

· λέγει αὐτῷ [ὁ] Ἰησοῦς, Ἐγώ εἰμι
ἡ ὁδὸς καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια καὶ ἡ ζωή·

John 14:6



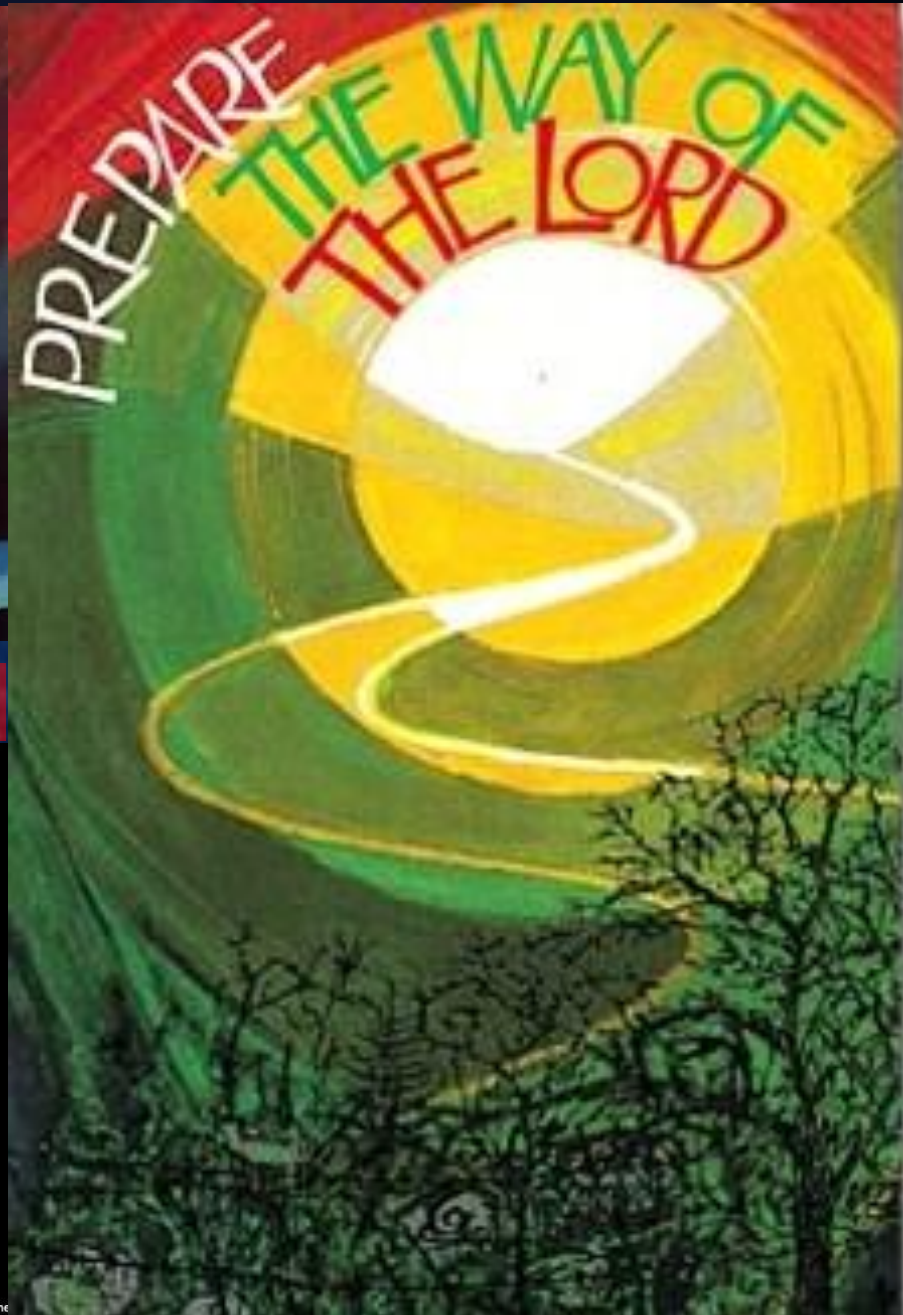
Elijah to Elisha, the Child or God (2 Kings 2)

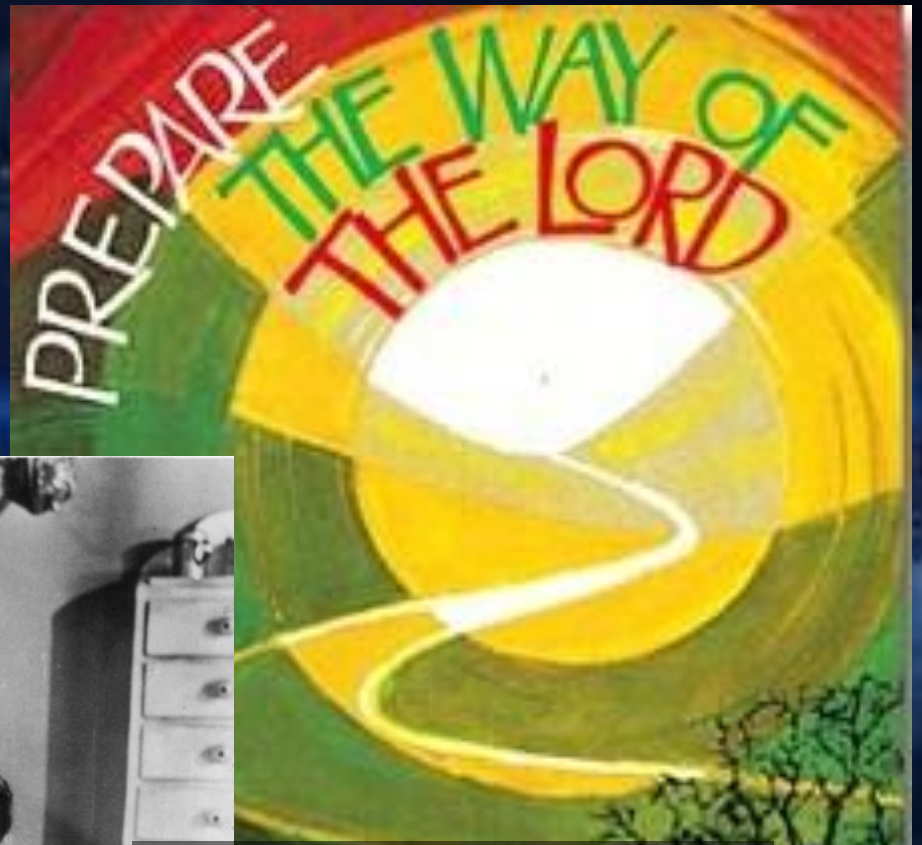
John to Jesus, the Son (Child) of God (Mark 1)



Malachi 4:5–6

⁵Behold, I will send you
Elijah the prophet Before
the coming of the great and
dreadful day of the Lord:
⁶And he shall turn the heart
of the fathers to the
children, And the heart of
the children to their fathers,
Lest I come and smite the
earth with a curse.






O. Henry, The Gift of the Magi



THE GIFT OF THE MAGI

One dollar and eighty-seven cents. That was all. Twenty-seven cents of it was in pennies. Pennies saved one and a half times by bulldozing the grocer and the vegetable dealer and the butcher until one's cheeks burned with the painful attention of the public. One dollar and eighty-

The Gift of the Magi (1958) 21:35 at [youtube.com/watch?v=eEYKIV0vkl8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eEYKIV0vkl8)

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- An artistic illustration of the Three Wise Men journeying through a vast, golden desert under a dark night sky. They are riding camels and following a brilliant, multi-pointed star that casts a long, luminous beam of light across the sky. The scene is bathed in the warm glow of the star and the ambient light of the desert night.
1. Find the Yonder Star in Darkness
 2. Lead to the Star of Bethlehem
 3. O Star of Wonder, Star of Light

4. Star-Child of Immanuel
5. Perfect Light of the Holy Night
6. Carols of the Light

A Journey to
the Star of Wonder Star of Light

Micah 5:1-5a

Under the Fall of Samaria by Sennacherib – 722 B.C.

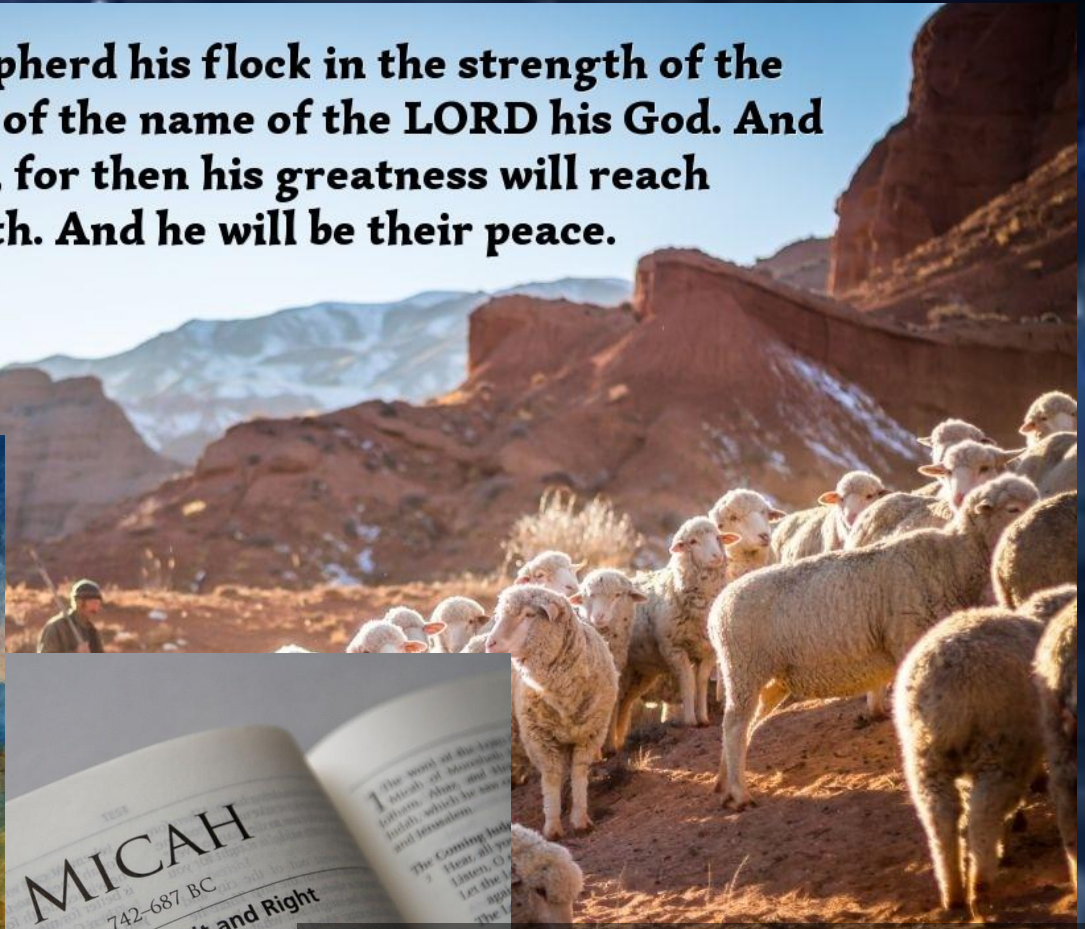


Micah 5:1-5a

A Shepherd King will come from Bethlehem

He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And he will be their peace.

- Micah 5:4-5 -



**Micah from a little town of Moresheth
Southwest of Jerusalem**

Micah 5:1-5a

A Little Town of Bethlehem

*The
Holy Land*



Micah 5:1-5a A Ruler from “Little” Town of Bethlehem

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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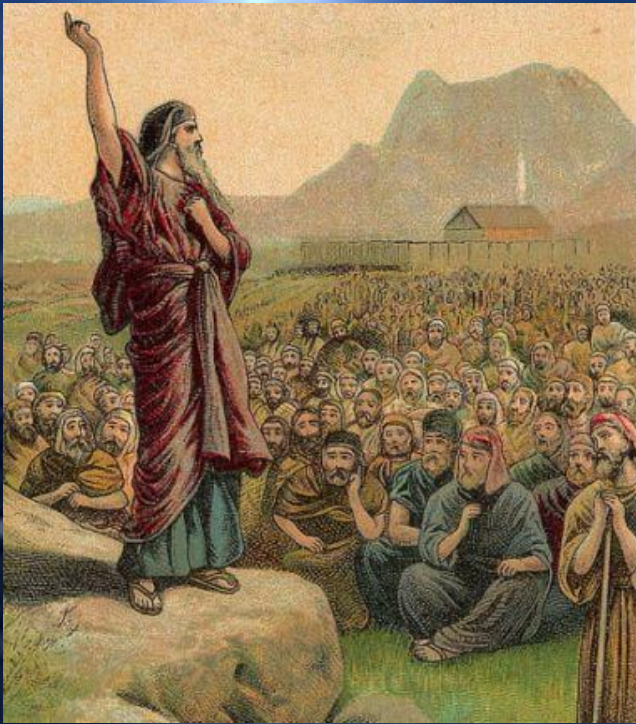
Joel P. Kramer

A night sky with a bright star and constellations. The star is located on the left side of the image, emitting a strong blue and white light. The sky is dark blue with various constellations visible, including a prominent one on the right side. The overall atmosphere is serene and celestial.

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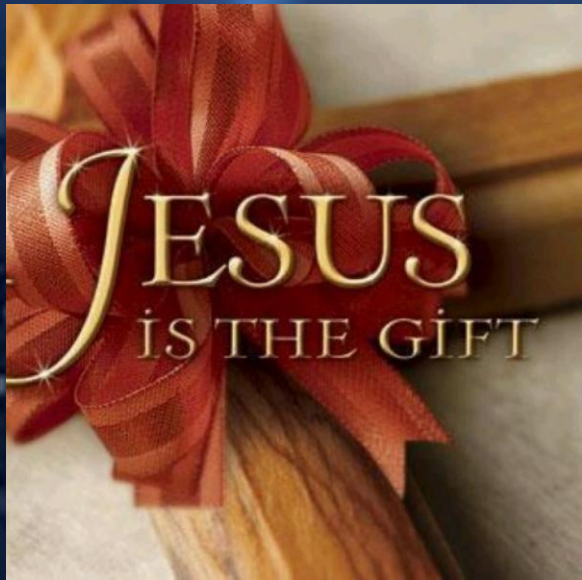
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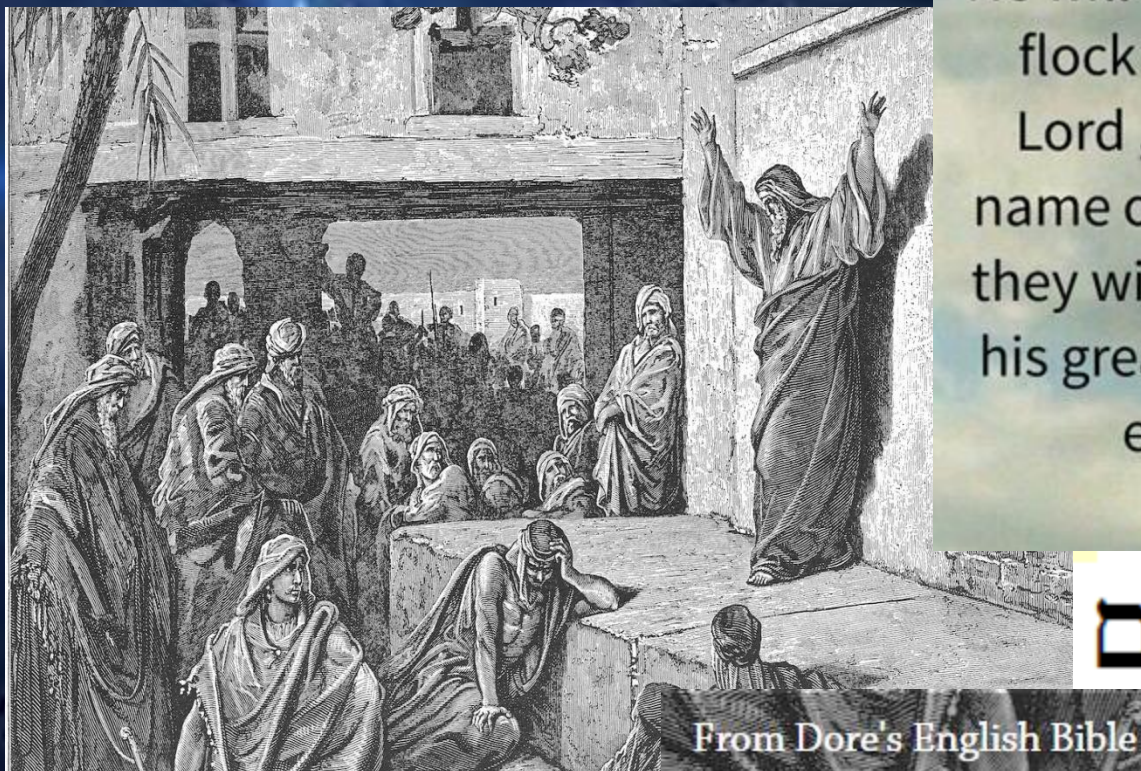


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- The background of the slide is a deep blue night sky. A bright, multi-pointed star is located on the left side, emitting a strong blue-white light. Several constellations are visible, including the Orion constellation on the left and the constellation of the Great Bear (Ursa Major) on the right. The stars are depicted as small white dots of varying brightness.
- 1. Prepare the way for the Lord.*
 - 2. He is our peace.*

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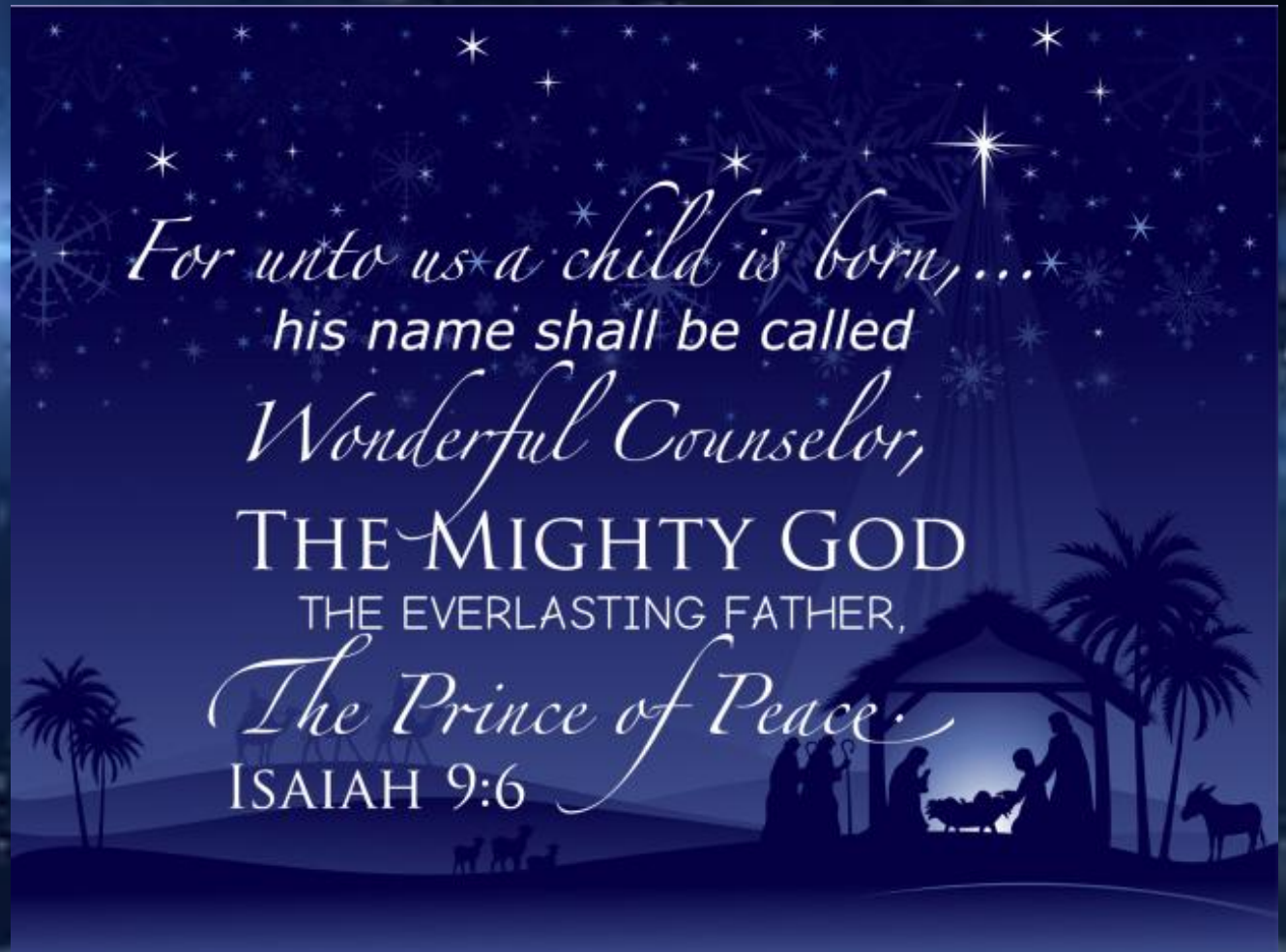
Micah 5:4

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Micah - the reigns of Jotham (742-735), Ahaz (735-715), & Hezekiah (715-687 BC)
Fall of Samaria (722 BC)

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2. *He is our peace.*



For unto us a child is born,...
his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor,
THE MIGHTY GOD
THE EVERLASTING FATHER,
The Prince of Peace.
ISAIAH 9:6

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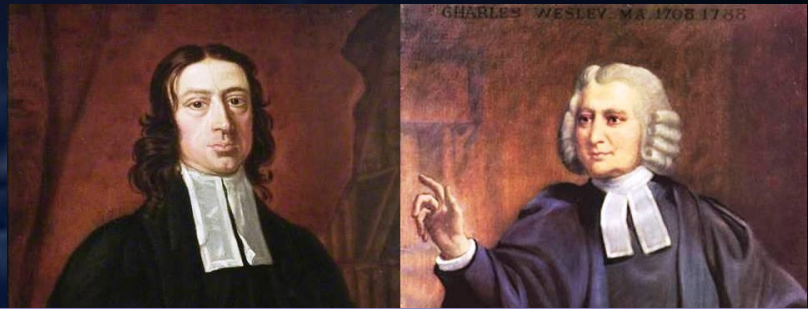
A landscape with a stone path leading towards a distant castle under a bright sun with rays.

*Jesus as Prince of Peace
in the Early Byzantine Church*

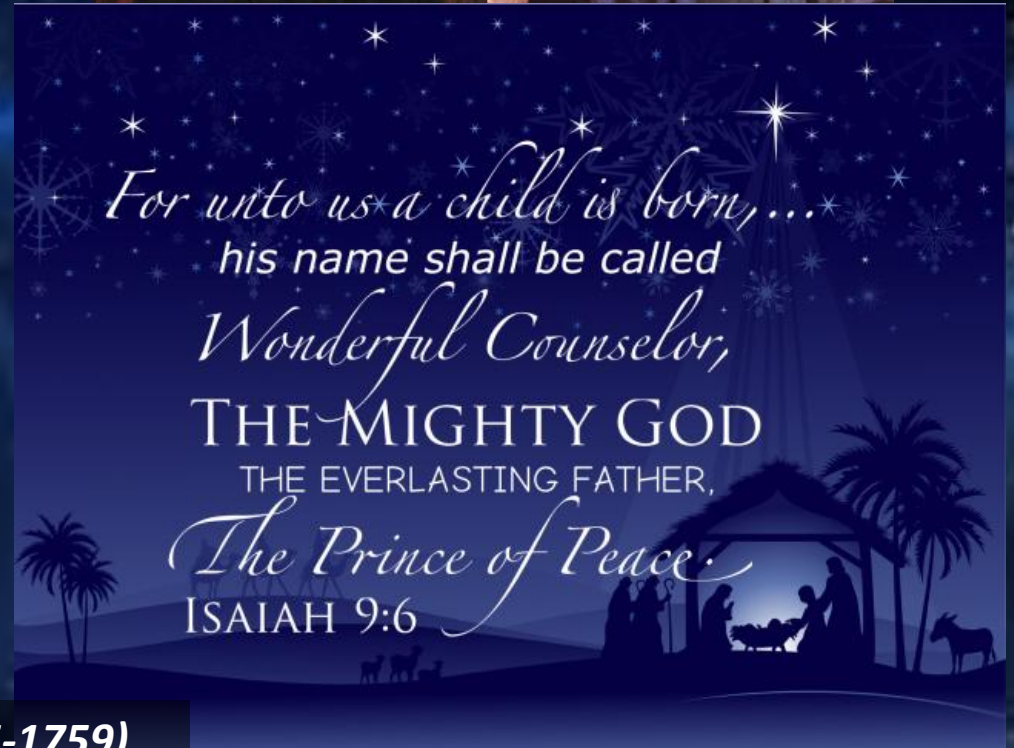
*For he himself is **our peace**, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace,... (Ephesians 2:14-18)*

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George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)
Messiah Oratorio (1759)



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O Little Town of Bethlehem

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Justin Martyr – AD 150

*“Jesus was born in a cave
near Bethlehem”*

[Dialogue with Trypho, 78.]

Origen – AD 248

*“in conformity of the gospel
re. his birth there is shown at
Bethlehem the cave...”*

[Contra Celsum, I, LI.]

Jerome – 4th century

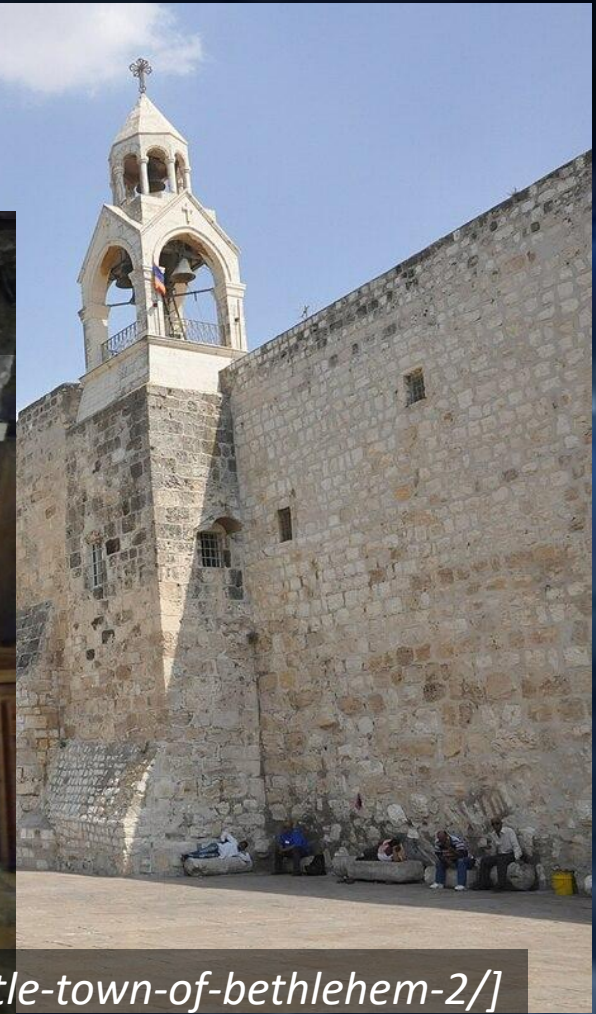
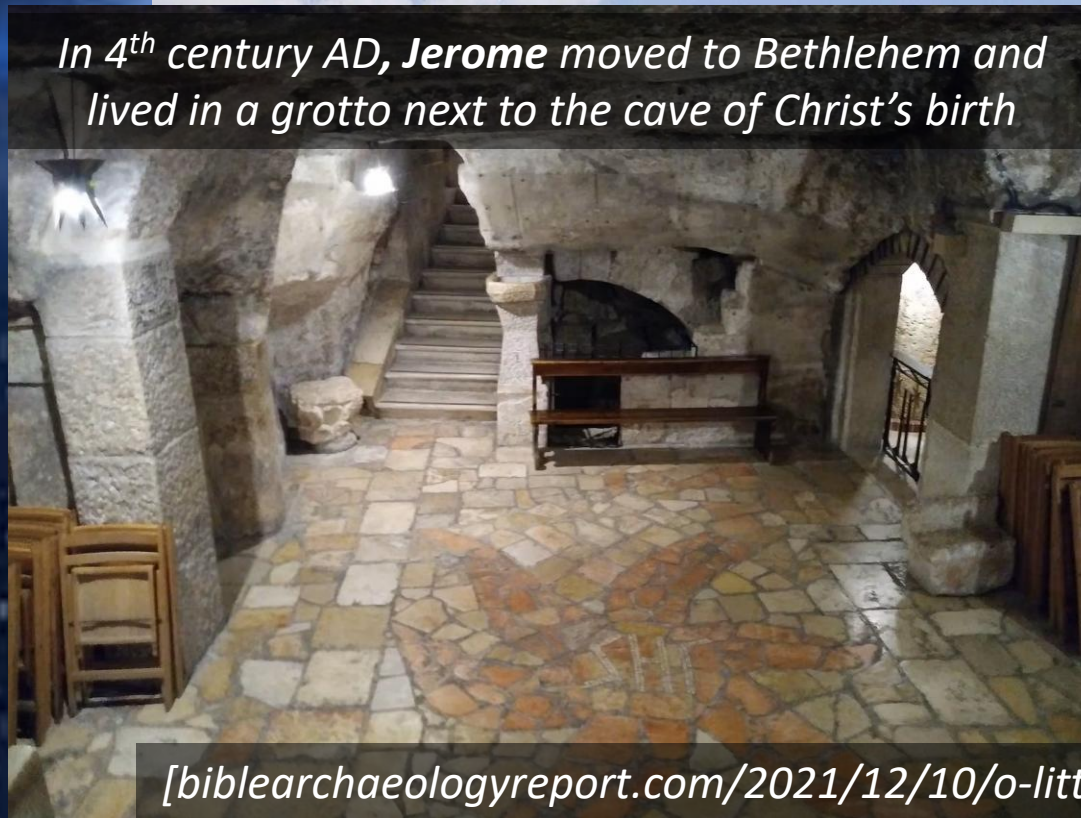
*Moved to Bethlehem and
lived in a grotto next to the
cave of Christ’s birth
[Epistles, 58.3.]*



[\[biblearchaeologyreport.com/2021/12/10/o-little-town-of-bethlehem-2/\]](http://biblearchaeologyreport.com/2021/12/10/o-little-town-of-bethlehem-2/)

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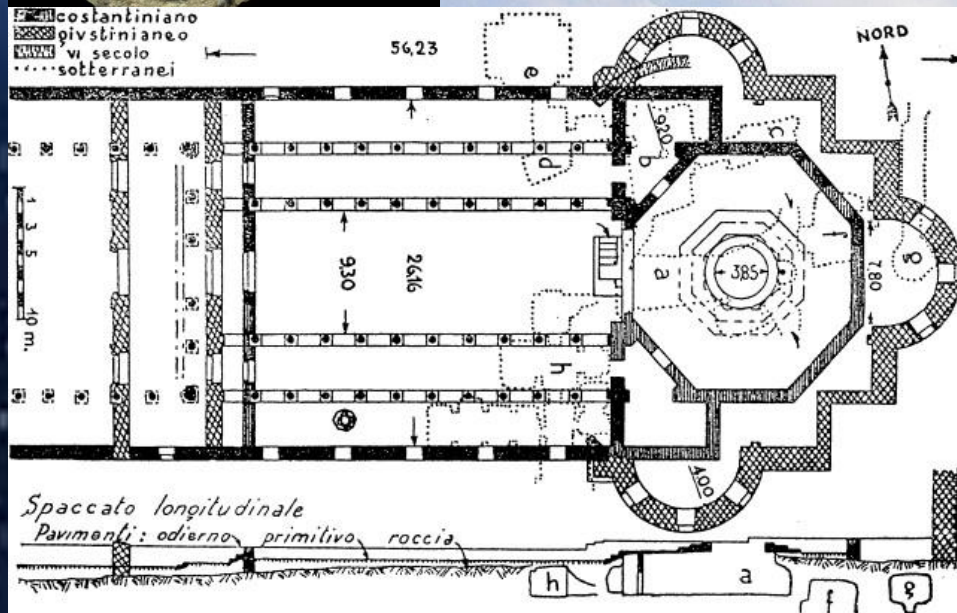
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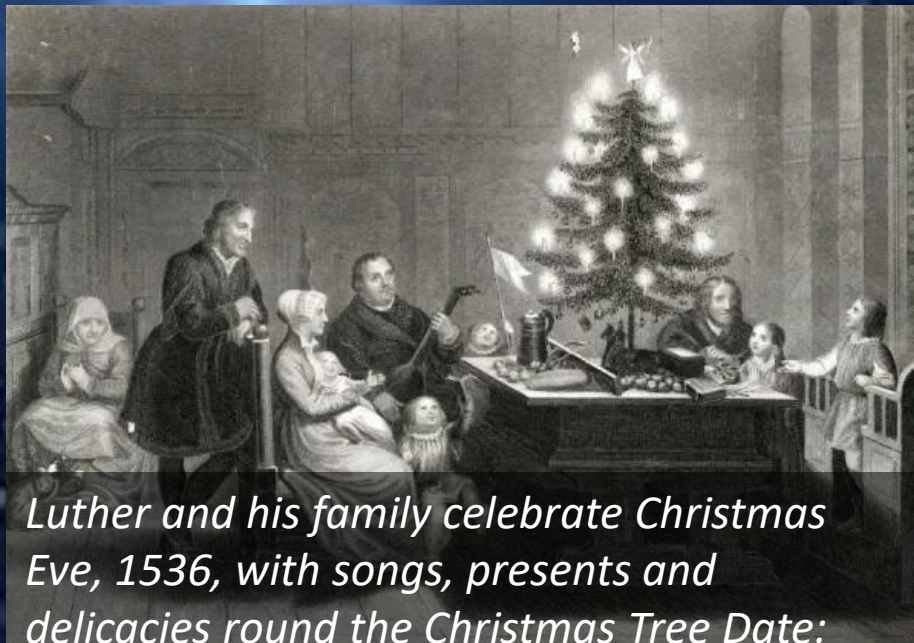
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Luther and his family celebrate Christmas Eve, 1536, with songs, presents and delicacies round the Christmas Tree Date: 1536. © Mary Evans Picture Library

Martin Luther's Christmas Tree



Theophilus Stork

Stork's Martin Luther Trilogy

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You're a John who leads others to Jesus!

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