

Luke 2 1-20 - Messiah is Born_trimmed.mp3

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Again, things are a little bit different today because the length of time we had at the beginning. So just to heads up, I'm likely to pair down a little bit. My teaching I'd planned on going through verse 20 that probably pretty unlikely. But we're in chapter two of the Gospel of [Luke](#). So as you turn there, what I wanna do is go through the very first few verses here. We're going to read basically verses one through five to begin and then we're gonna jump into the text. So this is gonna be familiar territory for us. So again, so thankful what the Lord's doing. A great devotional today. Appreciate the elders and the deacons and Bob, by the way, he's a meritist status. So he served for many, many years as an elder. But since he's a meritist status, he was able to wear shorts up here in the pulpit. I think only our youth pastor and Bob can pull that off. My legs are so white, you definitely would want me at the upper and short. So, but that was a very appointed and an appropriate devotional thank you, Bob. So we're in Gospel of [Luke](#), chapter two. We made it through chapter one, 80 verses. And now we're jumping into chapter two and we're gonna see some very familiar elements here as believers. If we find this in verse one, and it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be registered. The census took place while Quenarius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth into Judea. To the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David. To be registered with Mary, his patroled wife, who was with child. And so it was, while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. Let's pray. While there's, we begin this time. The journey through your living and active word, Lord, thank you that we have this privilege. Help us never take it for granted. And while we do find ourselves looking at what should be familiar with all believers and for all believers, the reality of the incarnation, what we think about at the Christmas season and verses that are often talked about and taught during the Christmas season. The bottom line is it's all about your love for Jesus. Your willingness to step out of eternity into time into our world the appropriate time as it says in [Galatians](#) 4-4. So Holy Spirit, lead us into all truth this morning. Lord, I pray that as we go through these passages that Lord, you would make them fresh in our hearts and our minds, that would be fresh application in our lives as well. And that we would understand again, this was real. We have real historical events, real people. And most importantly, we have you, the Messiah, the Messiah, the Messiah, the King, who stepped into our world and took up on the form of a helpless little baby. So Lord, thank you again for the privilege, the time we have in your word. And we just ask in Holy Spirit, lead us into all truth. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen. Amen, guys. So again, as we're reading these passages, I had just prayed during the Christmas season. So it's not Christmas in August, obviously. But these are familiar passages. If you're a believer and you've spent time in God's word, this is something that again, that you're familiar with. And even for people who may not be that knowledgeable of God's word, familiarity with these passages.

Oh, yeah, I've heard that before.
Yeah, I've heard that taught before.
And it's the reason that we know that is because it's very relevant to the fact of Jesus's incarnation when he stepped out of eternity in the time for our benefit, right?
That's why he came.
So let's impact some of these verses.
Let's go back to verse one.
As we had finished chapter one, remember the transition we find says this.
And it came to pass in those days.
At this particular time, God's plan being played out.
And it tells us specifically when this happened.
And when it says that it decree, right?
So basically, in order, a directive came forth from Kaisar, Augustus, Caesar Augustus, who was the emperor of Rome, by the way.
He was the emperor of Rome from 27 BC to 1480.
So in that time frame, obviously, he was the emperor when Jesus came on the scene and was born.
But his directive or his order was something to help facilitate God's plans and purposes, right?
So as we continue, remember it says he made the decree.
And it went out to all the world that they should be registered.
So when we say the world, we're talking about the Roman Empire.
And of course, the Roman Empire was a vast empire.
It didn't cover the totality of the world like we would think.
But it was a large empire in that area.
And so he had jurisdiction, he had a 40.
So we sent out the decree.
And it was during those days.
So we find this also in verse two, that this census first took place while Kronerios was governing Syria.
So there's a couple of things I want to point out to you guys here.
There are many people who are critics of the Bible, who are critics of God's word.
It's not uncommon for people to say, "You don't have any evidence.
How can trust that?
It's just a bunch of fairy tales.
" How many of you are familiar with an actress named Jennifer Aniston, who was on friends?
Obviously, very high profile person.
Most of you are familiar.
So she was on some kind of a podcast recently.
And the people, the pundits were sitting around.
We're talking about Christianity or faith.
And basically, she was saying, why do people believe in something that there's absolutely no evidence for it all?
They're raised in homes where they're basically indoctrinated in this stuff, but it's not real.
There's no evidence.
The reality is she's clueless.
She has no idea, obviously, of the overwhelming evidence that cooperates the Bible, God's living and active word.
And the fact of the matter is, we know historically that Caesar Augustus ruled in this specific time frame that he did historically create this edict that he sent out for people to come and to be paying taxes.
Now, it's an interesting thing because he did this numerous times during his reign.
But there are those who are critics who will say, "There's really no evidence for that.
" That's a lie.
There is evidence for that.
Caesar Augustus and his reign and the time frame that had happened.
Then there's a second player that's very important.
The census when it took place.
God's word inspired by the Holy Spirit.
And remember, the [Luke](#) was meticulous.
The time that he spent preparing and studying and researching.
And the most important thing, the Holy Spirit inspired him, right?
And the writing detects the same as all the others who panned God's word.

They were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

When we started this study, remember we referred to and I shared information to you or with you about a man who was called William Ramsey, sort of William Ramsey from the 19th century.

He was a world-ridden archaeologist who doubted the veracity and the validity and the accuracy of the Bible, specifically [Luke](#), until he did something.

He decided to take the initiative to see if there was any evidence.

And over years of looking for evidence, he found overwhelming evidence.

This secular archaeologist said the [Luke](#) was an historian of the highest rank.

That he was meticulous.

What he understood, what he communicated was so well laid out, that there was no doubt about the historicity of the events the [Luke](#) panned.

Not only here, by the way, in the book of [Luke](#), but also in [Luke](#) 2, which we call the Book of [Acts](#), so to speak, right?

So think about this.

He had put all this information together and was based on fact.

So this man who was the governor of Syria, his name was Quinerias.

There are those who will say, well, the days don't jive because Quinerias served in a certain time that when he was governor of Syria, it was in '86 and '7.

Now, obviously Jesus was born before that, wasn't he?

So if you would buy that story, you would go, "Hmm, yeah, that's a problem.

" But here's the reality.

They have found the historical evidence now that he served as governor of Syria twice, and the first time was the time frame that Jesus was born.

So history catches up with what God already says.

It's not amazing how that works.

God is way ahead of the curve because he communicates accurate information for us through the living and active word.

So it's just really powerful to understand the dynamics and historical realities that God's word communicates to us.

So as we think about the truth again about the census and the call for the census and it happened during the time of Quinerias, the governor of Syria, we find in verse 3 then.

So all went to be registered.

Everyone to his own city.

There are those who say that that wouldn't have happened either.

But again, historical evidence just points out that they do.

Tacitus, who was a Roman historian, cooperates these things.

Josephus, who was a Jewish historian, given a Roman name, he cooperates these things as well.

So outside the biblical text, we do have historical evidence that cooperates exactly what happened here.

And the response is the census went out that all those who received it in their own city responded.

Look at the verse 4.

This is really powerful as we get into the details now.

So Joseph also went up from Galilee.

Out of the city of Nazareth into Judea to the city of Davi, David, which is called Bethlehem because he was of the house and lineage of David.

That verse alone is packed with importance and historical truth, by the way, and also prophetic reality.

Not only of Jesus fulfilling prophecy about coming Messiah, but God's prophetic realities leading to the fact of what's going to happen in the future when Jesus comes back and to restore or to bring His kingdom to the earth.

Remember when we were in chapter 1, we spent some specific time reflecting on that.

In fact, let's go back to chapter 1 of [Luke](#), quick, and read some very important passages, verses 31 through 33.

And remember when we went through chapter 1, pointing the reality that to the Jewishness of this and to the Jewish players here, Zacharias also, Elizabeth and to Mary, and Gabriel coming and communicating the reality of what's going to happen, they had an understanding of expectation and anticipation of a Messiah to come, a deliverer, the Christ.

And so when Gabriel shows up and gives the news, hey, this is going to happen.

Shares the reality of Elizabeth becoming pregnant.

She would bear [John](#) the Baptist, then also Mary would be impregnated by the Holy Spirit, that dynamic reality of no man being involved, never happened in the history of the world, never happened again, right?

That was an amazing dynamic.

But centered all around all of that from their understanding was them saying, hey, look, here's the reality, God's promises to the old covenant, saints, specifically Abraham and David are in view for us.

Look what it says again, in verses 31 through 33, in chapter 1.

So Gabriel said, "And behold, you will conceive in your womb.

And bring forth the Son, and shall call his name Yeshua.

" So Hebrew is Yeshua, [Joshua](#).

Remember that name means salvation.

So in his very name, remember in [Matthew](#), chapter 1, it said that you will call his name Jesus, for he will save his people, what, from their sins.

He came to seek and to save the lost.

So Gabriel is informing, "You will name your Son Jesus.

" For 32 says, "He will be great.

" In fact, he'll be farther than great.

The Greek word for great there is Maghul, it means magnificent, huge, megoths, for he will be great and will be called the Son of the highest.

So these are misceionic titles, but they're also speaking about the divinity of Jesus Christ, his nature as God.

Do you notice how it says he will be called the Son of the highest?

Remember in that eternal reality, we have the Godhead, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Coeicule and Essence and power and authority, yet the Father's not the Son, the Son's not the Jesus.

I mean, Jesus is the Son, the Father's not the Son, right?

And the Holy Spirit plays a unique role, but they are Coeicule in their Essence, their power and their authority.

Remember the fact that we are triune in our makeup?

It says in [1 Thessalonians](#) chapter 5 of verse 23, Paul closing that letter out.

He encourages that Thessalonian believers saying, "Now may the God of peace sanctify you, set you apart Holy, Spirit, Numa, Soul, Suke, and Body, Soma, Spirit, Soul, and Body.

You and I are triune.

You're a Spirit, you have a Soul, and this is just our house.

Think about the Godhead, the triunity of his nature.

That's what that means.

" So here's the fact of the matter that Jesus would step into the uniqueness of the role of taking on a body of flesh and bone.

That's what happened at the incarnation.

God stepped out of eternity into time.

[Philippians](#) chapter 2 tells us that He humbled Himself.

They took upon the form of what?

A servant.

So being fully God, and I always had been, "Member Yahweh Yahweh means self-existent one.

The Father is Yahweh, Jesus is Yahweh, the Holy Spirit is Yahweh.

" In [Matthew](#) 28, when Jesus gave the Great Commission, remember He said, "Go into all nations, go to all the ethnicities, ethnicities, people groups, making disciples, right?

" Baptizing them in what?

The name singular of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, because all three make up that divine reality of Yahweh, the self-existent one.

So this is an amazing reality, knowing that the time had come for Jesus to come, to take upon humanity and to take upon flesh.

In fact, let's go to [Psalm](#) chapter 2.

So as Bob was talking about prophetic elements from God's word, remember, the Bible has 28% approximately of the Bible is prophetic.

So if you were to hold up your Bible and say, "Yeah, that looks like about 25%, 28%, that's a significant amount of God's word.

" And it is.

God telling us in advance what's going to happen.

Do you realize that over half of the prophecies in the Bible have been fulfilled, literally, every detail.

Only God who's outside of time and space could communicate that.

[Isaiah](#) 46:10 says that God declares the end from the beginning.

Why?

Because He's omniscient, and He knows.

So it is history written in advance, and it comes to fruition in God's timing.

[Psalm](#) 2 is this incredibly powerful reality that has some prophetic elements of Jesus' first coming, but also his second coming.

And it's not a long chapter, but it's important.

And even when Jesus came, the book of [Acts](#) reflects on some of this as well.

In fact, [Acts](#) chapter 4, verse 25, there's a connection to verse 1.

Look what it says in verse 1 of [Psalm](#) 2.

Why do the nations, the ethnicities, that word ethnos?

Why do the nations, the people, groups, rage, and the people plot a vain thing?

So isn't that the heart of humanity and people to rebel against God?

The signature that we have is one of rebellion.

I'm not going to bow to God.

I'm not going to sit in it my life to God.

By the way, I'm my own person, and everybody will start seeing in Frank Sinatra.

I did it my way, right?

That's the problem with the world is the self-focus, the self-love, the self-enous of it all, and pride and arrogance.

A lot of times people will do things to protect themselves, and it's projected in those ways, but the bottom line is we're so self-focused, there's an aspect of pride.

That's where sin began, by the way.

That's when Lucifer felt, right?

He wanted to, it wasn't good enough to worship God, to be in that role as an anointed chair of, he wanted to be God.

[Isaiah](#) 14, he wanted to replace God, and God said, "Uh-uh, you're out.

" He booped him, right?

He's gone.

So, but that's our problem too, is still the issue of pride.

So you see the rebellious hearts of humanity.

Look at verse 2.

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together and look who against.

Against the Lord, it's all caps on Lord, meaning Yahweh, self-existent one, against the Lord and against his who?

Anointed, who is anointed.

Jesus, by the way, what does Christ mean?

What does Messiah mean?

Anointed.

That's what they terms mean.

Messiah, Christ both mean anointed.

So against his Messiah or Christ, saying, "Let us break their bonds and pieces and cast away their cords from us, the rebellion of humanity.

" And you know what God's word says in response?

Verse 4, "He who sits in the heavens, shemaiahs, so God is outside of all creation, but the reality is, it says, he sits in heavens, he shall laugh.

He shall speak to them in his wrath.

" By the way, I jumped over a little bit, sorry, the Lord shall hold them in derision.

Again, that's Yahweh.

Then he shall speak to them in his wrath and distress them in his deep, or with his deep displeasure.

So here's an interesting thing.

God is completely loving and gracious and merciful, but he's also holy and he's also a righteous judge.

People determine if they're going to be on the business end of God's judgment or not.

God extends grace and mercy to all of humanity, did under the O covenant, certainly does under the new covenant, and if people experience God's judgment, it's on them.

God is ultimately fair, the grace of rings, salvation has appeared to all men, [Titus](#) 2:11.

God did all of He good to rescue humanity.

Isn't that what this is about when Jesus came to be in carnation?

When people say I can't believe in a God who would send people to hell.

Well, God doesn't.

People go there because they reject the provision that would keep them from going there, and Jesus did

all they could do by dying in the place of every person so they wouldn't have to.
 If people spend eternity separated from God, it's by their choice, and they will find that out someday.
 And the enemy again uses deception, but God is ultimately fair.
 So what says this then?
 Look at verse 6, "Yet I have set my king, my naghi, on my holy hill of Zion."
 "You know what that holy hill is?
 It's a temple mount in Jerusalem.
 It's a wonderful place to go and visit, folks, and knowing what the future holds there, but also knowing what history tells us about what happened in Jerusalem as well, and on that place.
 Here's the interesting thing.
 Jesus is the king of kings, the Lord of Lords, but He has not come to establish His kingdom on earth yet.
 There are people who hold an eschatology who say, "Well, there's no literal millennial kingdom.
 Jesus is just ruling and reigning from heaven right now on people's hearts and over the world.
 "Well, if Jesus is ruling over this world, man, that's really bad management.
 Can you imagine our God and our king allowing everything that's going on in this world?
 Paul said in Securitians 4, 4, that if people are blinded, it's because they're blinded by the God of this world, the little G.
 There's only one God, but he's talking about the one who has the main influence over this fallen world, and it's the enemy.
 So Jesus, when he does come back to establish His kingdom, He will set the world into a place where He determined it should be to begin with.
 And that's when He will literally what?
 Set in that role as the king on the Holy Hill in Jerusalem.
 That will be where He rules and reigns from for a thousand years.
 So there's a prophetic element here we find in God's Word.
 It says, "Mur7, I declare the decree.
 The Lord has said to me, 'You are my son, and today I have begotten you.'
 "Now, that's interesting because within the dynamic of the Godhead, Father Son Holy Spirit, again, "coequal and essence, power and authority, and eternal.
 "Jesus did not have a beginning in His divine state as God.
 It's talking about when He would take upon humanity that He would enter into that uniqueness about submission to the Father as the Son of God, taking upon humanity.
 "You are my son, today I have begotten you, the dynamic of when this came to fruition.
 "Again, that's what we're seeing here in [Luke](#) chapter 2.
 The accounts again about that time where the census is given and Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem.
 Look what it says in verse 8, [Psalm](#) 2, "Ask of me," speaking of the Lord, speaking of the Father in this case, "And I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession."
 "Guess what?
 That's going to happen.
 Remember in the book of [Revelation](#), Bob, share that devotional today, and I'm going to be teaching that on Wednesday nights coming up out for our fall kickoff, that the title "D to the earth" was lost if you will by Adam and Eve's fall in their sin.
 What happens when Jesus comes back?
 He's going to take over management again from the enemy and He's going to take over His rightful place.
 Again, verse 8, "Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possessions."
 "That's Jesus.
 "You shall break them with a rod of iron.
 " [Revelation](#) 12, though when Jesus is in that position, ruling and running for a thousand years, that His rule will be absolute.
 The fact of the matter is there will be stability, right?
 There's not going to be all the chaos that we find, and here's an interesting thing, though, yet all the people who are born during that millennial period will have to be born again.
 They will have to put their trust in Jesus to be redeemed.
 Here's the thing that just blows my mind.
 Think about this, the enemy, Satan is bound.
 The demonic realm is neutralized during that time frame, but there will be people with Jesus ruling and raining from the temple mount in Jerusalem for that time frame.
 Here he is, the Messiah of the King, God in the flesh, ruling and raining, and there will be people even

without demonic deception and influence who will reject Jesus as their Savior and actually will rebel against Him.

Then that will blow your mind.

That's the power of pride in a person.

That's going to happen.

But Jesus will break them with a rod of iron.

It goes on to say, "You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.

" Again, because He's God.

When He has to distribute justice, so the way the world tweaks and defines those things today in a very messed-up way, this is God's justice.

Again, He wants people to come to Him, but the end of the day has no choice if they reject Him.

But He says of verse 10, "Now therefore be wise, O Kings, people who are rulers, people who have a position of influence in countries around the world throughout history.

Be wise, O Kings, be instructed, you [judges](#) of the earth, serve the Lord, come to Him, serve Yahweh with fear, with awe, and with reverence, and rejoice with trembling, understanding who it is that we're dealing with.

The God of all creation, the one in [Genesis](#) 1, who spoke and said, "Let there be any created the entire universe, the Shemaiaim, the heavens, that's plural.

" That means not only the earth, but every planet, every star, everything that constitutes this universe, God spoke and He created it.

That's the power of our God.

Isn't that amazing?

That's the God that we know and we love and serve, and yet loves us so personally and so intimately blows my mind.

And I'm about you, but I'm so thankful that He does, right?

And again, that He's able because He's God to compartmentalize with you and me and millions of believers all the same time to come, to spend time with us, to intercede for us too, is mind-blowing.

Who wouldn't want to serve the Lord out of love and admiration, but also referencing Him and being in awe of Him?

Why?

Because He is awesome.

Our God is awesome.

Look at it says in verse 12, the last verse of chapter 2 of [Psalms](#), "Kiss the Sun.

" So, again, reverence, love, adoration, less to be angry, and you perish in the way.

Again, God sets before people the principle, I said before you blessing and cursing, I said before you life and death, you choose.

And people do make the choice.

Some people choose death over life.

In fact, the majority of people do.

The majority of people who have ever walked this planet will spend eternity separated from God because that's the choice they make out of their self-centeredness and their selfishness.

The Frank Sinatra way, right?

I did it my way.

The best thing to do is come to the Lord and look what it says.

When His wrath is kindled but a little while, again, God ultimately because all of His attributes are equal, He has to at some point to distribute judgment.

It says, "Blessed are those who put their trust in Him.

" Amen to that, right?

So, since we're in the Old Testament, let's go to [Isaiah](#) chapter 9.

So if we're thinking again about the Christmas season, so to speak, right?

We find some very familiar verses that correlate here as well.

I told you I'm going to have to pair things down today with the length of everything else.

So I'm just kind of feeling my way through this as we're about to wrap up.

And then we'll pick it up next week.

I was going to hopefully get through verse 20 in [Luke](#) 2.

Obviously, that ain't happening.

And that's okay.

That's okay.

But when we get to [Isaiah](#) chapter 9, remember these verses, verse 6 says this, "Very familiar, for unto us

a child is born and unto us a son is given.
 " Think about Christmas time, the Christmas season, right?
 That's exactly what happened.
 Unto us a child.
 That's Jesus' humanity.
 When Jesus took up on a body of flesh and bone and blood, he stepped out of eternity.
 That's speaking of that.
 He's the child.
 But unto us a son is given.
 That speaks of Jesus as deity.
 His nature is God.
 So you have his humanity and you have his deity.
 His nature is God revealed to us here.
 But here's the interesting thing.
 The rest of verse 6 and 7, "Yet to be fulfilled.
 " Certainly, there's a way when we put our faith and trust in Jesus.
 He becomes our king and our God.
 We serve him and he's the Lord of our lives and our hearts.
 But the ultimate fulfillment of the rest of these two verses we're familiar with will come to fruition when Jesus comes back at the end of the 7-year tribulation to establish his millennial kingdom.
 It says, "And the government will be upon his shoulder.
 And his name will be called, "Wonderful counselor, mighty God, Elgi Boer.
 " And again, there's some diamantix of this, certainly in our lives that are personal, but the ultimate fulfillment on a big scale reality is when he comes and returns for a second coming.
 He goes on to say that he should be called also, "Everlasting Father.
 " So here's the interesting thing.
 He's not the Father, right?
 Jesus is not the Father.
 It's not talking about the Father, God the Father here.
 The Hebrew word here, Father means the one who has initiated.
 He's the one who began something.
 What did he begin?
 Salvation.
 He's the one who is the author of salvation.
 He, in essence, is the Father of our redemption because he's the one who is our Savior.
 That's what he's speaking about.
 Also, the Prince of Peace, the Prince of Shalom, isn't that amazing?
 God brings us to a place where no longer enmity with him, when we're born again, we become a child of God.
 To as many as received him, he gave the right and the power and authority to become children of God, to as many as believe on his name.
[John](#) 1, 12, right?
 Verse 13 of [John](#) 1 also says, "And this is not something that's human.
 It's not flesh and blood like how we come into existence through passion.
 It is by the Spirit of God.
 " That's called being born again.
 So he says this reality again.
 He is the Prince of Peace week, except he was our Savior, we're then at peace.
 By the way, he's also the one who gives us peace of surpasses, all understanding, isn't he?
 He's the source of the ultimate peace that we need when we're living this life, the challenges and the difficulties that we experience.
 He is Yahweh Shalom for us.
 I hope you look to him for that.
 Look what it says in verse 7 continuing, "Of the increase of his government and peace, there will be no end.
 Upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever the zeal of save out the Lord of hosts, the Lord of Heaven's armies will perform this from when that time forward.
 When Jesus comes to establish his kingdom on earth, this will all to come for fruition.

" And you notice again the reference to David.

Again, replacement theology, folks, the church has not replaced Israel in God's plans and purposes. There's a reason why anti-Semitism is honored.

It's demonically fueled.

Does that mean Israel, the people who lead Israel make all the right choices in certain things?

It's not about the people and what they do because again, they're just people.

It's about God's faithfulness to this group of people that he chose.

Aren't you glad that he's faithful to us when we accept him as our Lord and Savior?

And he doesn't kick you to the curb?

In fact, we see through God's word God's faithfulness.

One last place that I want to come to today is in [Micah](#), [Micah](#) chapter 5 and verse 2.

Because what we saw in [Luke](#), right?

We're talking about again that David would take Mary and they would go to where?

They would go to Bethlehem, which was of his ancestry, and Bethlehem is called what the city of David.

So we find in [Micah](#) chapter 5 and verse 2 a very familiar passage, and it says, "But you, Bethlehem, Ephrathah.

" So when it says, "Ephrathah," that qualifies and defines which Bethlehem, because there was another one of Zebulun, that's spoken of in [Joshua](#), but we also find in [Genesis](#) 35, Bethlehem, Ephrathah.

It says, "Though you were little among the thousands of Judah, an insignificant little community.

" People would see it that way.

This is a, you know, you just, it's like driving through might or something, right?

I mean, it's like you're in and you're out.

I mean, small little place that people don't put any huge relevance to.

It might be where people live, and I'm not dissonant might, but you get the point, right?

It was not significant to the other communities.

There was something amazing happening there, but guess what?

God, it's amazing how He chooses the humble and the small things, right?

We see that theme throughout all of this, how the God of eternity stepped into our world and took upon humanity.

So again, "Though you were little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to me.

" So the context is speaking of the Father, the one to be ruler in Israel.

That is the millennial kingdom, whose goings forth are from old, from everlasting.

The Hebrew language is very strong here, denoting Jesus's deity and that He is eternal.

He's always existed.

And again, as Yahweh, the self-existent one, the second person of that group, the Father's Son and Holy Spirit who make up Yahweh, He is eternal.

Let's read a couple more verses here as we close today.

More prophecy.

Therefore, He shall give them up.

So speaking to Israel about the drama that played out with Israel through the centuries and through their history of times of rebellion and they experienced God's judgment, right?

And their enemies take them over.

The consequences that are sinned.

Remember the principle you reap what you sow, right?

That is a real thing.

So He's saying, "Therefore, He shall give them up until there's going to be a time, a certain time, until the time that she who is in labor has given birth.

Then the remnant of his brethren shall return to the children of Israel.

And He shall stand and feed His flock.

" Do you notice His in your translation should be capitalized?

Why?

Because it's denoting His deity.

And who is the one who has the flock?

Who is the chief shepherd?

Who is the great shepherd?

Jesus.

These are prophetic terminologies.

So He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of Yahweh, in the majesty of the name of the Lord Yahweh, His Elohim, His God.

And they shall abide.
 For now, He shall be great to the ends of the earth.
 And I love when you study these passages like this, when you really look at their context, it's amazing how many times you'll find something that's a near-term reality, God dealing with Israel or just with people, humanity in general.
 And then you'll find situations where part of the text also speaks prophetically about events, by the way, as we've seen, there are yet to be fulfilled.
 The first part of [Isaiah](#) 9/6 was fulfilled.
 Under us, a child is born, a son is given, but him coming to rule and reign as a king of kings, folks, that's coming.
 And it's real.
 Jesus will be coming back to establish His kingdom on the earth for thousands of years.
 And I don't know about you, but I can't wait.
 Right?
 I can't wait for that time.
 We're all the not amen.
 We're all the nonsense.
 All the sin, all the stuff that we're seeing.
 The world's getting weirder.
 Do you believe that?
 It's getting wonky or guess what?
 God said that would be the case.
 We're seeing so much happening in the world, fulfilling Bible prophecy.
 That's the day in age we live in.
 We come back next week.
 We're going to pick up in [Luke](#) 2, where we left off.
 Keep in mind these passages we looked at today and we'll continue our journey through [Luke](#) chapter 2.
 Let's pray as a worshiping comes up.
 Father in Jesus' name, we thank you again for your loving kindness.
 We thank you for your blessings.
 We thank you for the privilege of knowing you.
 Lord, thank you for the time you've given us today.
 Just to spend time with you, time in your word.
 And Lord, I appreciate the patience and the thoughtfulness of everybody here today.
 Lord, I pray that you're living an active word, continues to accomplish what you would have at two in our hearts.
 And again, help us to receive it.
 Help us to be in that place of reflection with how the arts filled with gratitude and thanksgiving for who you are.
 And I'll let you and all that you continue to do.
 So before we sing these songs we just we