

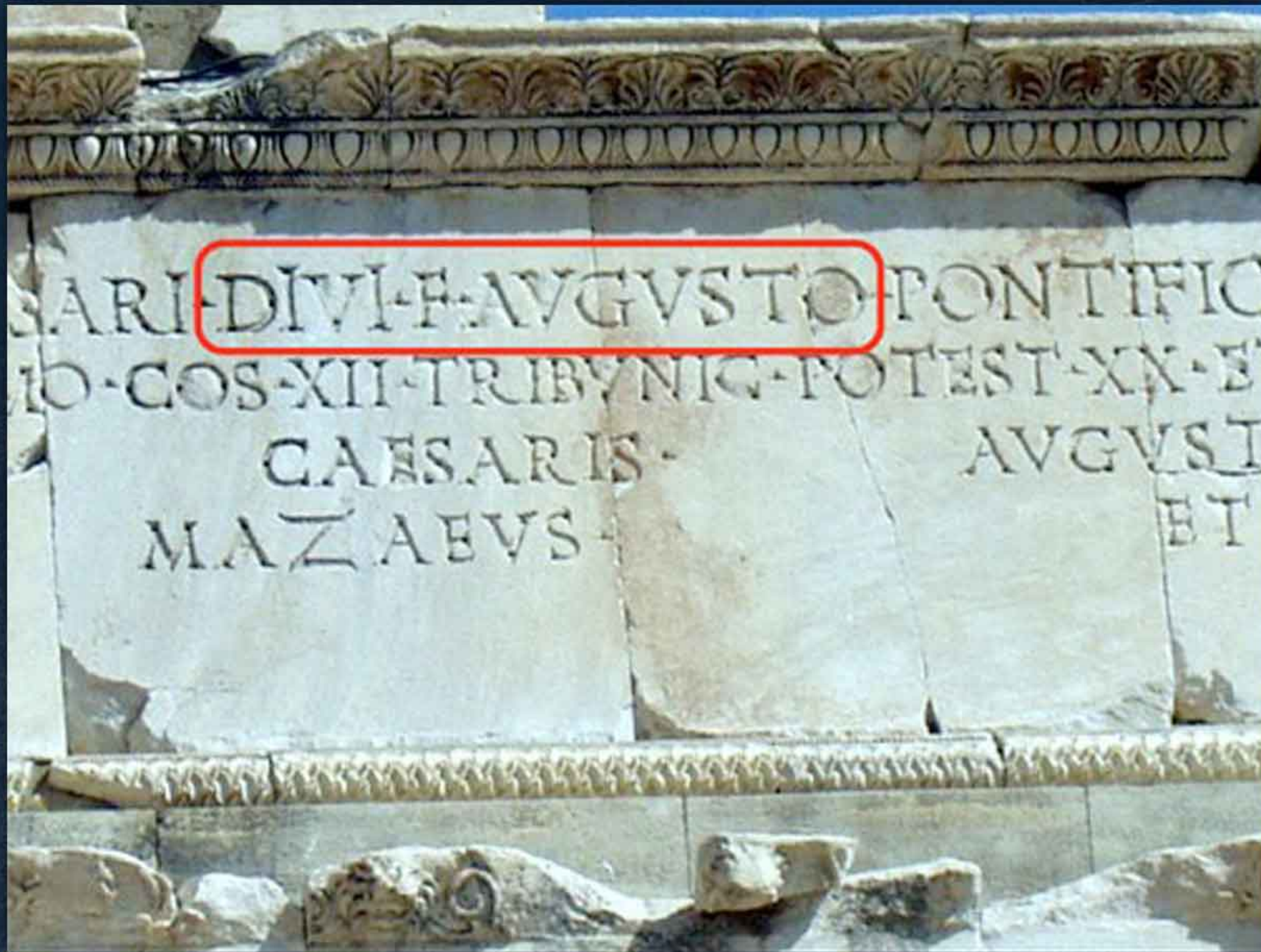


CHRISTMAS

STORY

SON OF GOD.

Gaius Octavius was the adopted son and heir of **Julius Caesar** (*Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus*); upon the deification of **Caesar** (recognized as 'god', Jan 1, 42 B.C.), **Octavianus** effectively became "son of god" (*divi filius*).



ARI-DIVI-AVGVSTO-PONTIFIC
TO-COS-XII-TRIBV-NIG-POTEST-XX-E
CAESARIS- AVGVSTI
MAZAEVS- ET

BRINGER OF PEACE.

Augustus pacified much of the Empire, as detailed in his own account (cf. *Res gestae divi Augusti* II.12-13 [34-45]) and that of other Roman historians.



SAVIOR.

Augustus was called “savior” (σωτήρ)

e.g. “savior of the whole world” (σωτήρα τοῦ κόσμου)

In an inscription from Myra (V. Ehrenberg and A. H. M. Jones, Documents Illustrating the Reigns of Augustus and Tiberius [Oxford:1949], no. 72).



**And it came to pass in those days, that there
went out a decree from Caesar Augustus,
that all the world should be taxed.**

LUKE 2:1 (KJV)



**And this taxing was first made when
Cyrenius was governor of Syria**

LUKE 2:2 (KJV)



**And all went to be taxed, every one into
his own city.**

LUKE 2:3 (KJV)

“tax” – ἀπογράφω

**To write out, to copy, to enroll, to tax, to
inscribe, as in a register.**

**To the general assembly and church of the firstborn,
which are written (ἀπογράφω) in heaven, and to God
the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made
perfect, (KJV)**

**To the general assembly and church of the firstborn
who are registered (ἀπογράφω) in heaven, to God
the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made
perfect, (NKJ)**

HEBREWS 12:23

In 2 BC Augustus was given his most prestigious title: (Potter-Pot-tree-i) Pater Patriae meaning Father of the Country. The Roman Senate bestowed this award on Feb.5, 2BC, the Day of Concord.



Governing – ἡγεμονεύω (ha-ge-mo-nyü'-o)

To be a leader, to lead the way, to rule, command, to be governor of a province, a proconsul, of a procurator.

(from the root word) – ἡγεμών (ha-ge-mo'n)

**a leader of any kind, a guide, ruler, prefect, president, chief, general, commander, sovereign, chief person, governor, prince.
a procurator, an officer who was attached to a proconsul or a proprietor and had charge of the imperial revenues.**

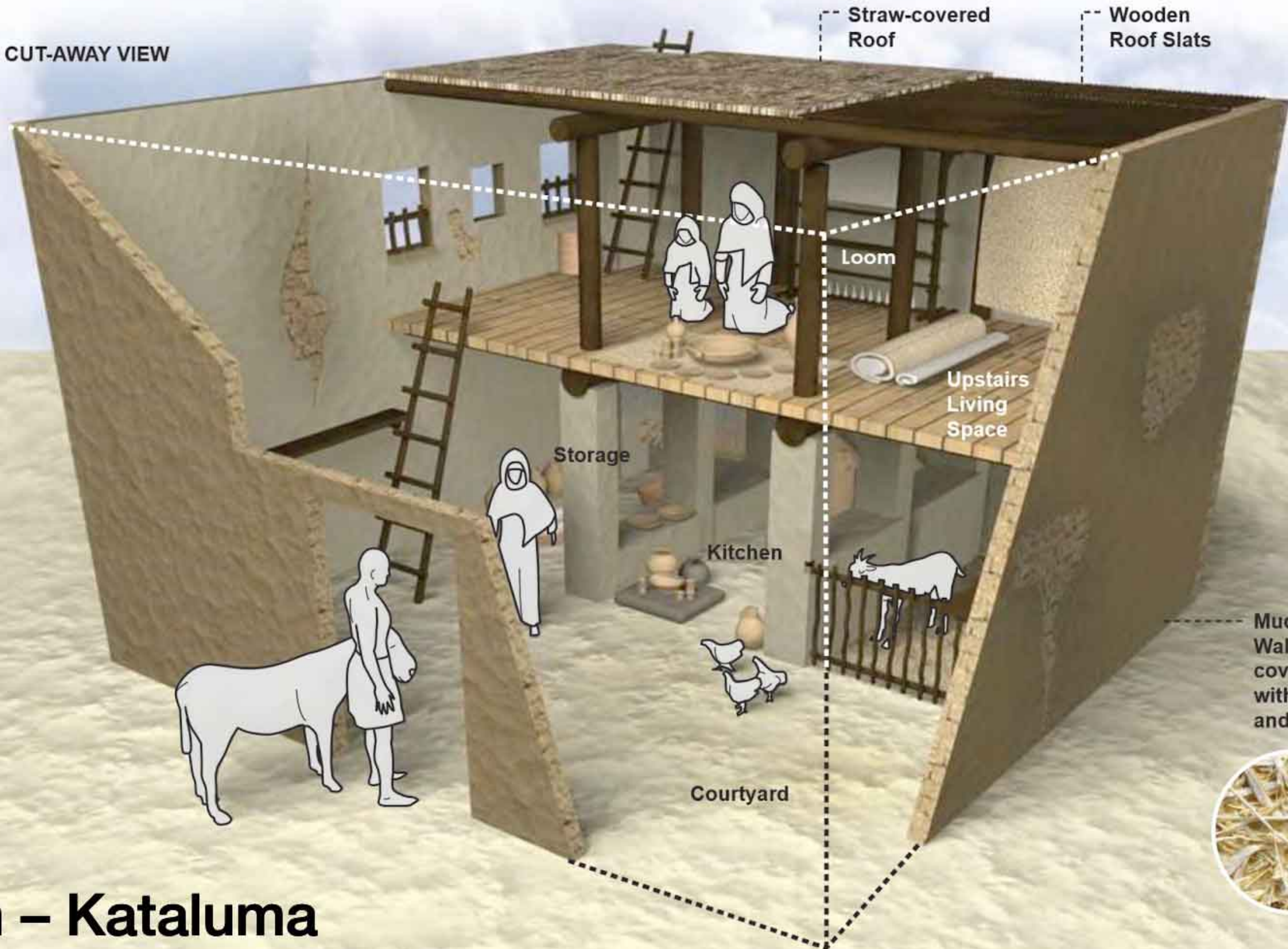
“Now there is a village in the land of the Jews, thirty-five stadia from Jerusalem, in which Jesus Christ was born, as you can ascertain also from the registers of the taxing made under (Quirinius) Cyrenius, your first procurator in Judea.”

JUSTIN MARTYR - APOLOGY I 34

Inn – κατάλυμα (kä-tä'-lü-mä)

Lodging place or guest chamber. A Guest chamber could be in a private house.

CUT-AWAY VIEW

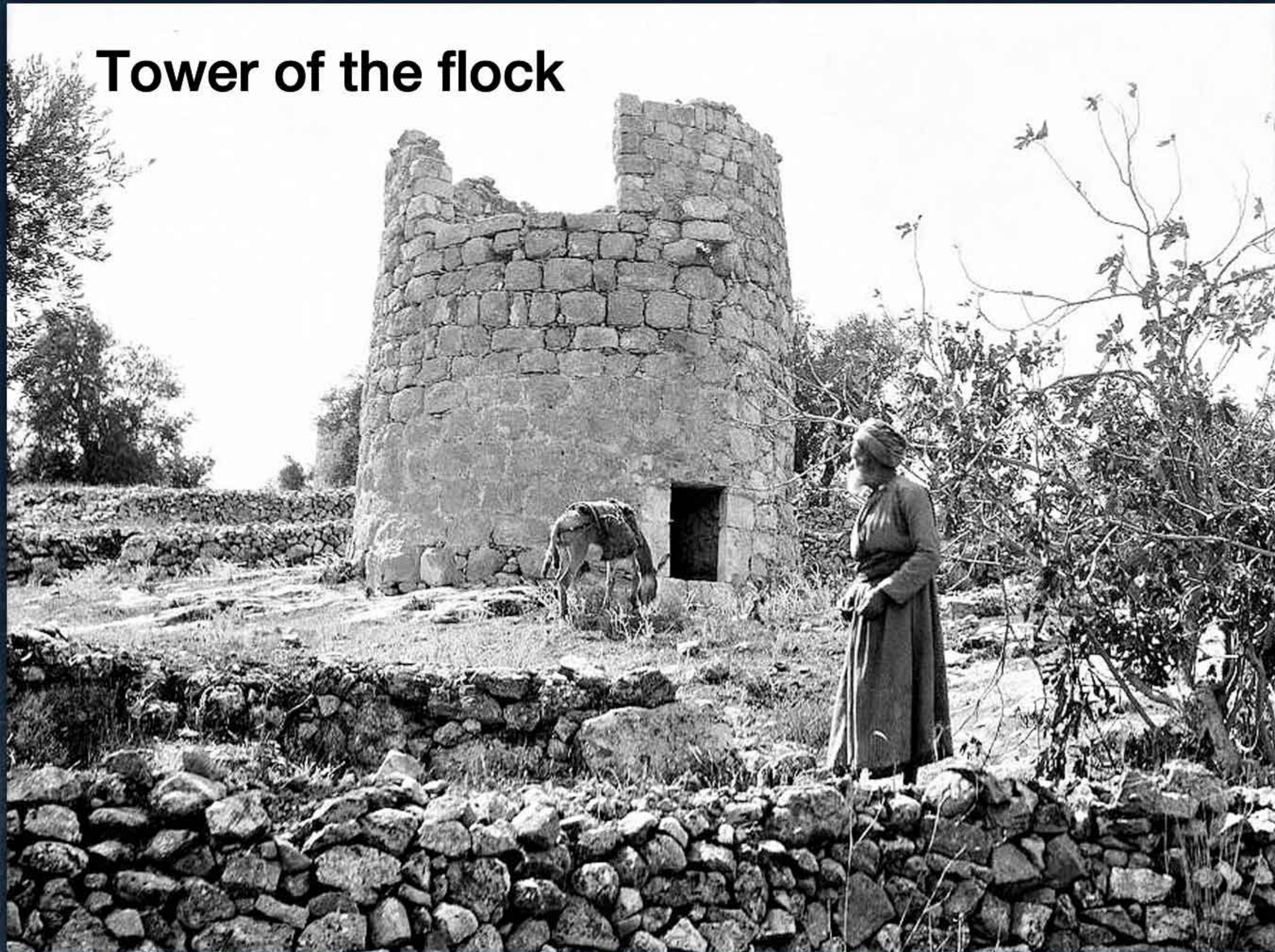


Inn – Kataluma

Manger is made of stone



Tower of the flock





**So Rachel died and was buried on the way
to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).**

GENESIS 35:19




**And Jacob set a pillar on her grave, which is
the pillar of Rachel's grave to this day.**

GENESIS 35:20



**Then Israel journeyed and pitched his tent
beyond the tower of Eder.**

GENESIS 35:21

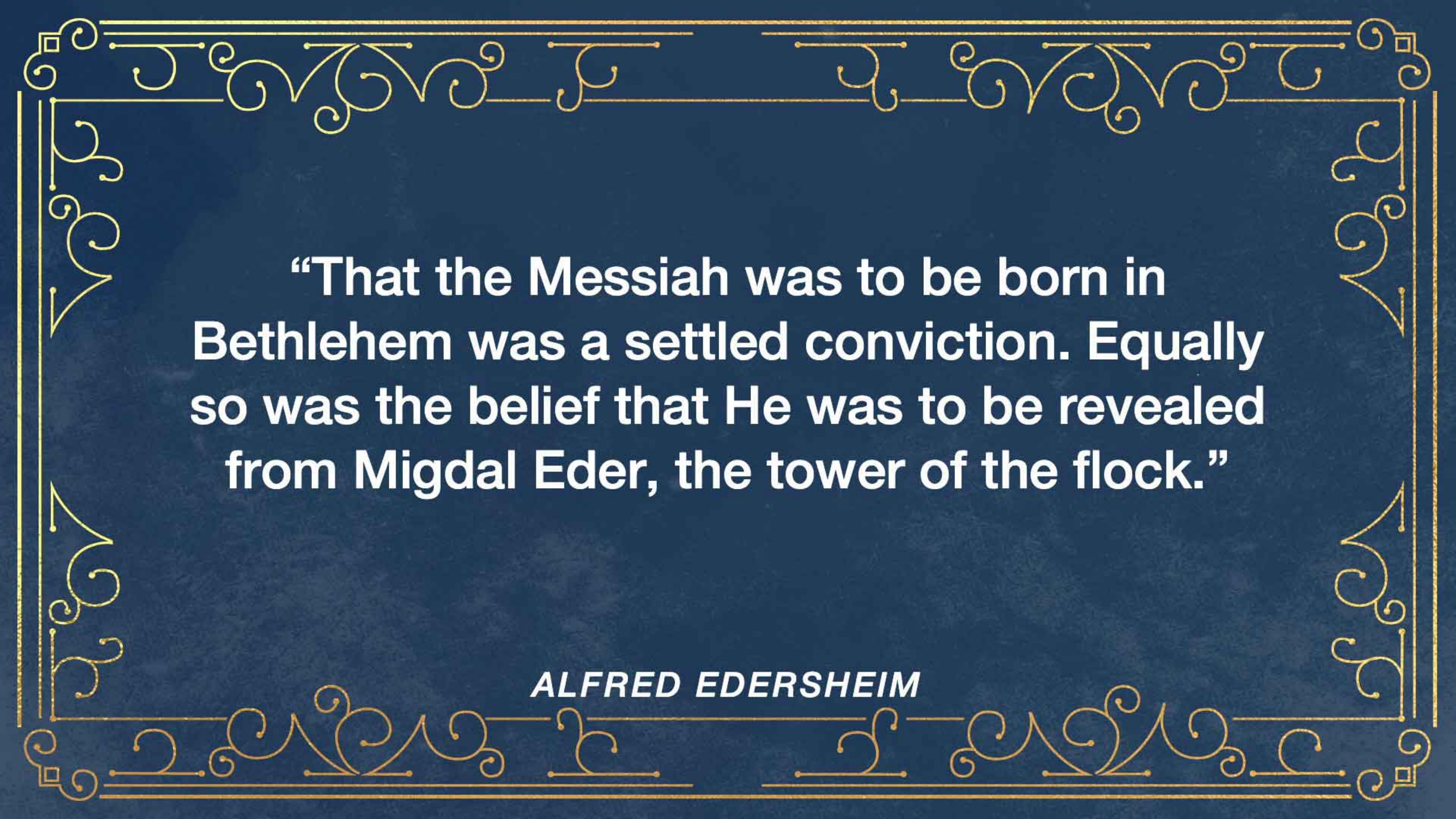


**I will make the lame a remnant, and the
outcast a strong nation; so the LORD will
reign over them in Mount Zion from now on,
even forever.**

MICAH 4:7

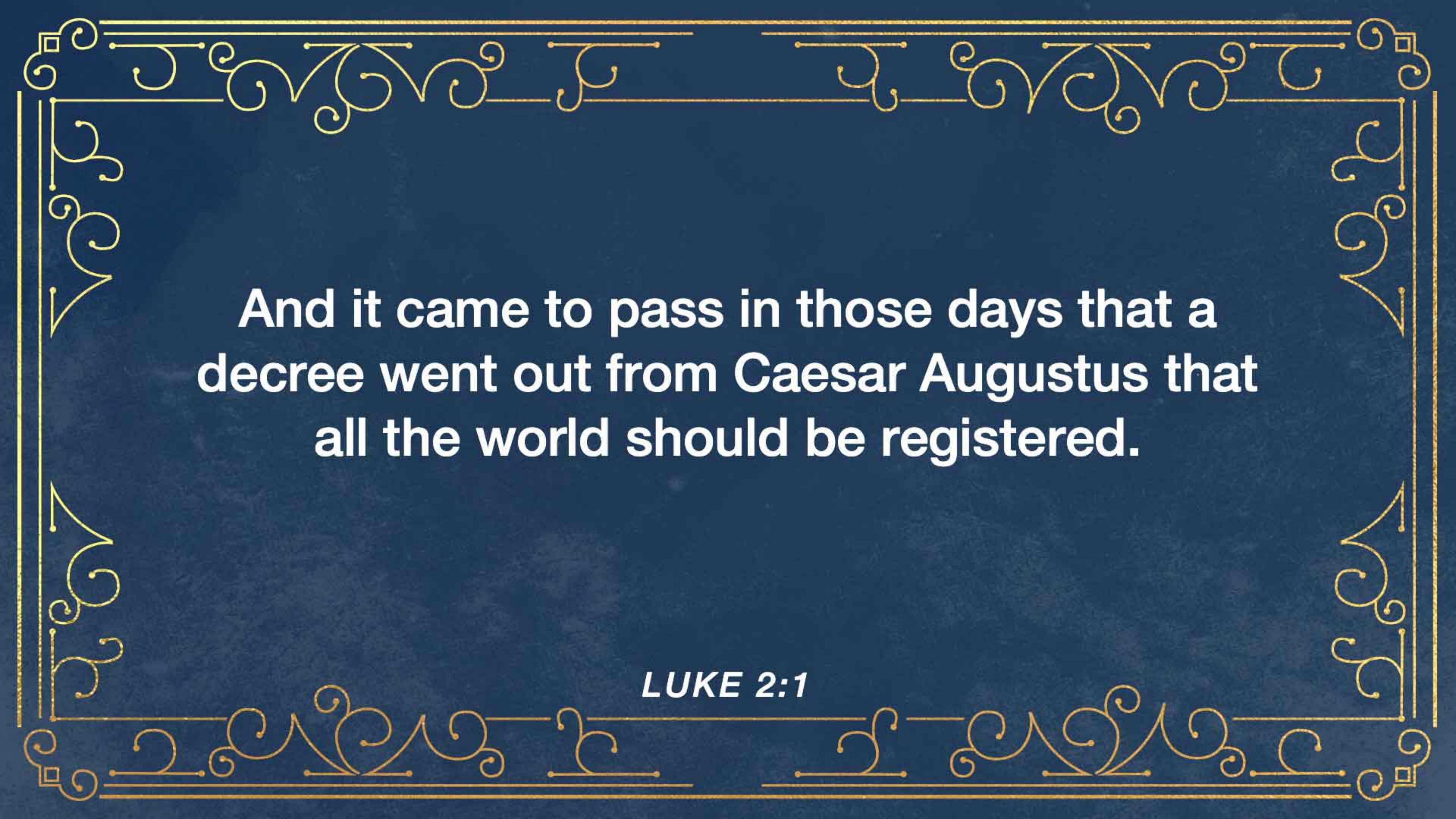
**And you, O tower of the flock, the stronghold
of the daughter of Zion, to you shall it come,
even the former dominion shall come, the
kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem.”**

MICAH 4:8



“That the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem was a settled conviction. Equally so was the belief that He was to be revealed from Migdal Eder, the tower of the flock.”

ALFRED EDERSHEIM



And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

LUKE 2:1



**This census first took place while Quirinius
was governing Syria.**

LUKE 2:2



**So all went to be registered, everyone to
his own city.**

LUKE 2:3