



CAROLS of CHRISTMAS



O little town of
Bethlehem

Micah, Luke, Matthew

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“The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it is always young - the heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair and its soul full of music breaks the air when the song of angels is sung.” Phillips Brooks

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A soft-focus, winter-themed background image showing a snow-covered street. A classic street lamp with a glowing light is positioned in the center-left. A white picket fence runs across the lower portion of the scene. The overall atmosphere is quiet and serene.

Hopes and Fears

Micah 5:2

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“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. His goings forth are from
long ago, From the days of eternity.”

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12 Prophets

Contemporary Prophets

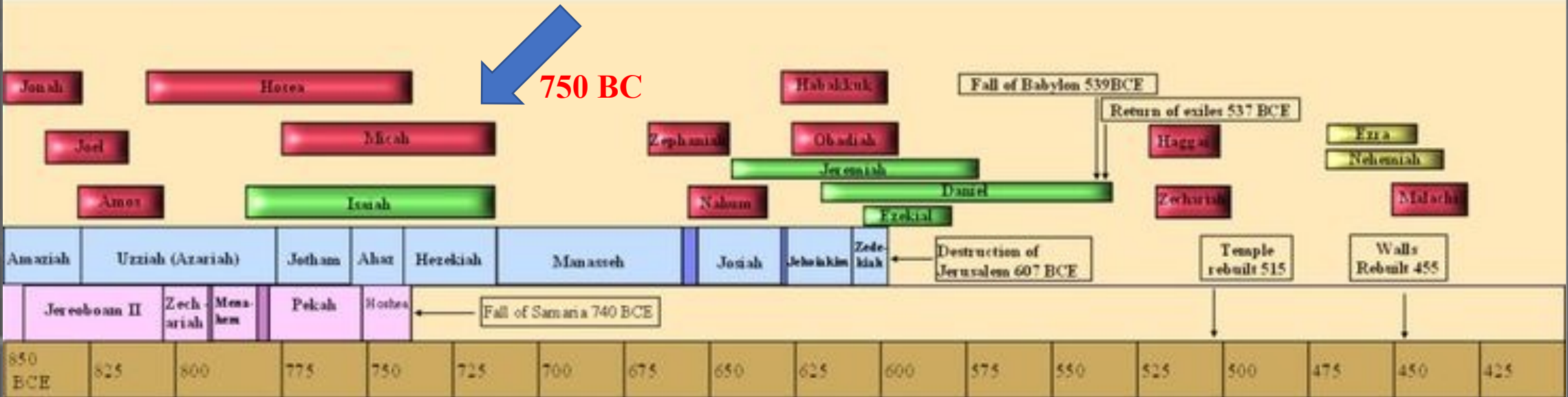
Other Contemporaries

*Kings who ruled more than two years

Kings of Judah*

Kings of Israel*

Timeline of the minor prophets



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Hopes and Fears Micah 5:2

- Smallest 2a
 - Insignificant village south of Jerusalem
 - Less than 1K people in 4-5 BC
 - Insignificant village of farmers, shepherds, bakers
 - No record that Jesus ever returned to birthplace
- Highest 2b
- Oldest 2c

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Hopes and Fears Micah 5:2

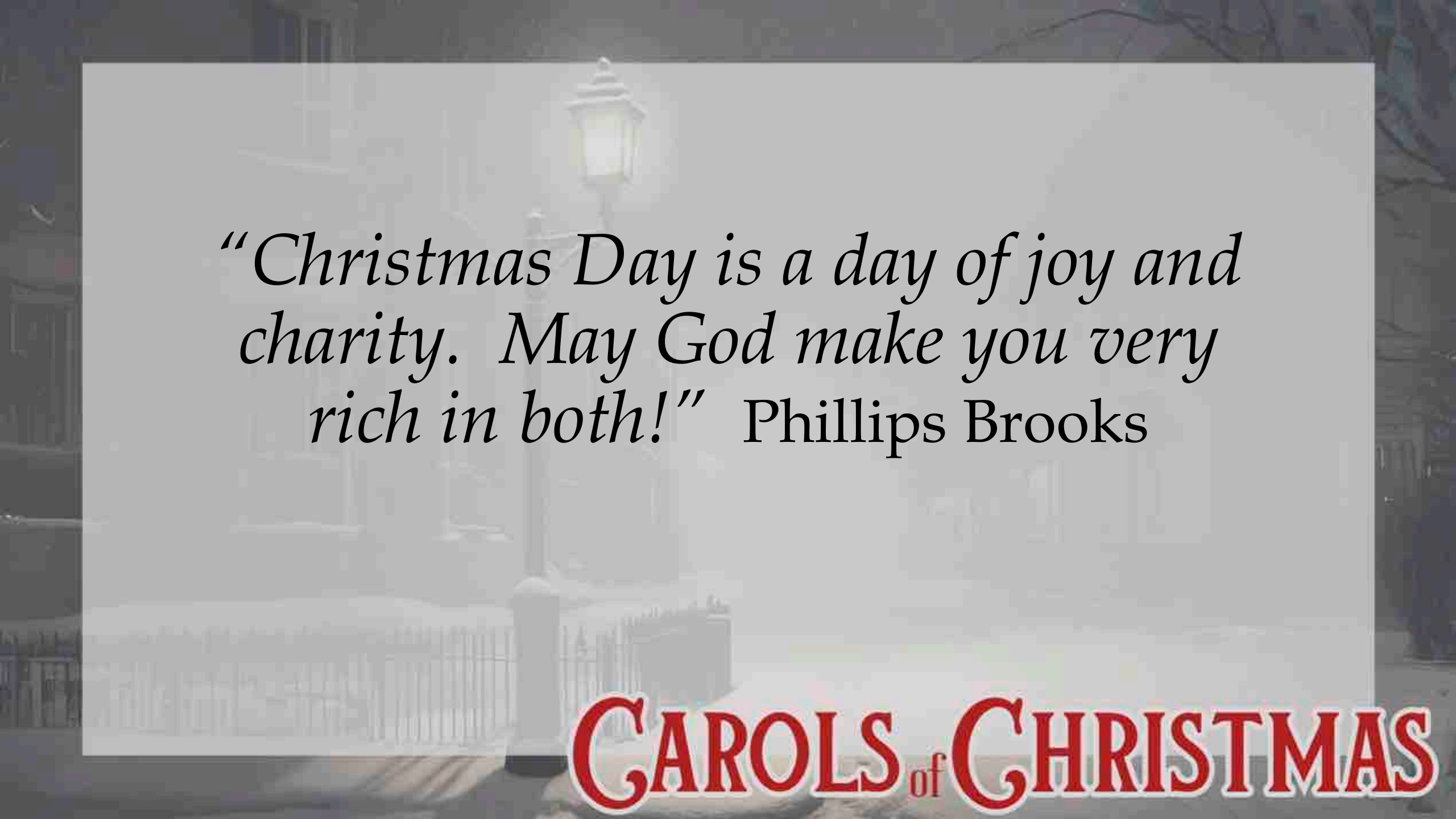
- Smallest 2a
- Highest 2b
 - Ephratah – ‘fruitful’ & ‘abundant’ – Ruth?
 - House of Bread – ‘Bread of Life’ John 6
 - **God has often used the least to give the most!**
- Oldest 2c

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Hopes and Fears Micah 5:2

- Smallest 2a
- Highest 2b
- Oldest 2c
 - John 1:1 – ‘In the beginning was...’
 - Not His beginning – His coming!
 - Preceding the Fall – Creation – Time
 - **Messiah precedes sin so He exceeds death!**

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“Christmas Day is a day of joy and charity. May God make you very rich in both!” Phillips Brooks

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God the King!

Luke 2:9-11

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Luke 2:9

And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

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Luke 2:10

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;

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for today in the city of David there has
been born for you a Savior, who is Christ
the Lord.

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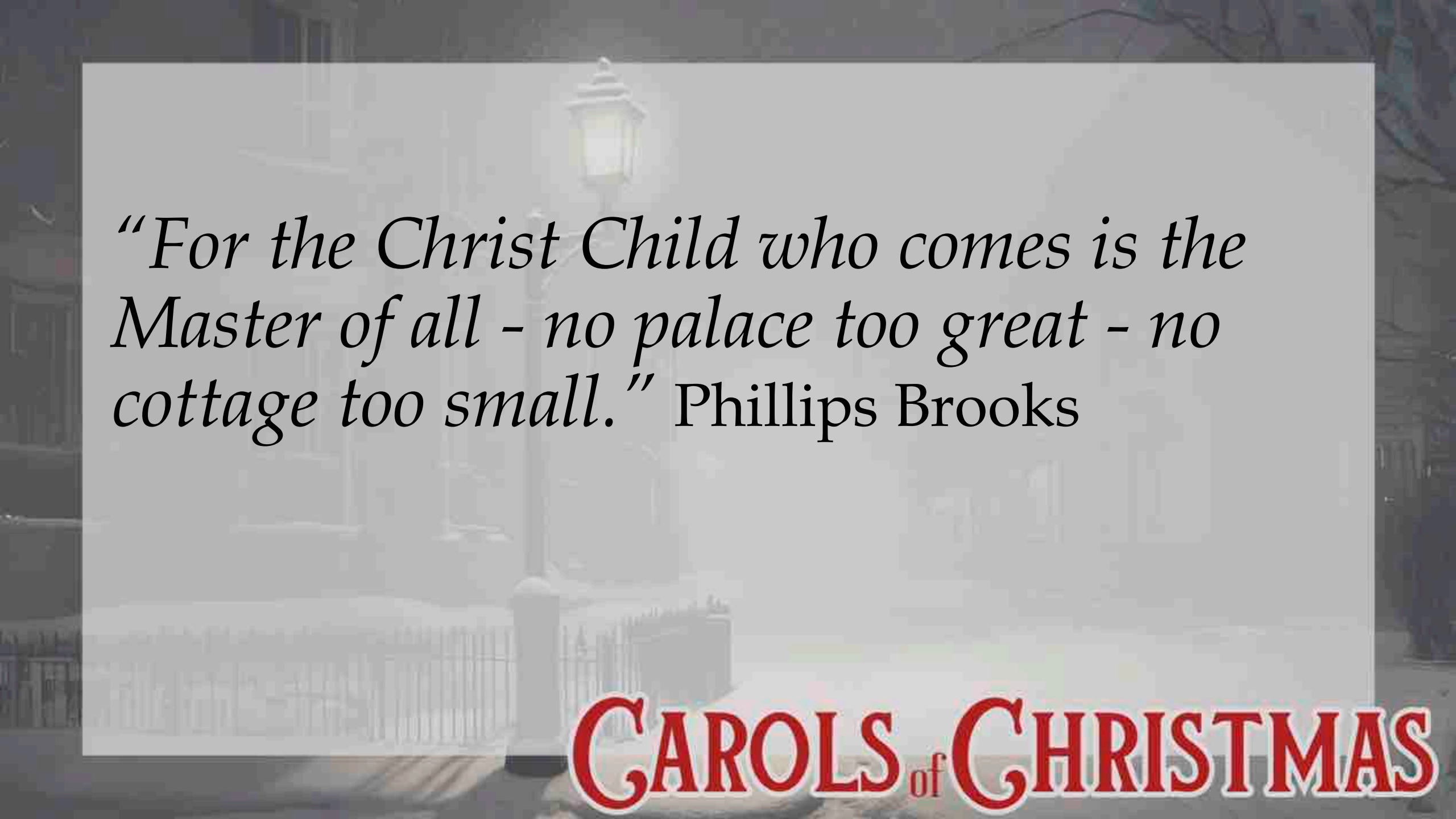
- Song of the Angels
 - 'frightened' by one Angel – wait for it!
 - Good News - Gospel
 - Great Joy – death will not win!
- Savior of the World

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God the King!

- Song of the Angels
- Savior of the World
 - City of David – Judah – Jacob – KING!
 - Born a Savior – one of us to deliver all of us!
 - Christ – anointed to be Messiah
 - Lord – Very God!
 - **From shepherds came a King – from Kings a Shepherd!**

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*“For the Christ Child who comes is the
Master of all - no palace too great - no
cottage too small.”* Phillips Brooks

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Emmanuel: God with us

Matthew 1:18-21

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Matt 1:18

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

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Matt 1:19

And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.

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Matt 1:20

But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

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Matt 1:21

“She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

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Matt 1:22

Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

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Matt 1:23

“BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “GOD WITH US.”

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Emmanuel: God with us

- Son – fully God & fully man
 - Genesis 3:15 – John 3:16
 - One of us to save ALL of us!
- Jesus
- Savior

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Emmanuel: God with us

- Son – fully God & fully man
- Jesus
 - Hebrew: Joshua, Hoshea, Hosea; Greek: Jesus
 - Luke 10 – ‘I am come that you might have life....’
 - Mark 2 – ‘so that you may know....’
- Savior

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- Son – fully God & fully man
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 - 1. "All have sinned."
 - 2. "There is none righteous."
 - 3. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive..."
 - **Grace greater than our sin!**
 - **Great sin – Greater Savior!**

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*“Jesus Christ –
the condescension of divinity
and the exultation of humanity.”*
Phillips Brooks

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