

THE CHRISTMAS



SHINING A LIGHT ON THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Matthew 1:1-17



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Unexpected Timing

-Abraham: God promises to make him a great nation and to bless the whole world through Abraham! (*Genesis 12*)

-1000 years pass until David becomes King

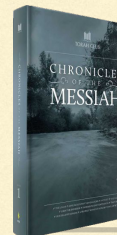
-Last King in the line of David: 586 BC

*A shoot will come up from the **stump** of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. -Isaiah 11:1*



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...the prophets predicted that God would yet keep his promise to David. The prophet Isaiah, for example, predicted that, one day, the family tree of David would fall. He compared the royal dynasty of David to a tree stump. Though the Davidic dynasty was once a mighty tree possessing the throne and crown of Israel, Isaiah foresaw a time when it would be cut down to nothing but a stump, a sad memorial of the glory that had once been. The prophet promised that one day a new branch would grown up from the old stump of the Davidic Dynasty. A new king from the house of David would arise.



Chronicles of the Messiah, book 1 pg. 65

Dear Santa

Santa Please give me those three men that Patrick has and a girl, She didn't have a hat on but she had cloth on. Please bring me these for Christmas. That man had a airplane that goes up by itself and has a spot on the black things. That suit of bat man and robin, only I want bat man, please Santa.

Thank you Santa

love

4 yrs



Unexpected People

Tamar, the Canaanite daughter-in-law of Judah. She gained notoriety in Genesis 38 by resorting to deception, prostitution, and incest when she couldn't get a child through legitimate means.

Rahab was a Canaanite and a prostitute.

Ruth, the wife of Boaz, was a Moabite. The Moabites were among the worst enemies of Israel. Ruth would become King David's grandmother.

Bathsheba referred to as, "David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife".

Gender outsiders. Moral outsiders. Ethnic outsiders.



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Unexpected Purpose

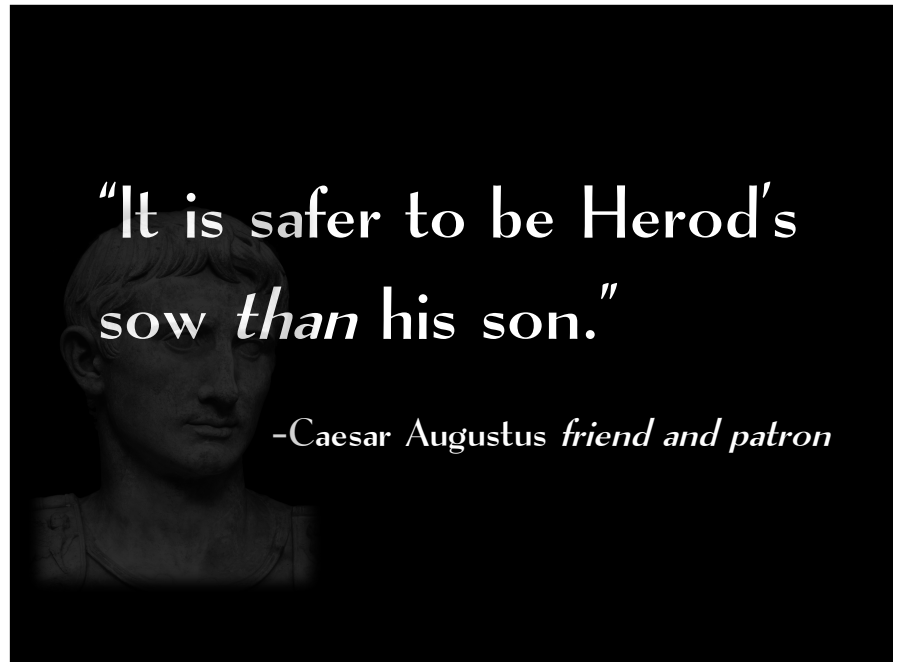
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"It is safer to be Herod's
sow *than* his son."

-Caesar Augustus *friend and patron*



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God sent Jesus to restore His rule in this world by reigning in our lives.



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\$217 million over 7 years
\$31 Million a year
\$9 Thousand a pitch



\$206 million over 6 years
\$34 Million a year



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