

The Perfect Gift

Right Time And Place

Luke 2:1-5 “At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David’s ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.”

A Sovereign God...

Ordered The _____ of an Emperor “At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire.” (v.1)

Deuteronomy 10:17 “For the LORD your God is the **God of gods** and **Lord of lords**. He is the great God, the mighty and awesome God, who shows no partiality and cannot be bribed.”

Luke 1:50-52 “He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him. His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones. He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble.”

A Sovereign God...

Ordered The _____ of a Family “And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David’s ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee.” (v.4)

Matthew 1:17 “All those listed above include fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the Babylonian exile, and fourteen from the Babylonian exile to the Messiah.”

Micah 5:2 “But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.”

A Sovereign God...

Ordered The _____ of a Birth “He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.” (v.5)

Luke 2:6-7 “And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.”

Luke 2:12 “And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”