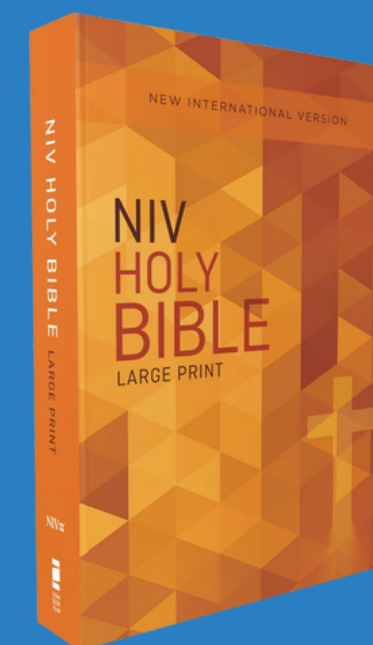




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CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER??



Caesar Augustus

TIME OF PEACE

14 AD

27 BC

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ROMAN EMPIRE
EVER WAS**

TIME FOR A

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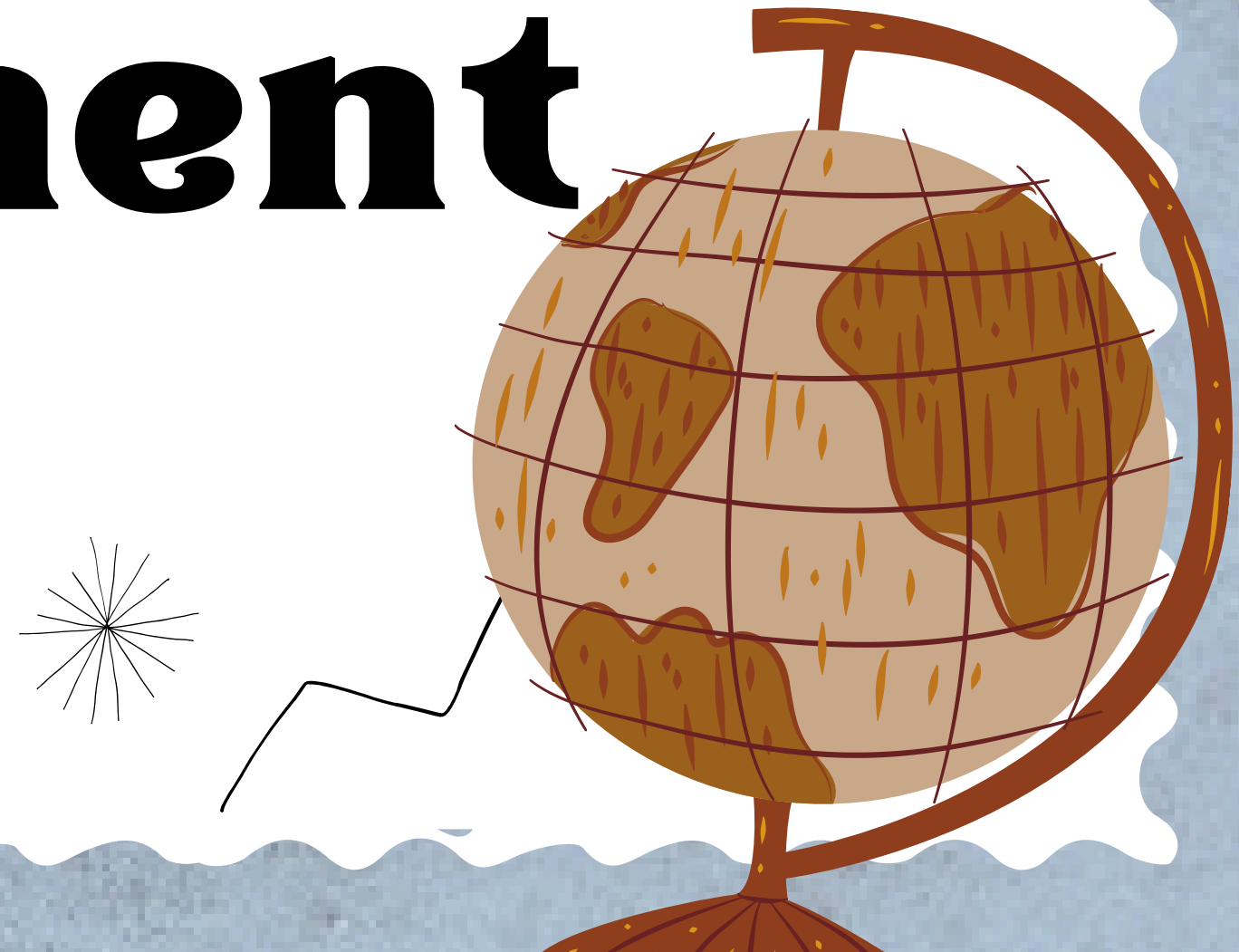
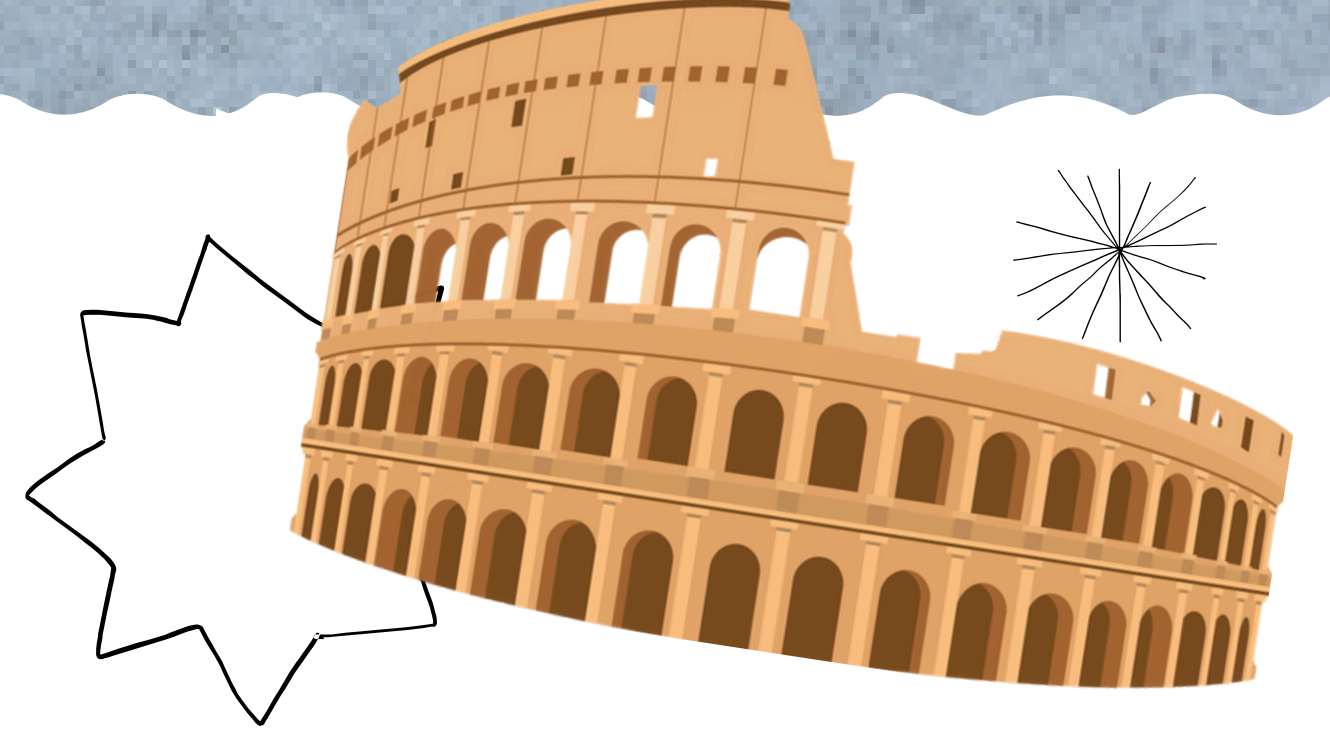


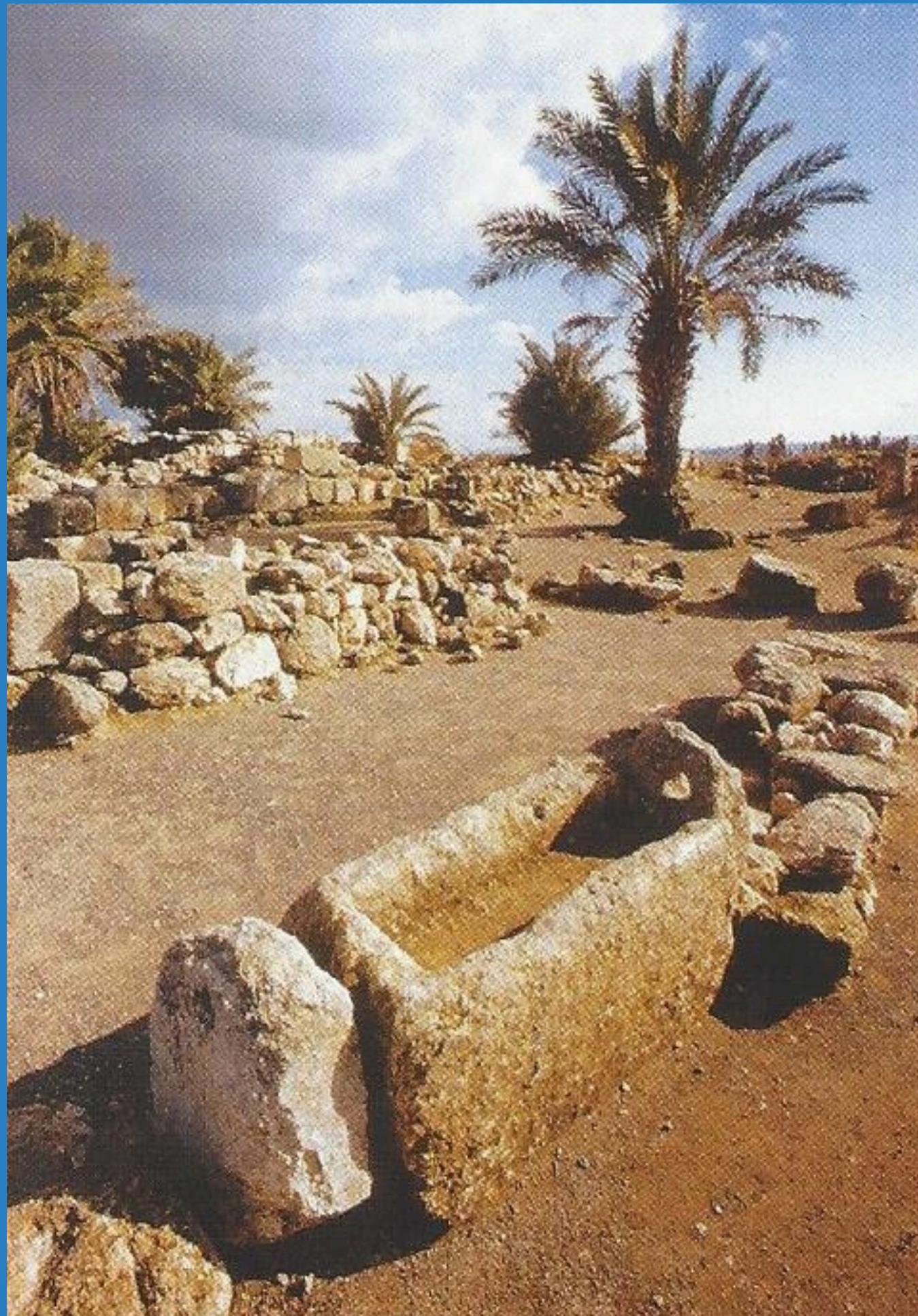
MICAH 5:2 NIV

“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.”



Archeology Nerd Moment







What Child Is This

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.



What Child Is This

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!



I bring you good news
that will cause **great**
joy for all the people.

LUKE 2:10

...**peace** to those on
whom his favor rests.

LUKE 2:14



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1 JOHN 1:5-7 NIV

“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

ROMANS 15:13 NIV

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

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PSALM 19:8

“The precepts of the
Lord are right, giving
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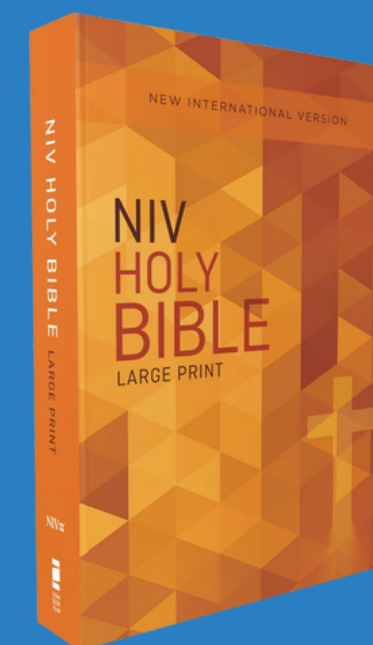
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HomeGroup Questions

1. What does the humble birth of Jesus reveal about God's character and plan?
2. What is the significance of the shepherds being the first to hear the news of Jesus' birth?
3. How does Mary's pondering and treasuring these events guide our own reflection on God's work in our lives?
4. What insights can we gain from the humble settings and circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth?
5. How does the response of the shepherds model effective witness and evangelism?
6. What do you learn about the Lord from this passage?
7. What are we being called to obey?