

Week 29 Parent Sheet: Baby Jesus Is Born

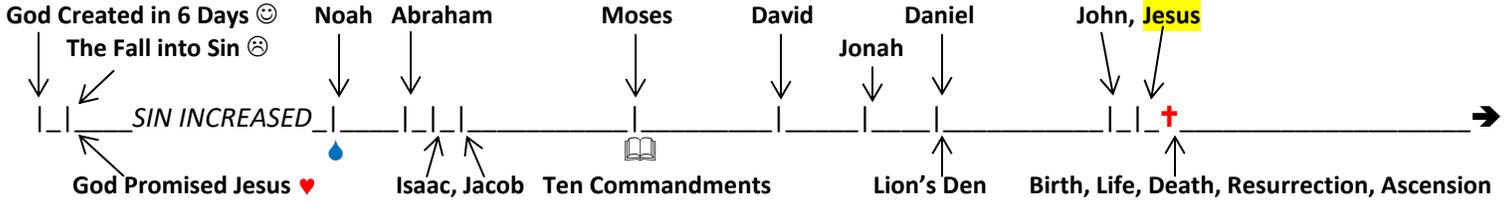
Luke 2:1-7 NIV

God planned our rescue; then God did everything necessary through Jesus to save us from our sins!

Bethlehem Family Childcare – Wednesdays: Story Time (9:30-10:00) and Bible Time (10:00-10:30)

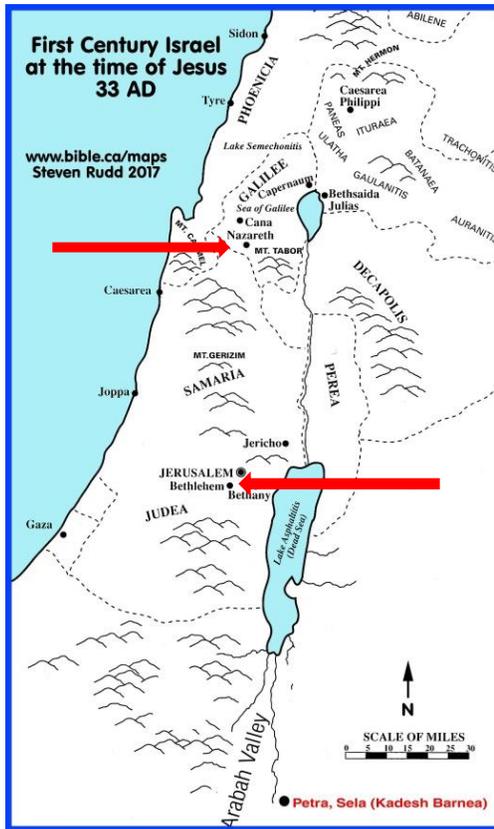
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The Old Testament covers approximately 4,000 years; this timeline shows some key events:



Previous history:

1. When Adam and Eve fell into sin, God promised to send His Son to save them.
2. During the 4,000 years of the OT, God kept pointing the people to the coming of His Son; those who trusted in the coming Messiah were saved.
3. “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons” (Gal. 4:4-5 ESV).



- b. How did God use the census? To fulfill the Scriptures: “But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *too* little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel” (Micah 5:2 NAU). That Promised Ruler is Jesus, *the Christ of Christmas!*

2. Both Joseph and Mary are descendants of David:

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.

- a. Nazareth is a town in Galilee in the north.
- b. Bethlehem is a town in Judah in the south.
- c. Their journey was about 100 miles.

3. The birth: 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 guest room available for them.

- a. Jesus is the very Son of God in human flesh, *yet He came and lived in very humble means.*
- b. The Son of God gave up the glory of heaven, *so that we could have the riches of heaven through Him!*

Baby Jesus Is Born:

1. The census: 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 their own town to register.
 - a. Why did Caesar Augustus call for a census?
To tax the people!

Thoughts:

1. No matter how impossible it sounds, we should always believe the Bible, *which is God's Holy Word!*
2. God's plan is for US to be with HIM through Jesus! So let us acknowledge our sins, be sorry, recognize our helplessness to save ourselves, and, by God's grace, trust in Jesus – *the Christ of Christmas!*