

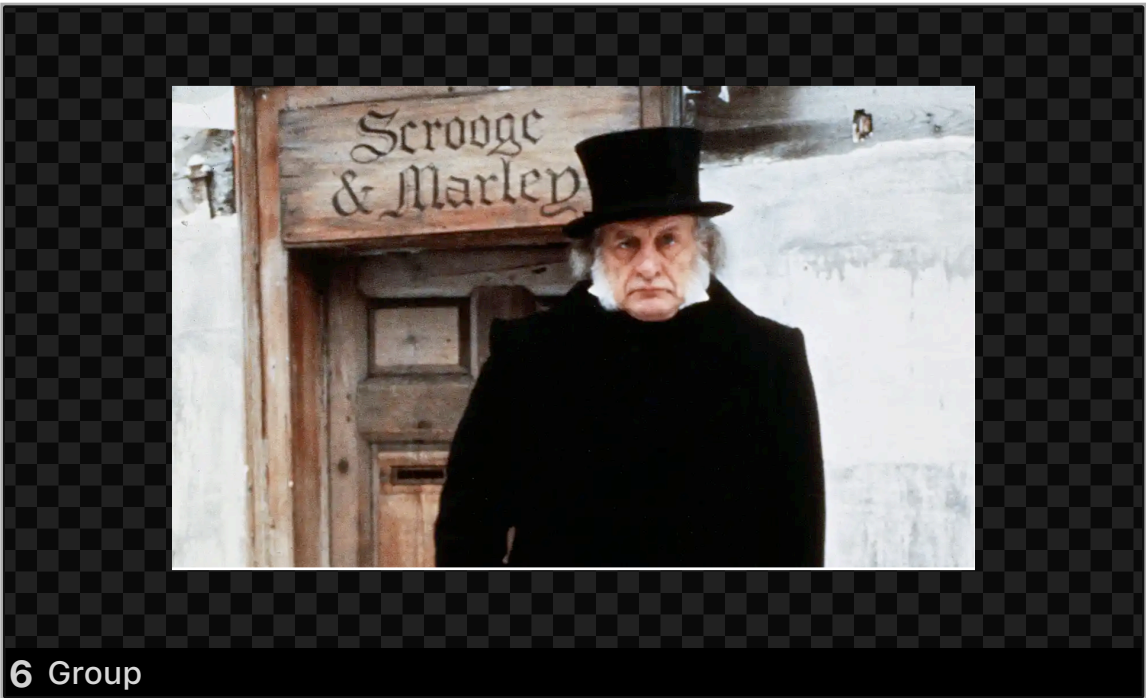






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**Matthew 2
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Luke 2:1

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“This man, this king, this absolute monarch lifts his finger in Rome. And 1500 miles away in an obscure province, a poverty-stricken couple undertakes a hazardous journey all at the whim of a king.

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Only notice the result. A child is born in an obscure little town that Caesar has never heard of that just happens to be mentioned in an ancient Hebrew prophecy about the coming of the Messiah.”

N.T. Wright

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But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Micah 5:2

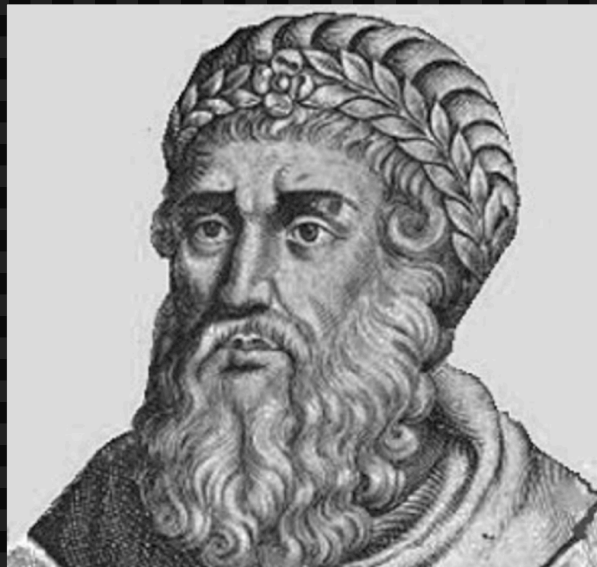
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Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

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**3 When Herod the king heard this, he was
troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;
Matthew 2:1-3**

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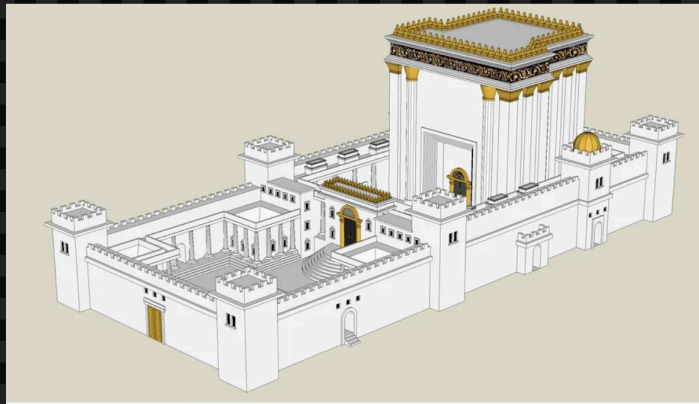
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**The Way of Jesus
vs.
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**The Power of Jesus
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**...of his kingdom there will be no end.
Luke 1:33b**