do we see the great reversal in the gospel story? How does that help us live in our world today that still emphasizes power, wealth, and privilege?*
- *In these times when our world can seem dark, how does it encourage our hearts to know that the sunrise has visited from on high? How can we ponder these events in our hearts?*

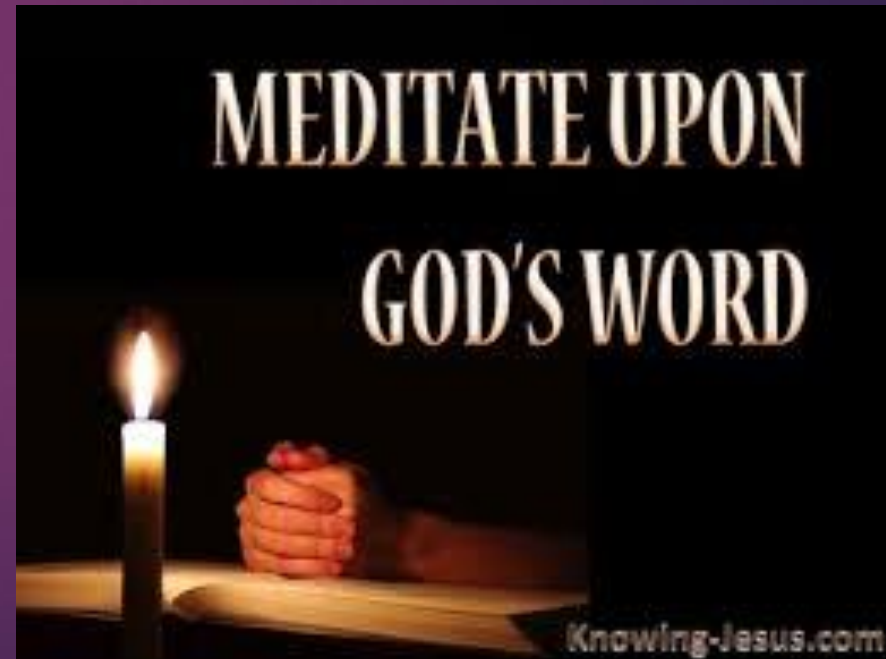


Homework:




- *Take time this month to reflect on the wonder of Jesus' birth and all that it means. Ponder these things in your heart!*
- *Read the Luke 2:21-Luke 3. Take note of everything said about who Jesus is as well as the beginning of John's ministry.*
- *Consider getting additional resources to help in your study time.*
- *Memorize Luke 2:10-11*

Next month: Luke 2:21-3
Date: December 14



Scripture Memory: Luke 2:10-11

A night sky with a bright star and a manger scene silhouette. The background is a dark blue night sky with a bright, multi-pointed star in the upper center. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of a manger scene with a baby in a manger and two figures, likely Mary and Joseph, standing nearby. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

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Luke 2:10-11

Wrap Up