

Cultural, Historical, and Geographic Significance

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Luke 2:1-38

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Acts 17:11 (ESV)

Now these (Berean) Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

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God, we praise You for your intricately designed Word which teaches us how to follow You. Now guard our minds and our hearts and draw us closer to you as we study. Let us study so that we may become *talmidim* (disciples) that are doers of your word.

Give us “Acts 17:11” discernment.

In the name of Yeshua our Messiah. אמן!



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Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, to Judea



Satellite image of the Levant with 1967 borders



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Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, to Judea



Ascent of Adummim and Wadi Qilt (aerial view from the east)



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In the days of Augustus...Joseph also went up from Nazareth to Judea



Ascent of Adummim and Wadi Qilt (aerial view from the east)



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Luke 2:1-3

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

References

“Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence.” – Dr. R. Cargill

Act 5:37 After him Judas the Galilean rose up **in the days of the census** and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered.



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This was the *first* census taken when Quirinius was
governor of Syria

πρωτη – *prote* could mean “first” OR “BEFORE” –
Prototype – a model before the final version



Tombstone possibly of Publius Sulpicius Quirinius, proconsul of Asia and
legate of Syria



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Walking In His Dust

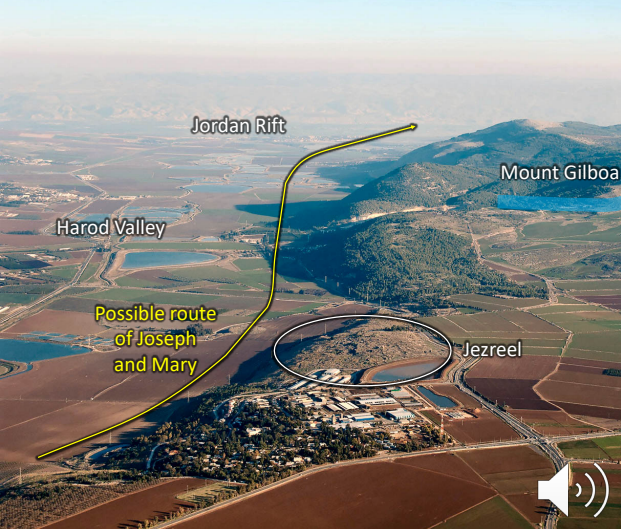
God wants us to wrestle and grow stronger




Pro 25:2 It is the glory of
God to conceal things, but
the glory of kings is to search
things out.




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<p>Luke 2:4-5</p> <p>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 <u>house and lineage of David</u>, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.</p>	<p>References</p> <p><i>Harod Valley, Mount Gilboa, and Jezreel (aerial view from the west):</i></p> 
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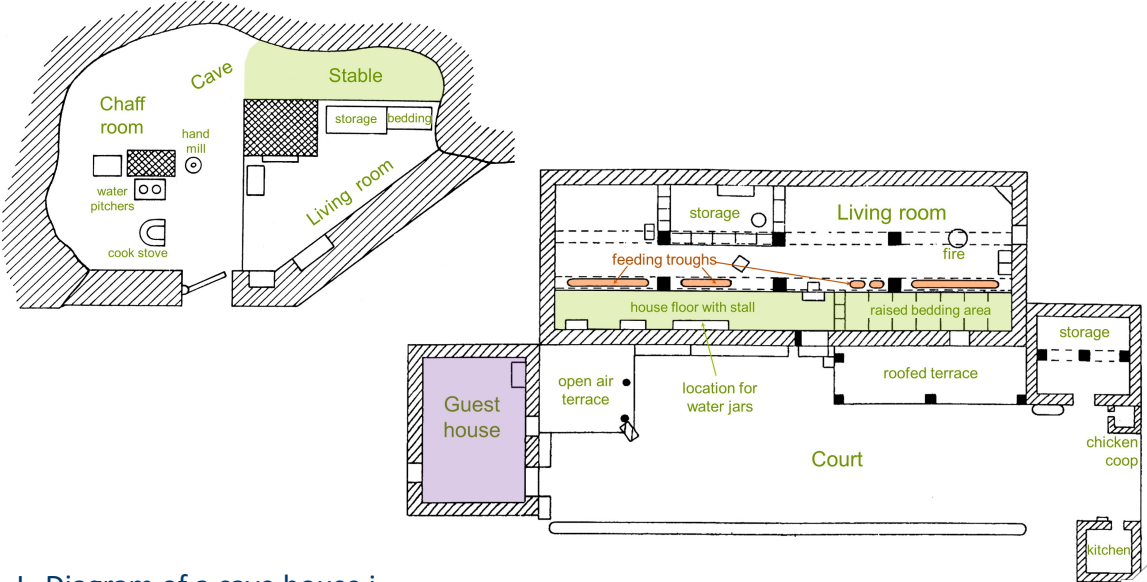
<p>Luke 2:6</p> <p>And <u>while they were there</u>, the time came for her to give birth.</p>	<p>References</p> <p><i>Bethlehem (aerial view from the south):</i></p> 
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<p>Luke 2:7</p> <p>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn (guesthouse).</p>	<p>References</p> <p><i>Room for animals in traditional house in Taybeh:</i></p> 
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There was no room for them in the guest chamber





L. Diagram of a cave house i
 R. Pillared home in Balat, northern Galilee (top plan)

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<p>Luke 2:8-9</p> <p>And in the same region, there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.</p>	<p>References</p>  
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<p>Luke 2:10-12</p> <p>And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”</p>	<p>References</p> <p>Mic 5:2 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.</p>  
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Memory Verse



“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a **Savior** (מושיע), who is **Messiah** (המשיח) the Lord.



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Luke 2:13-15

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

References

Bethlehem Church of the Nativity and Shepherds' Fields (aerial view from the northwest):



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Luke 2:16-20

And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. **And all who heard it wondered** at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, **glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.**

References

Gen 37:11 And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.



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