



# CAROLS of CHRISTMAS



# O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

Isaiah 7:14

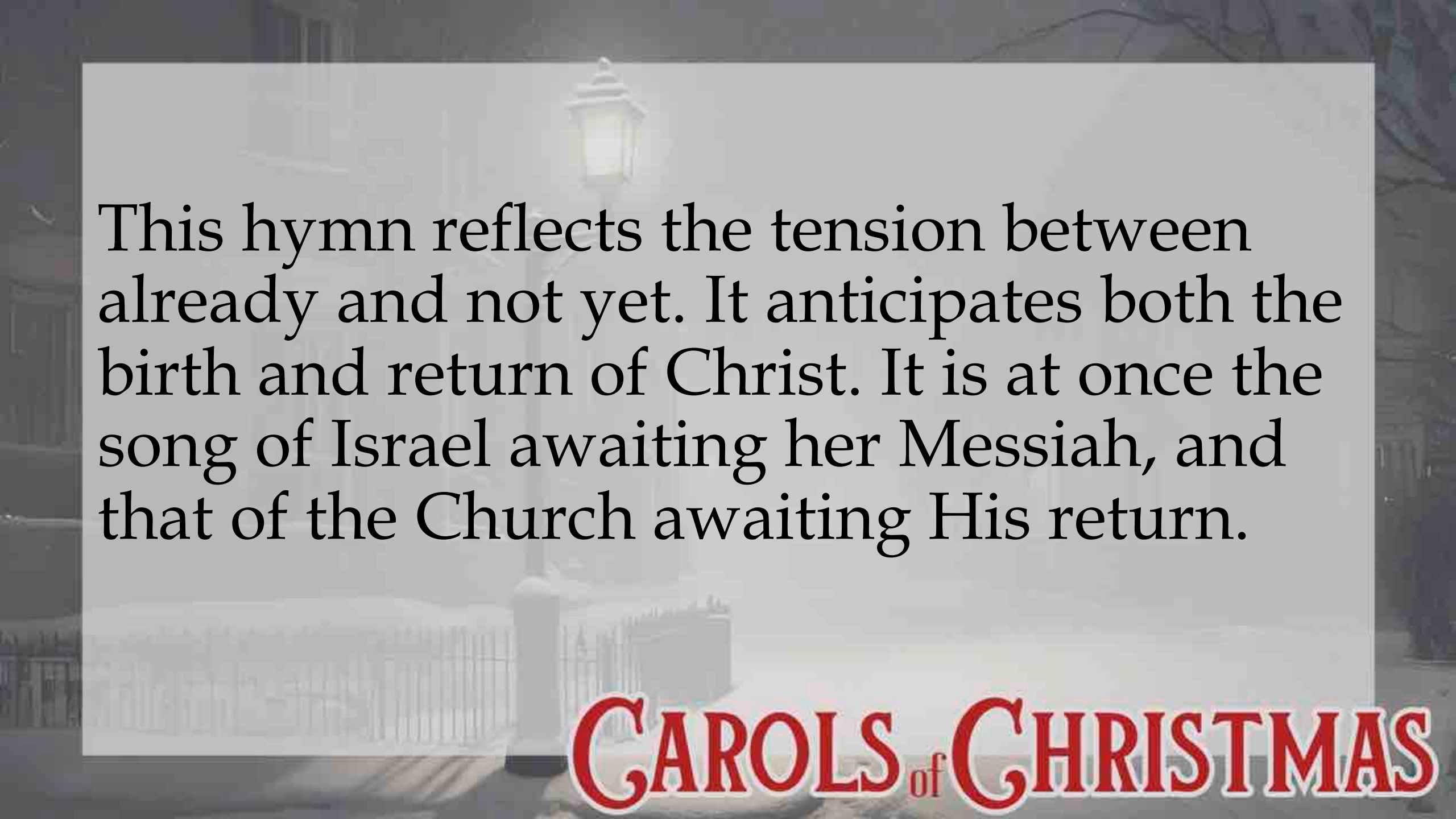
Matthew 1:22,23

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Today's selection is possibly the oldest Christmas carol that is still in use. It is a Victorian translation (John Neale, 1851) of a 12th-century Latin carol, which was in turn adapted from a set of 8th century monastic antiphons (sung back and forth)

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This hymn reflects the tension between already and not yet. It anticipates both the birth and return of Christ. It is at once the song of Israel awaiting her Messiah, and that of the Church awaiting His return.

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**God with us is not a new concept!**

God walked with Adam

God informed Noah

God stood with Abraham

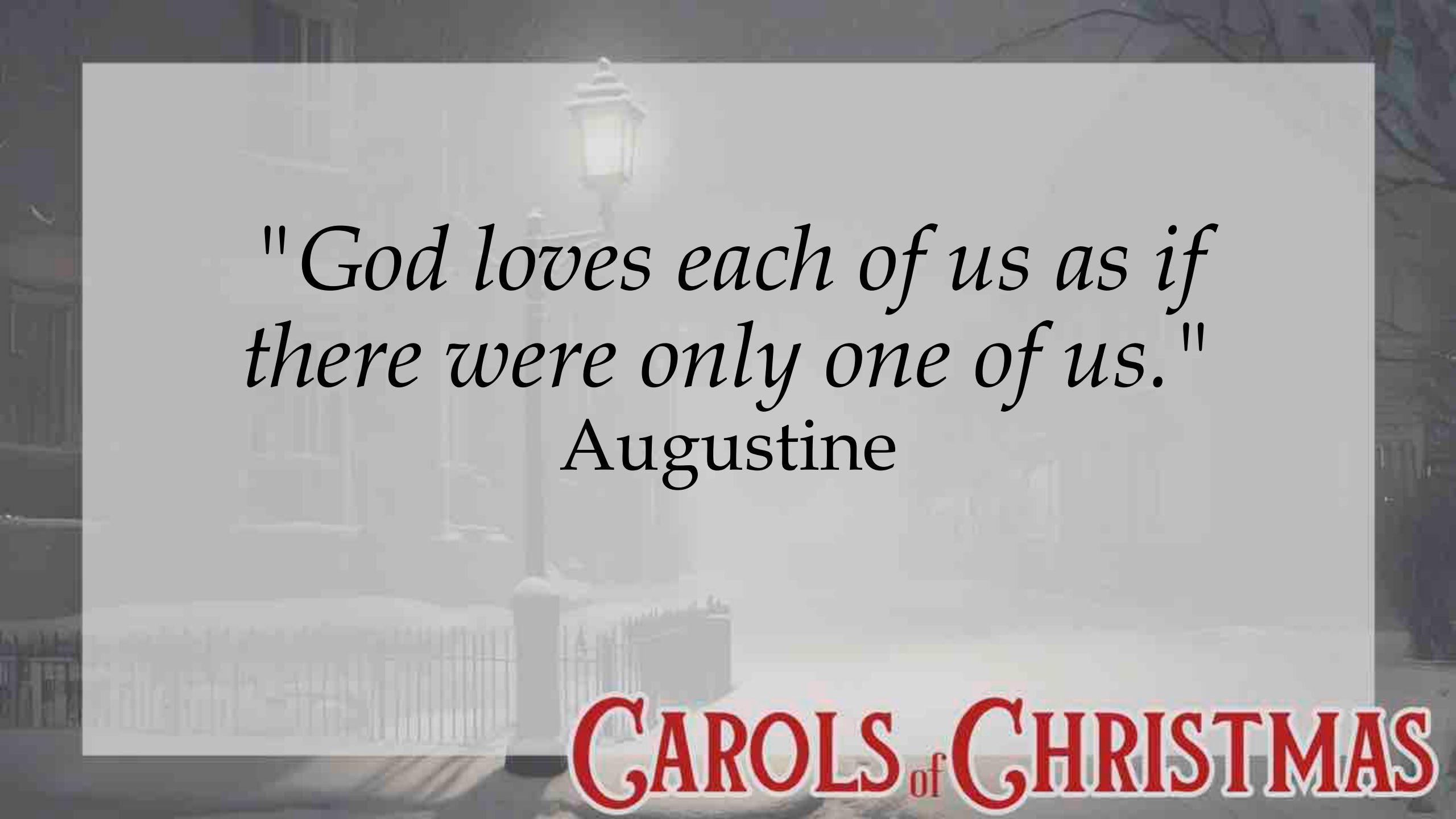
God met with Moses

God fought with Joshua

God called the Kings

God spoke to the Prophets

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*"God loves each of us as if  
there were only one of us."*

Augustine

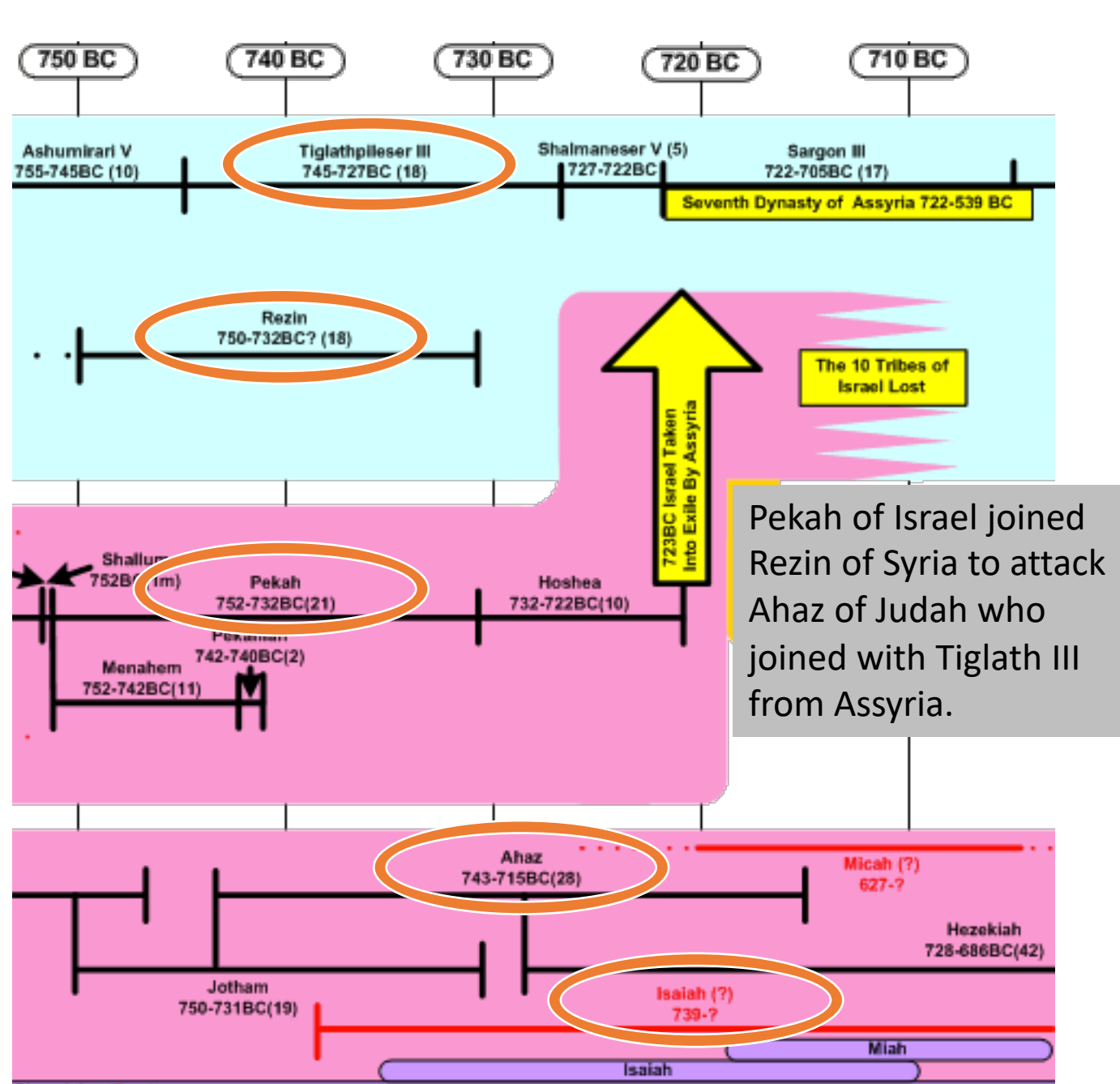
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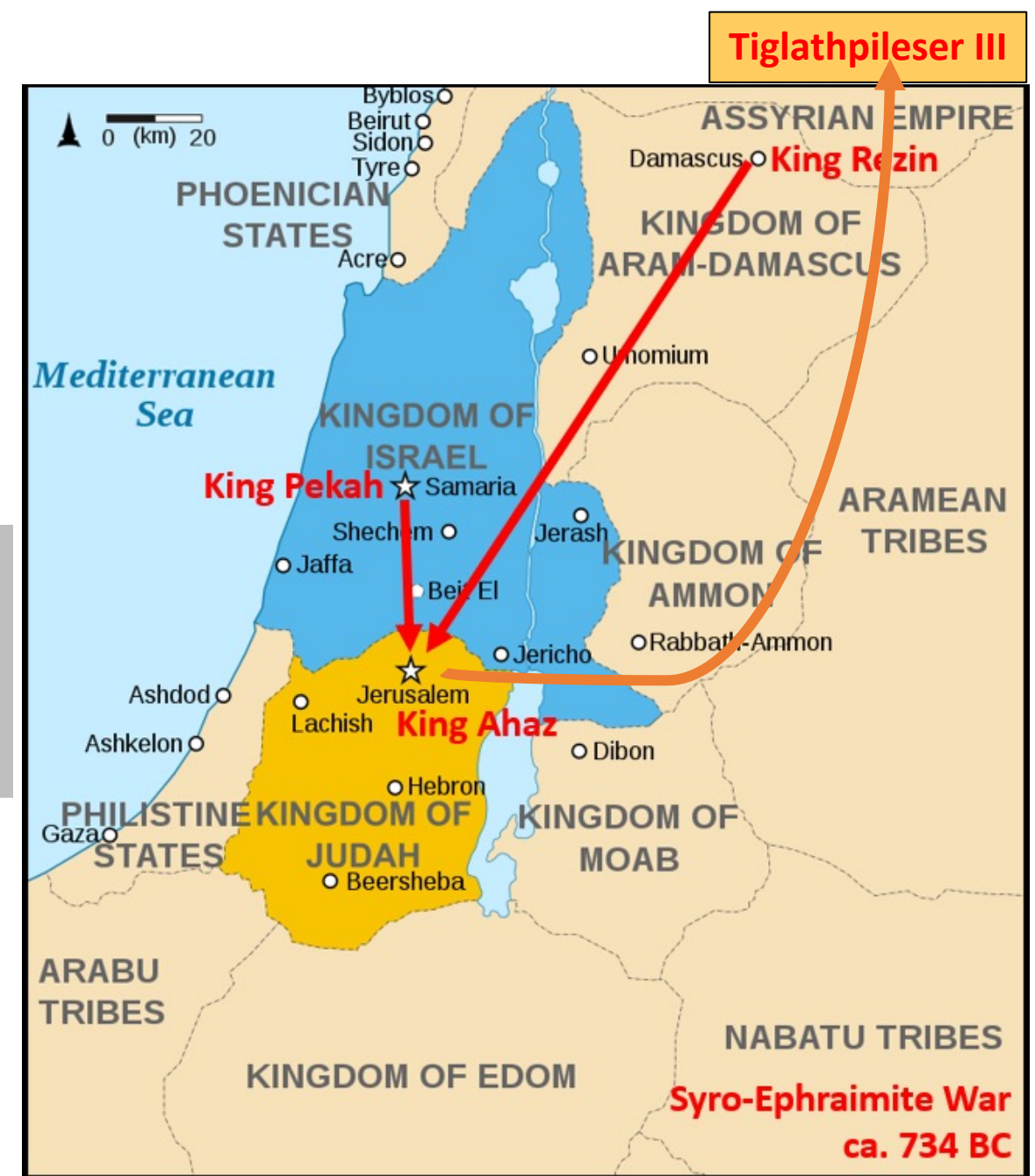
“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

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Pekah of Israel joined Rezin of Syria to attack Ahaz of Judah who joined with Tiglath III from Assyria.





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# Desperate Times!

- Deliverance Promised – Isaiah 7:14
- Deliverance Presented – Matt 1:22,23
- **God will always meet us at our greatest need!**

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עִמָּנוּאֵל IMMANUEL

עִמָּנוּאֵל WITH (IMA)

עִמָּנוּאֵל US (NU)

עִמָּנוּאֵל GOD (ELOHIM)

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# *IMMANUEL OR EMMANUEL?*

## *MATTHEW 1:23*

NASB – 1995

“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.”

KJV – 1611

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name **Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, God with us.

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# IMMANUEL OR EMMANUEL? ISAIAH 7:14

LXX – Septuagint – 250BC

- διὰ τοῦτο δώσει κύριος αὐτὸς ὑμῖν σημεῖον ἰδοὺ ἡ παρθένος ἐν γαστρὶ ἔξει καὶ τέξεται υἱόν καὶ καλέσεις τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ

**Εμμανουηλ**

VULGATE – 400AD

- propter hoc dabit Dominus ipse vobis signum ecce virgo concipiet et pariet filium et vocabitis nomen eius

**Emmanuhel**

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# What is in a name? Michael – English

- Michel (French)
- Mikhail (Greek, Russian)
- Mihály (Hungarian)
- Mícheál (Gaelic)
- Michele (Italian)
- Michal (Polish)
- Miguel (Portuguese, Spanish)
- Mihail (Rumanian)
- Michiel (Dutch)
- Mikel (Swedish)
- Mihangel (Welsh)
- Mícheál (Irish)
- Miguel (Portuguese)
- Mikkel (Danish, Norwegian)
- Micheil (Gaelic)

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*Mat 28:19,20*

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

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Gen 28:15 - Jacob

“Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

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Exo 33:14 - Moses

And He said, “My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.”

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Lev 26:11,12 - Israel through Moses  
'Moreover, I will make My dwelling  
among you, and My soul will not reject  
you. 'I will also walk among you and be  
your God, and you shall be My people.

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Num 14:9 – Israel as rebels came against Moses

“Only do not rebel against the LORD; and do not fear the people of the land, for they will be our prey. Their protection has been removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them.”

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Haggai 2:4 - Haggai promising Zerubbabel after Captivity of Babylon  
'But now take courage, Zerubbabel,' declares the LORD, 'take courage also, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and all you people of the land take courage,' declares the LORD, 'and work; for I am with you,' declares the LORD of hosts.

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Luke 24:32 – Jesus after the Resurrection  
on Emmaus road

They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road”

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John 1:1

“In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.”

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# **GOD** with us!

- God with us in Eden
- God with us in life
- God with us in death
- God with us in life to come!
- **If He was not God - He was not good!**
- **Do you see God in everyday life?**

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*“A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice.”* C.S. Lewis – Mere Christianity

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John 1:14

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

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# God **WITH** us!

- As Adam – born in our race
- As a man – born among sinners
- As the Son of God – live without sin
- Incarnation! Fully God – Fully man!
- **John 1:14 – Greatest Christmas verse to me!**
- **God with us in ‘grace and truth’ – essential!**

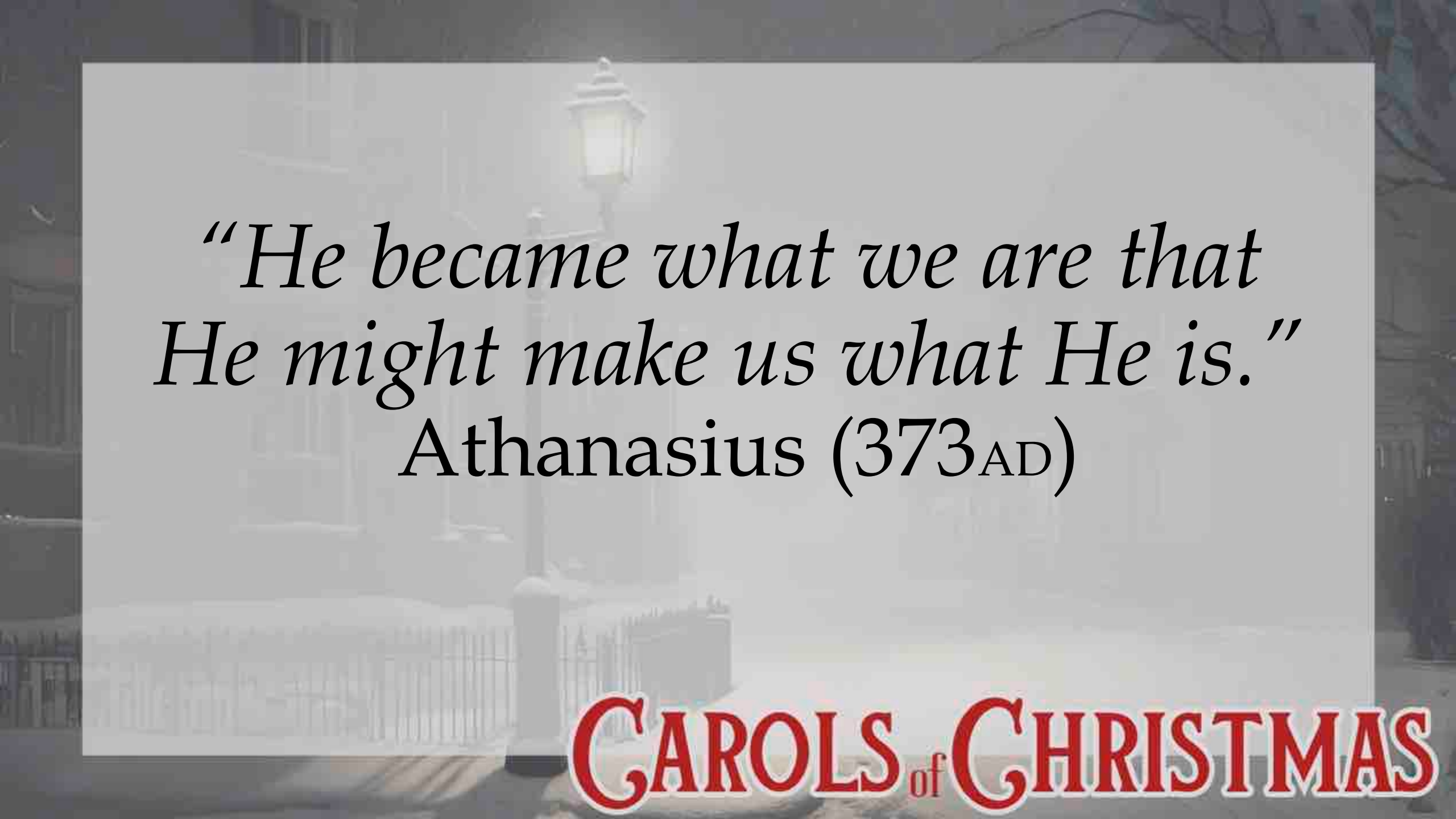
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*“The Son of God became man  
to enable men to become  
the sons of God.”*

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*“He became what we are that  
He might make us what He is.”*  
Athanasius (373<sub>AD</sub>)

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John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

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*“God so loved the World that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life!”*

- Greatest Love
- Greatest Degree
- Greatest Audience
- Greatest Offering
- Greatest Gift
- Greatest Invitation
- Greatest Simplicity
- Greatest Object
- Greatest Hope
- Greatest Contrast
- Greatest Promise
- Greatest Blessing

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# God with **US!**

- God so loved He gave – sacrificial!
- God so loved He came
- God so loved us He extended that love to us
- **God so loves each of us**
- **God so loves all of us**
- **God loves any of us is the mystery!**

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Romans 5:8

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

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*“No creature that deserved Redemption would need to be redeemed. Christ died for men precisely because men are not worth dying for; to make them worth it.”*

C.S. Lewis

Essays (Screwtape Proposes a Toast)

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**GOD IS NOWHERE?**  
**GOD IS NOW HERE!**

Daily Challenge – Emmanuel - God is with us!

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