

# Songs of Christmas

Zechariah's Song

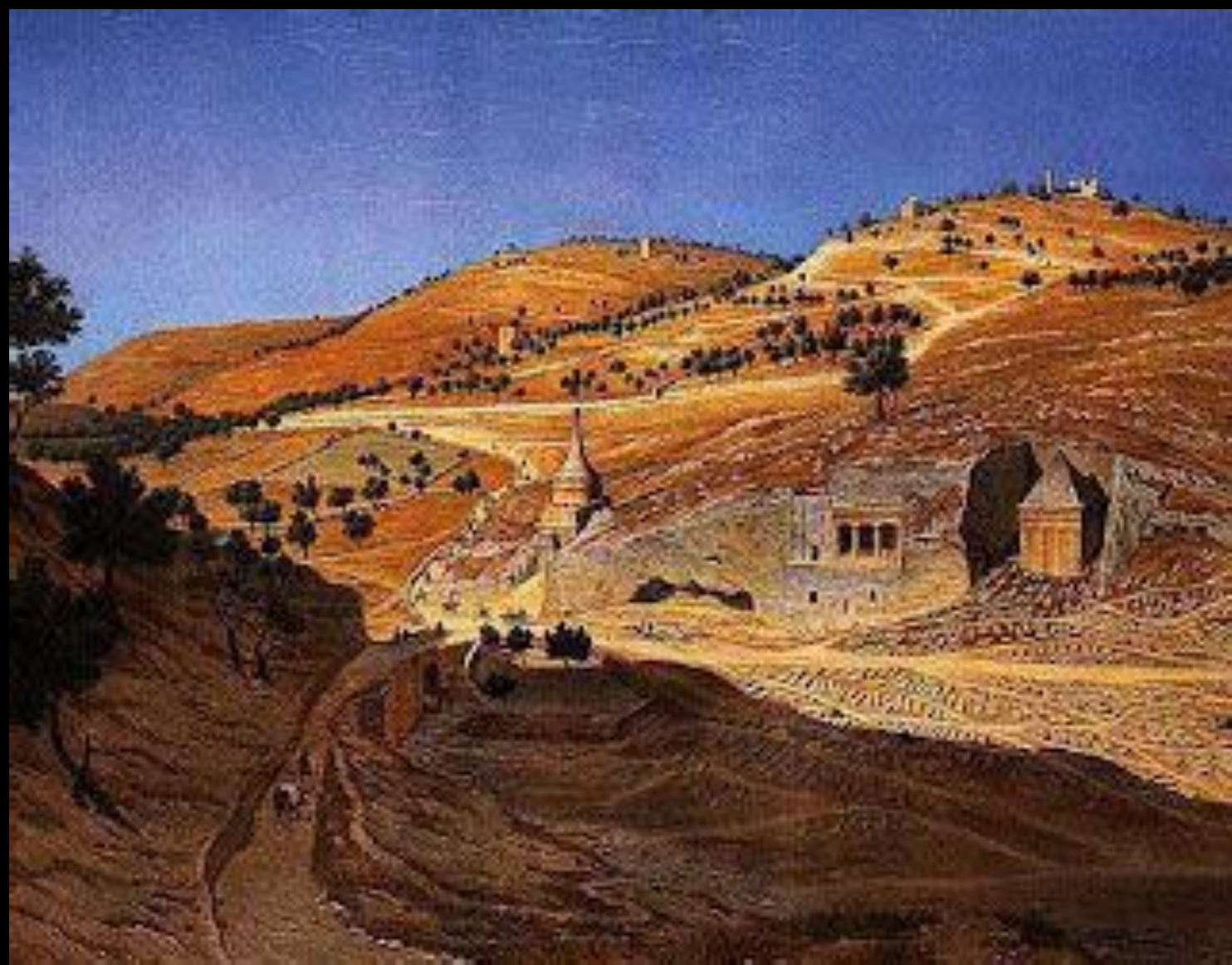
Luke 1:67-80

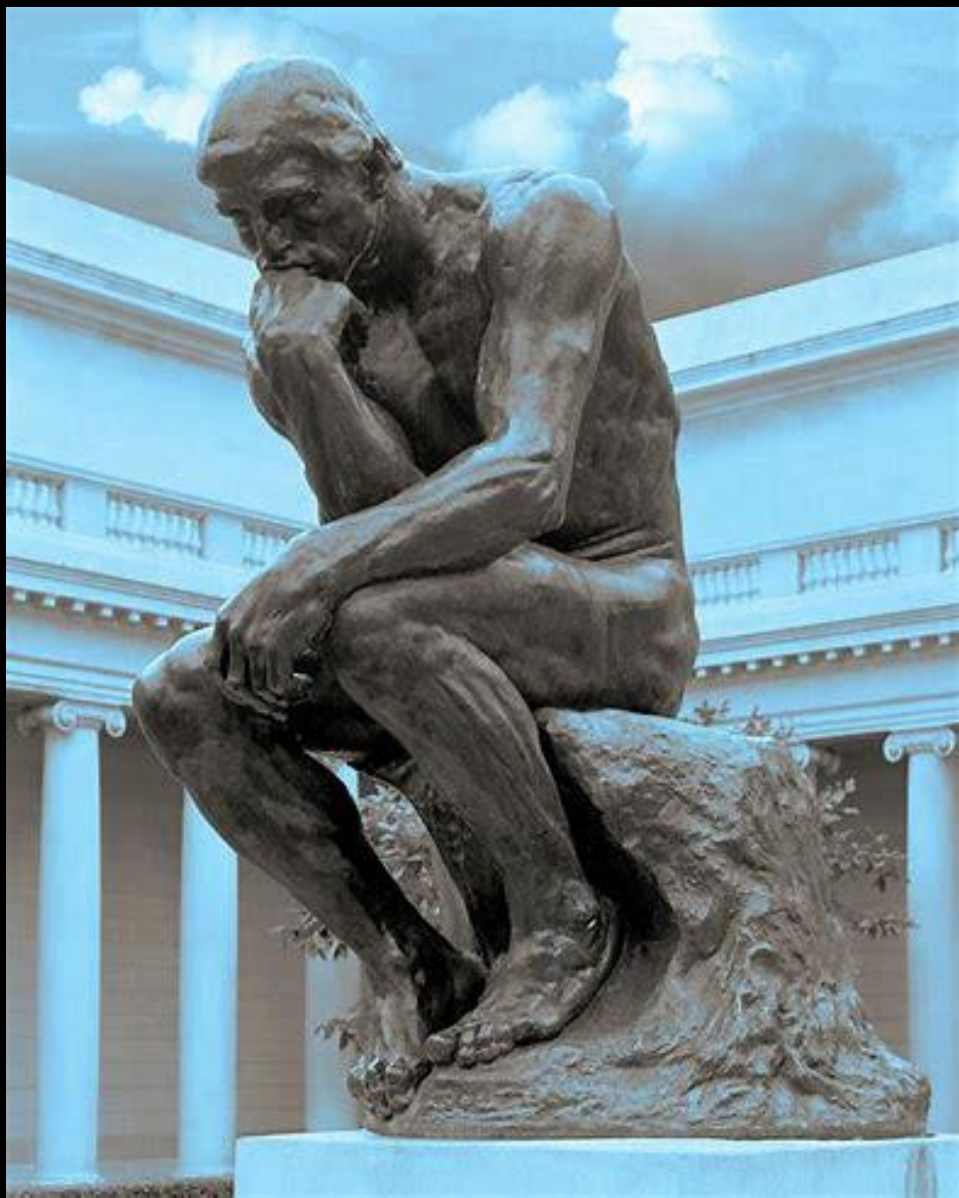
*His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),*

*71 salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us— to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.*

*76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God,*

*by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven <sup>79</sup>to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.” And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.*











*Where is God?*

*But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.*

– Luke 1:7 NIV

*“...my disgrace...”*

– Luke 1:25

*In the time of Herod king of Judea,  
there was a priest named Zechariah,  
who belonged to the priestly  
division of Abijah.*

*- Luke 1:5*









*An angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.*

*- Luke 1:11*

*When Zechariah saw him, he  
was startled and was gripped  
with fear.*

**- Luke 1:12**

*“God is my Hero”*

*Your wife Elizabeth will bear you  
a son, and you are to call him  
John. He will be a joy and delight  
to you, and many will rejoice  
because of his birth...*

*- Luke 1:13-14*

*...for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before his is born.*

**- Luke 1:15**

*He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children...*

**- Luke 1:16-17**

*...and the disobedient to the  
wisdom of the righteous—  
to make ready a people  
prepared for the Lord.*

**- Luke 1:17**



*By which the rising sun will come  
to us from heaven to shine on  
those living in darkness.*

*- Luke 1:78-79*

*How can I be sure of this? I am  
an old man and my wife is  
well along in years.*

*- Luke 1:18*

*I am Gabriel.*

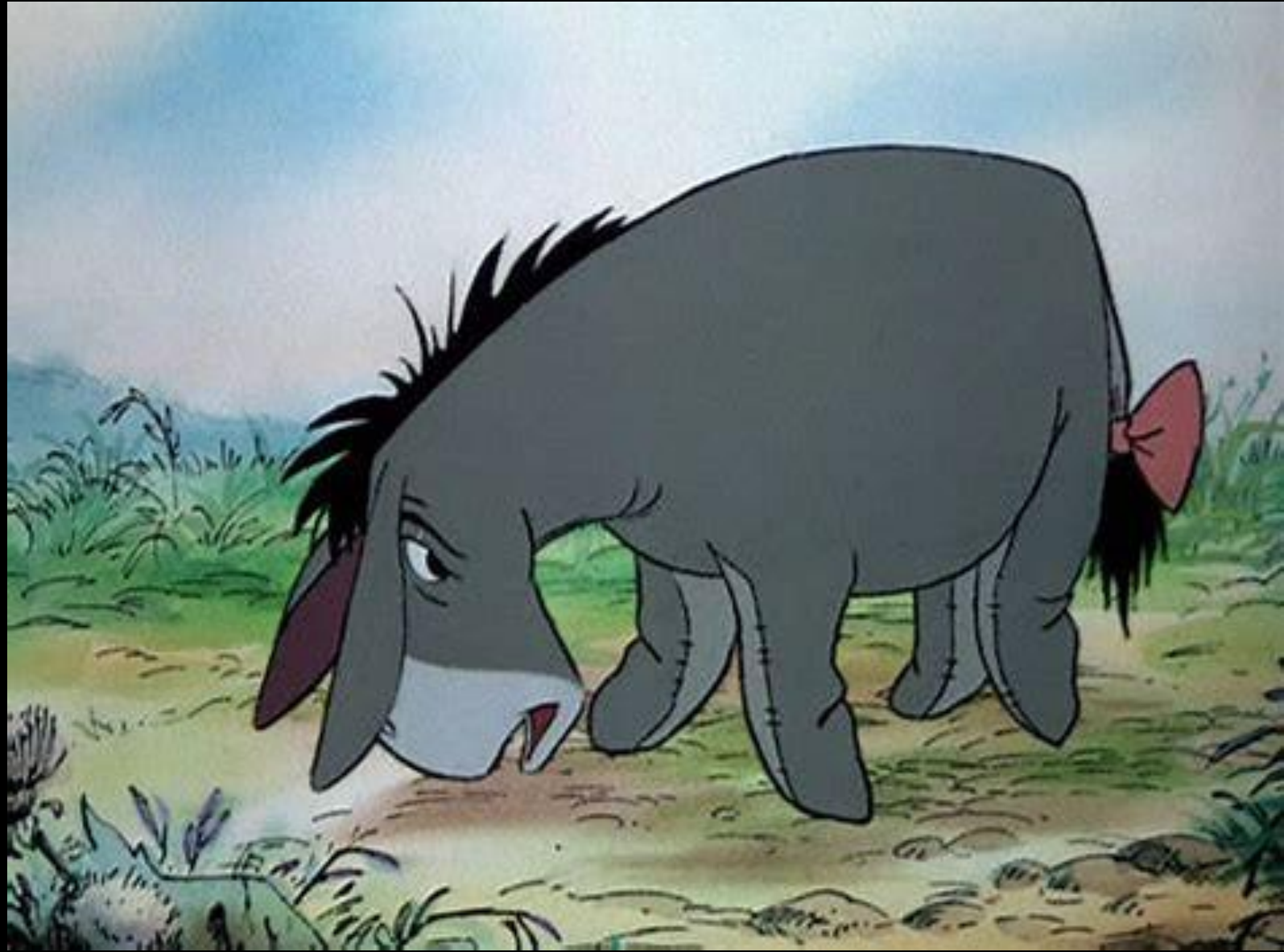
- Luke 1:19

*I stand in the presence of God.*  
- Luke 1:19

*I have been sent to speak to you  
and to tell you this good news.*  
- Luke 1:19

*And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.*

*- Luke 1:20*



*Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly.*

**- Luke 1:6**



*God remembers*