Christmas Eve

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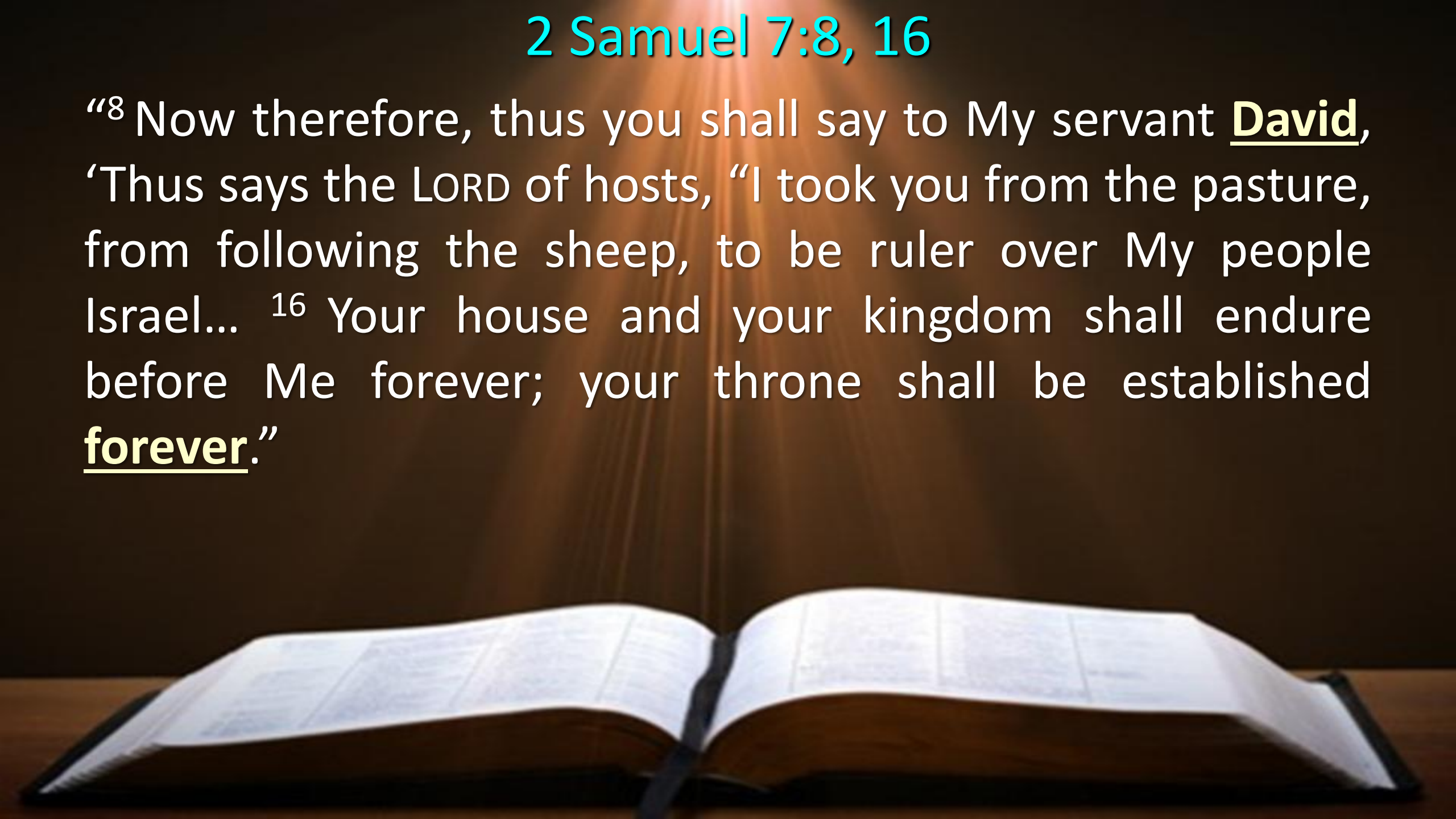
Psalm 90:2

"Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting (***olam***) to everlasting (***olam***), You are God."

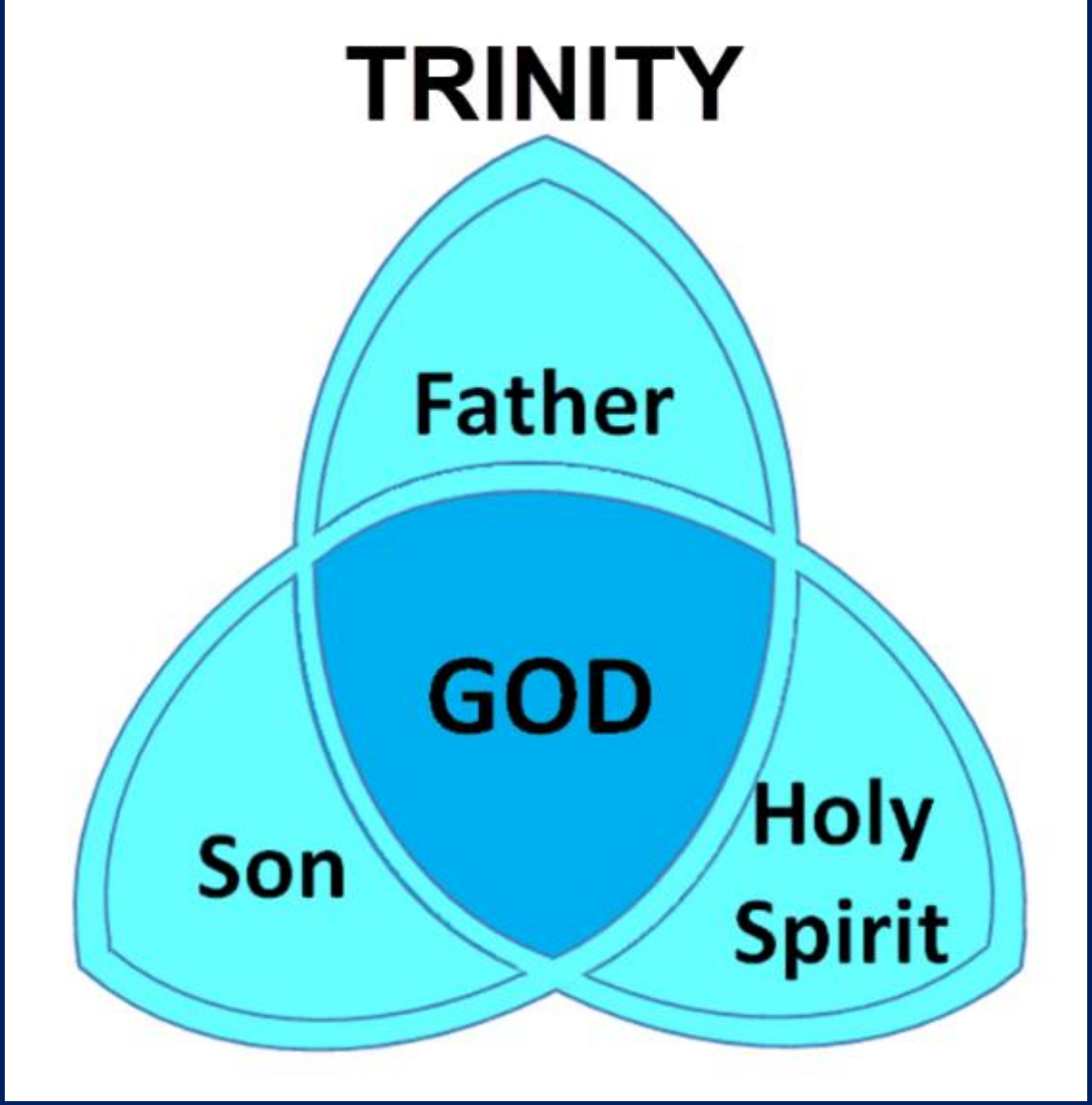


2 Samuel 7:8, 16

“[8] Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant **David**, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, “I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel… [16] Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established **forever**.”



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Isaiah 33:22

"For the LORD is our **judge**, The LORD is our **lawgiver**, The LORD is our **king**."



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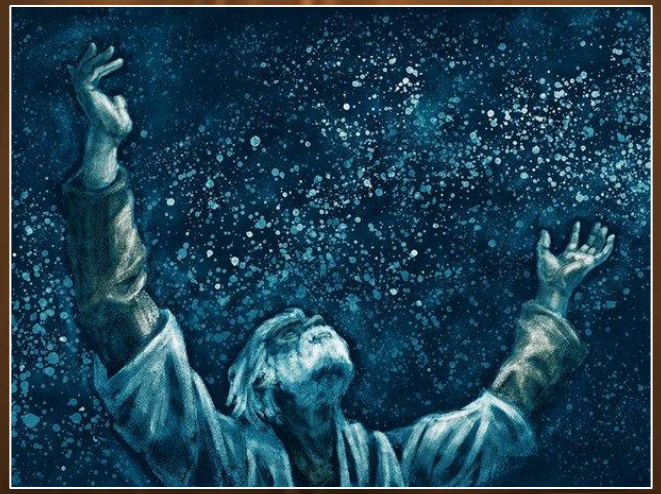
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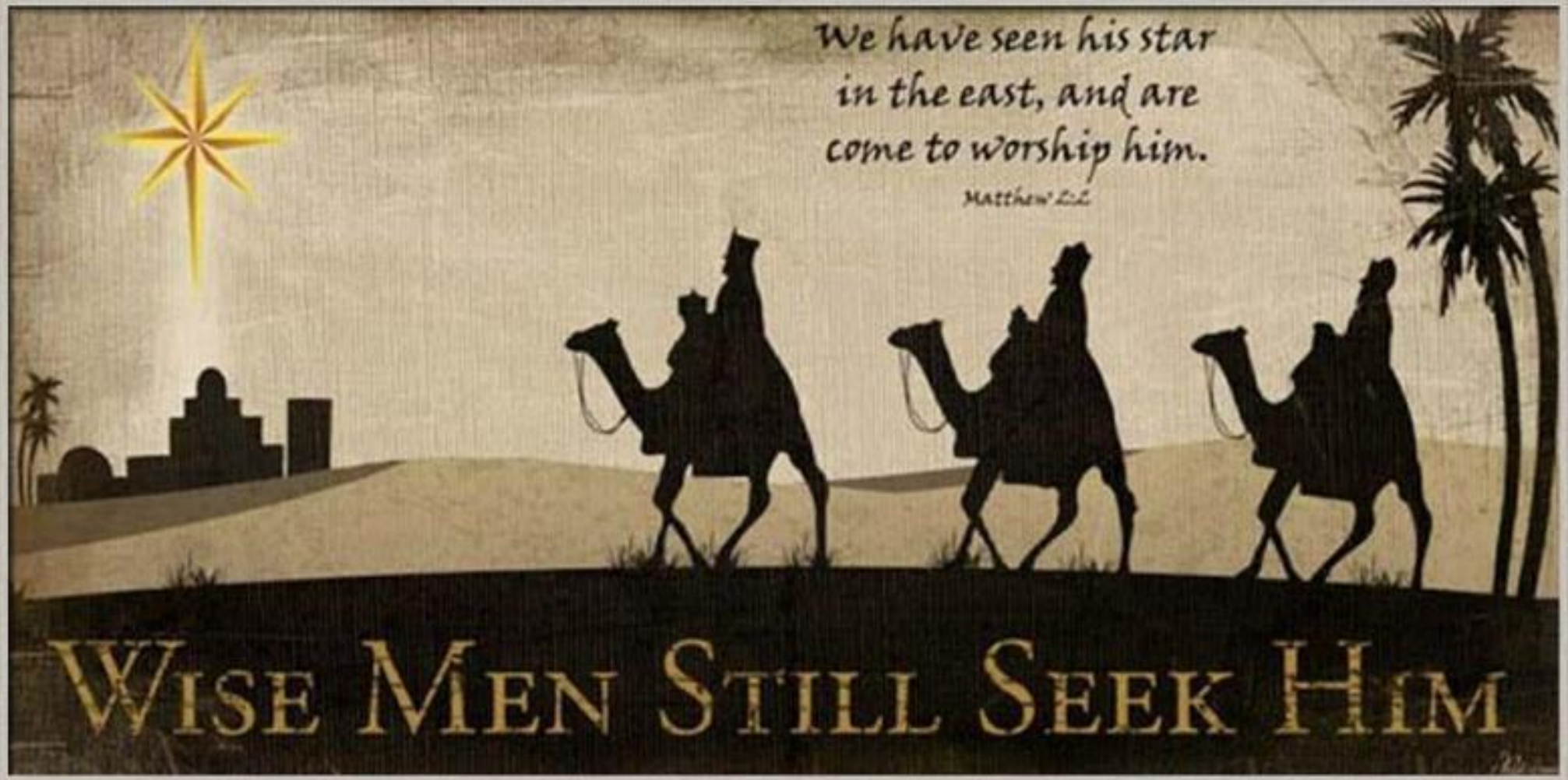
"And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And **in you all the families of the earth will be blessed**."



Numbers 24:17

“I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; **A star shall come forth from Jacob, A scepter shall rise from Israel**, And shall crush through the forehead of Moab, And tear down all the sons of Sheth.”




We have seen his star
in the east, and are
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Matthew 2:2
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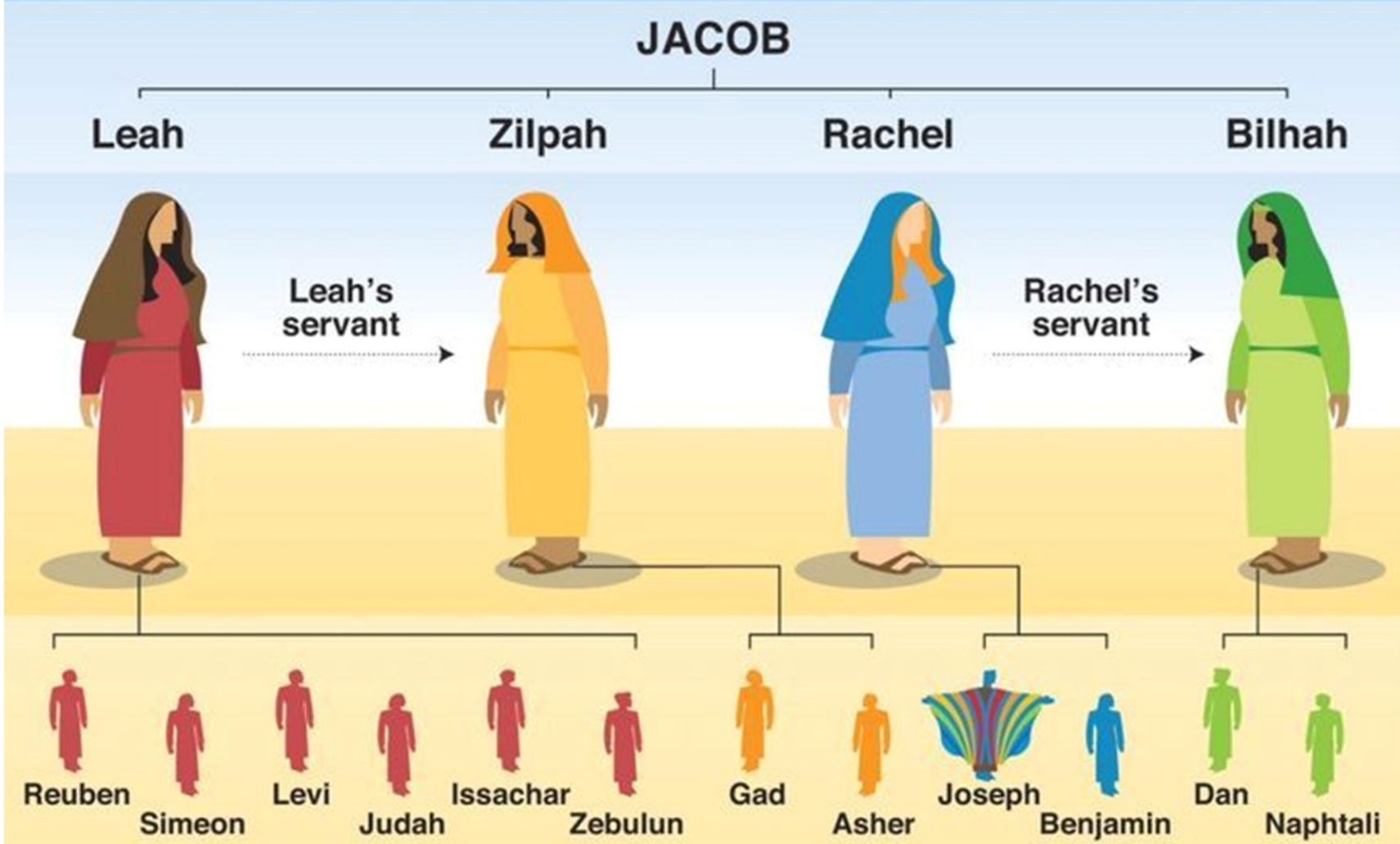
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Jacob's Family



Source: The NIV Quickview Bible - www.thequickviewbible.com

Messiah must be from the tribe of Judah

- Genesis 49:10
- Revelation 5:5



Genesis 49:10

"The **scepter** shall not depart from **Judah**, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until **Shiloh** comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples."



Revelation 5:5

“and one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is **from the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.”



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Matthew 2:4-6

“4 Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet: 6 ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, Are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; For out of you shall come forth a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’”

