



SEASON of ADVENT

— Celebrate the Coming King —



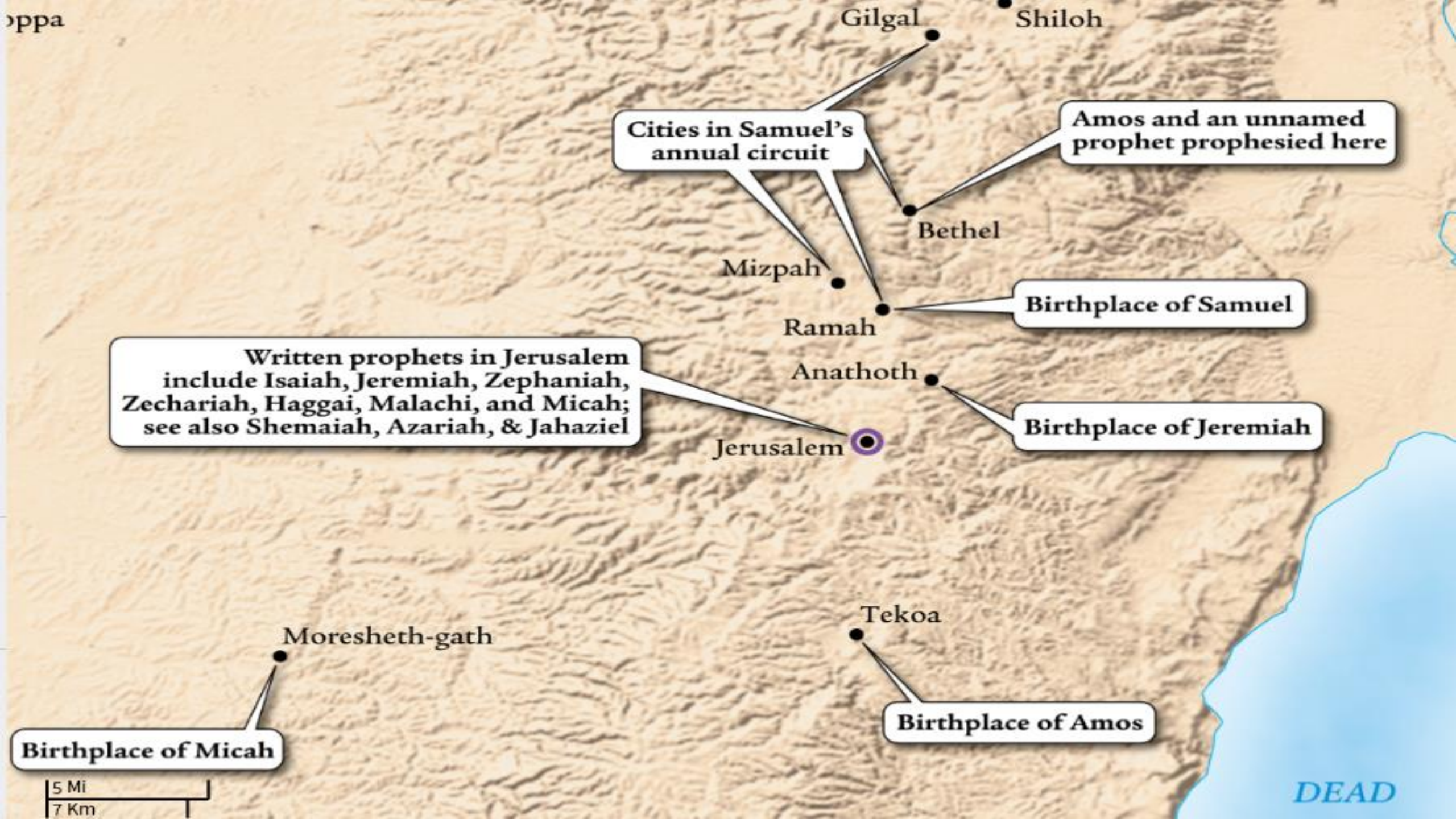
O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Romans 11:33

The image features five lit candles arranged in a horizontal row against a dark blue background. Each candle has a distinct color and pattern: the first is blue with white circles, the second is purple with white zig-zags, the third is yellow with white swirls, the fourth is pink with white leaf patterns, and the fifth is purple with white wavy lines. All candles have a yellow and orange flame. A black horizontal bar is positioned across the middle of the candles, containing the text "WHERE HE COMES" in white, bold, serif capital letters.

WHERE HE COMES

I. The Prophet



Cities in Samuel's annual circuit

Amos and an unnamed prophet prophesied here

Birthplace of Samuel

Written prophets in Jerusalem include Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zephaniah, Zechariah, Haggai, Malachi, and Micah; see also Shemaiah, Azariah, & Jahaziel

Birthplace of Jeremiah

Birthplace of Micah

Birthplace of Amos

5 Mi
7 Km

DEAD

Divided Kingdom (931 - 725 BC)

Assyrian Exile (Judah Continues) (722 - 605 BC)

Babylonian Captivity (605 - 539 BC)

Return from Exile (539 - 432 BC)

850

800

750 BC

700

650

600

550

500 BC

450

400

350

865 - 847 BC Prophetic Career of Elijah

ca 810 - 750 BC

Prophetic Career of Joel (Early)

786 - 747 BC

Prophetic Career of Jonah

760 - 754 BC Prophetic Career of Amos

ca 750 - ca 715 BC Prophetic Career of Hosea

626 BC Jeremiah Is Called to Be a Prophet

605 - 520 BC Prophetic Career of Daniel

597 BC Ezekiel Is Called to Be a Prophet

593 - 568 BC Prophetic Career of Ezekiel

700 - 721 BC

Prophetic Career of Hosea (Early)

6th c. BC Prophetic Career of Haggai

ca 400 BC Prophetic Career of Malachi

ca 847 - 798 BC

Prophetic Career of Elisha

ca 650 - 612 BC

Prophetic Career of Nahum

742 - 701 BC

Prophetic Career of Isaiah

520 - 515 BC Prophetic Career of Zechariah

735 - 700 BC

Prophetic Career of Micah

500 - 460 BC

Prophetic Career of Malachi (Early)

627 - 588 BC

Prophetic Career of Jeremiah

612 - 589 BC Prophetic Career of Habakkuk

597 - 587 BC Prophetic Career of Joel

742 – 701 BC Prophetic Career of Isaiah

735 – 700 BC Prophetic Career of Micah

Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah. He told all the people of Judah, “This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets.’”

Jeremiah 26:18-19

¹⁹ “Did Hezekiah king of Judah or anyone else in Judah put him to death? Did not Hezekiah fear the Lord and seek his favor? And did not the Lord relent, so that he did not bring the disaster he pronounced against them? We are about to bring a terrible disaster on ourselves!”

Jeremiah 26:18-19

II. The Prophecy

¹ Marshal your troops, O city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a rod.

² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Micah 5:1-2

Bethlehem
Ephrathah

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

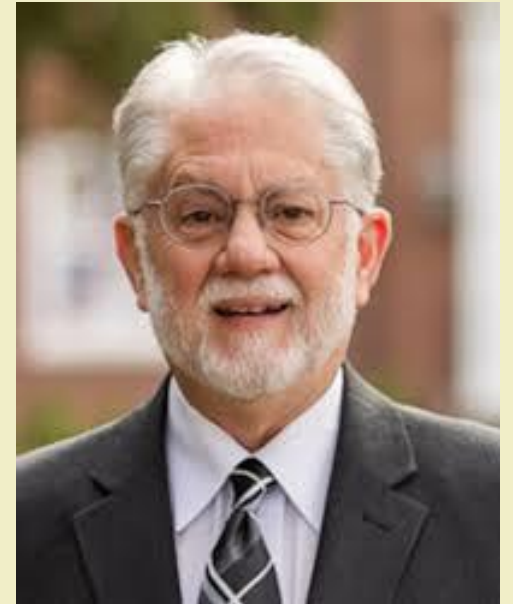
John 1:1-3

“Whereas the eternal Son of the Father, the second person of the Trinity, had no beginning and will have no end, the incarnate Son—the son of David, the son of Mary, the Messiah—had a beginning in time and space.



Bruce Ware
The Man
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“This Son, Jesus the Christ, was brought into being through the power of the Holy Spirit, as the divine nature of the eternal Son was miraculously joined together with a created human nature in the womb of the Virgin Mary.”



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III. The Fulfillment

a. The Problem

¹⁷ “Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee...”

Jeremiah 32:17

²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said,
“With man this is impossible, but not
with God; all things are possible with
God.”

Mark 10:27

b. The Solution

¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to his own town to register.

Luke 2:1-7

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

Luke 2:1-7

⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1-7





¹ In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and to put it in writing:

Ezra 1:1

¹ The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases.

Proverbs 21:1

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

Matthew 2:1-6

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born.

Matthew 2:1-6

5 “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied,
“for this is what the prophet has written:
6 “ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of
Judah, are by no means least among the
rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a
ruler who will be the shepherd of my
people Israel.’”

Matthew 2:1-6

**c. The Question:
Where?**

**d. The Answer:
Bethlehem**

The Answer found in:

- **Micah 5:2 (a ruler)**
- **2 Samuel 5:2 (a shepherd)**

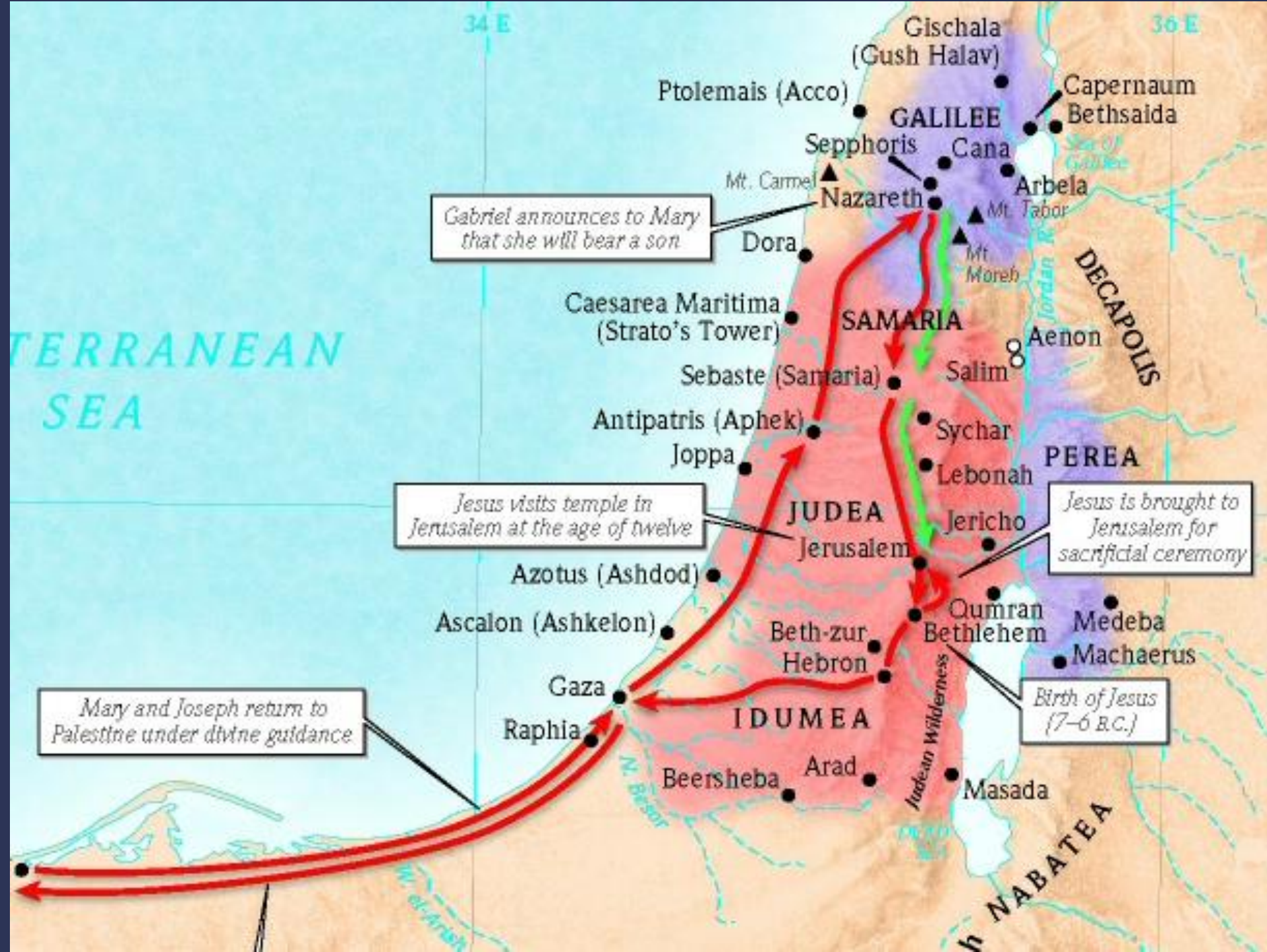
³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, ³⁸ nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent.

John 5:37-40

³⁹ You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

John 5:37-40

**Some Other
Wheres**



The *Significance*

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- 6. Born in Bethlehem** (Micah 5:2; Matt. 2:1; Luke 2:4–7)



³ Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 17:3