

The First Advent

A Pictorial Narrative of the
Birth and Childhood of Jesus

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*In the sixth month the
angel Gabriel was sent
from God to a city of
Galilee named
Nazareth...*



Nazareth

Luke 1:26



...to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus..."

Woman of Nazareth

Luke 1:27-31



Courtyard of the Church of Annunciation
(in Nazareth)



Women at Bethlehem

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."



View of Bethlehem

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled...And all went to be enrolled each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

Luke 2:1, 3-5

*And while they were there, the
time came for her to be
delivered.*



Market Place, Bethlehem



A Street in Bethlehem



And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Native Home near Bethlehem



And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

A Shepherd leading his flock near Bethlehem



And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

Shepherds in the "field of the Shepherds,"
Bethlehem



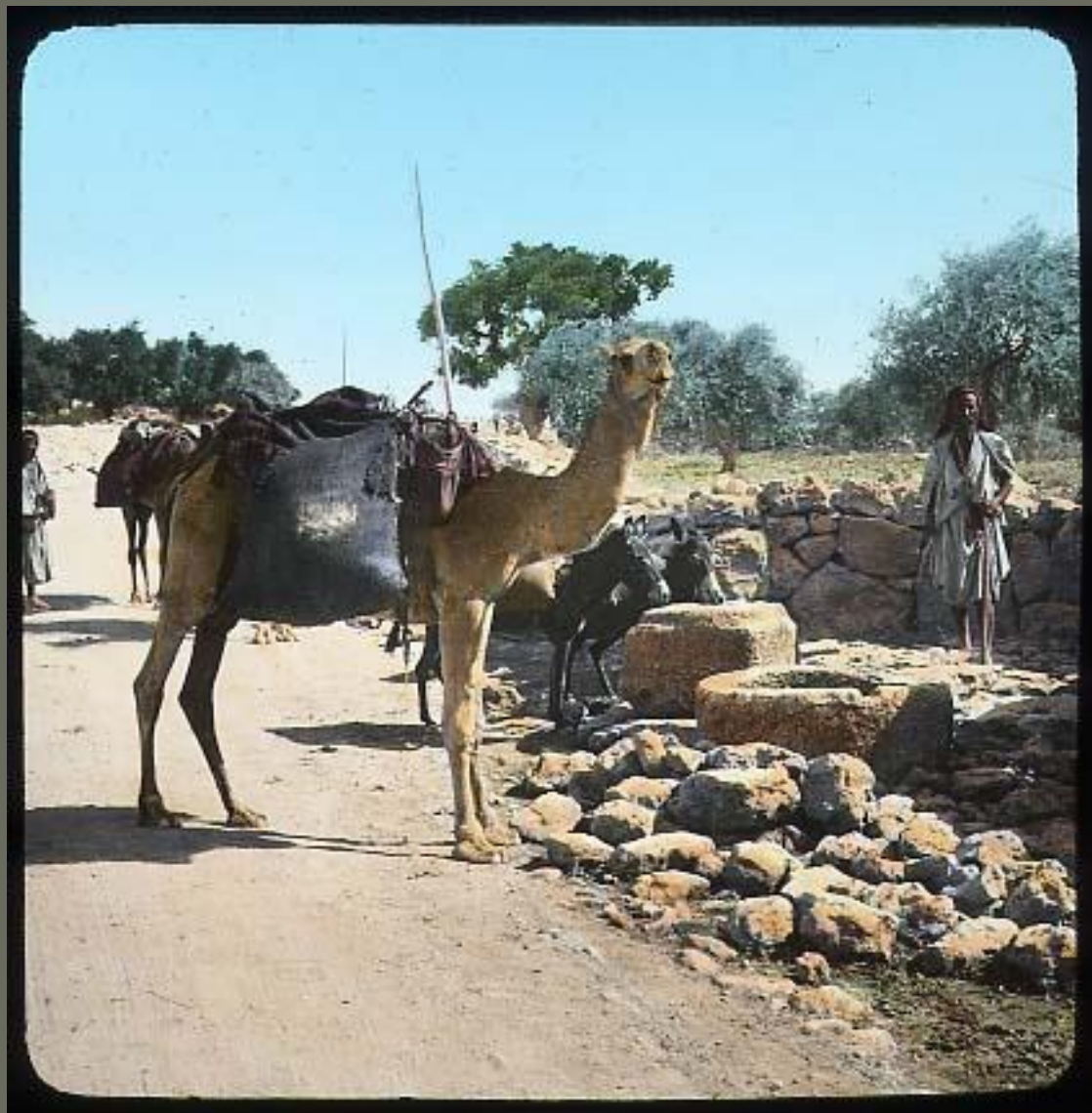
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

Shepherd's Field & Bethlehem



When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them... And the shepherds returned, glorifying God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Sheep following their shepherd near Bethlehem



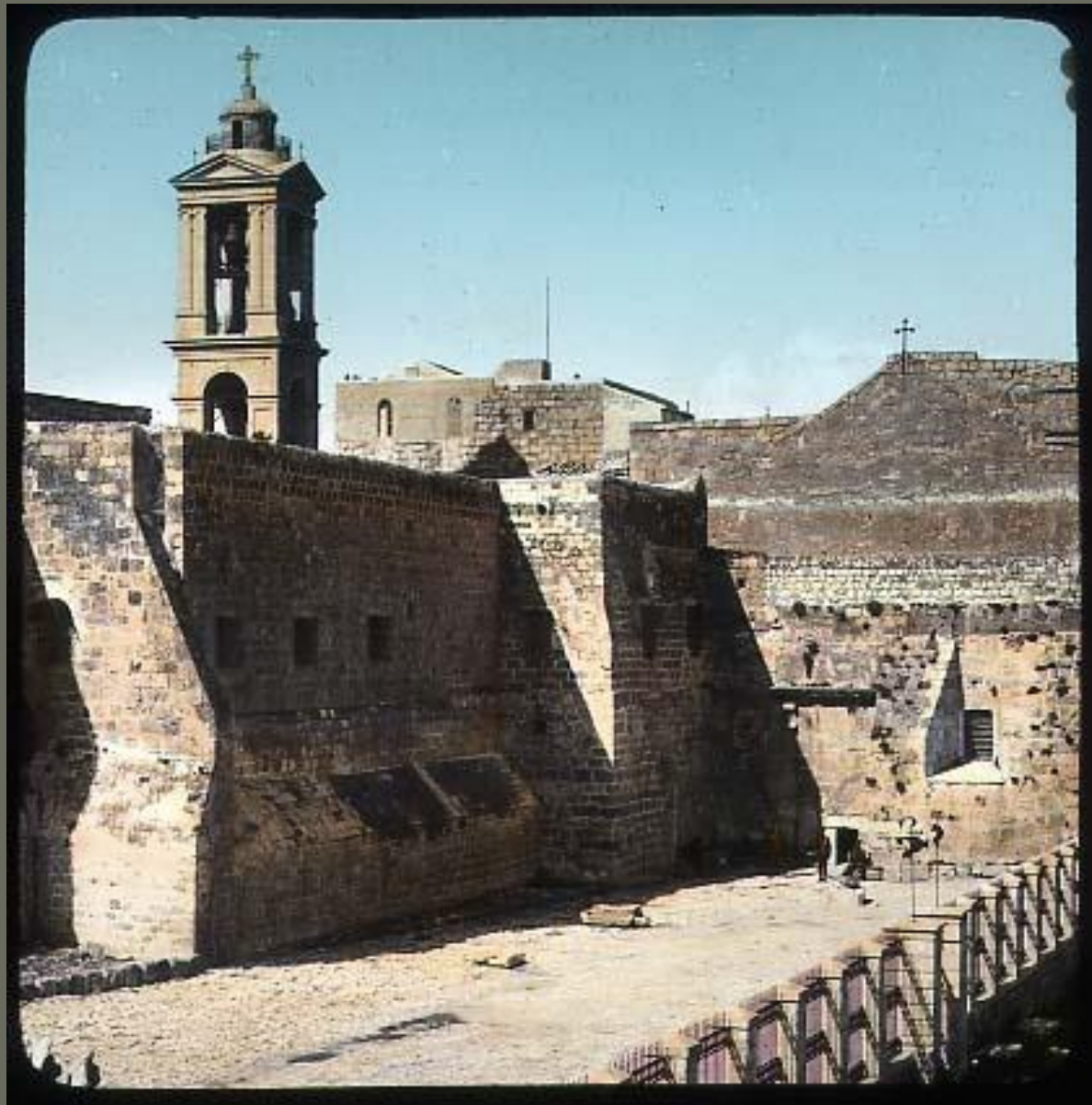
Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." ...and, lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Perhaps the way the wise men traveled...

Matthew 2:1-2, 9b-11



The Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem
(located at the traditional site of the birthplace of Jesus)



The Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem



Outside the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem



Inside the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem



Bethlehem of Judea



And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Mother & Baby of Nazareth

Luke 2:39-40



Nazareth



And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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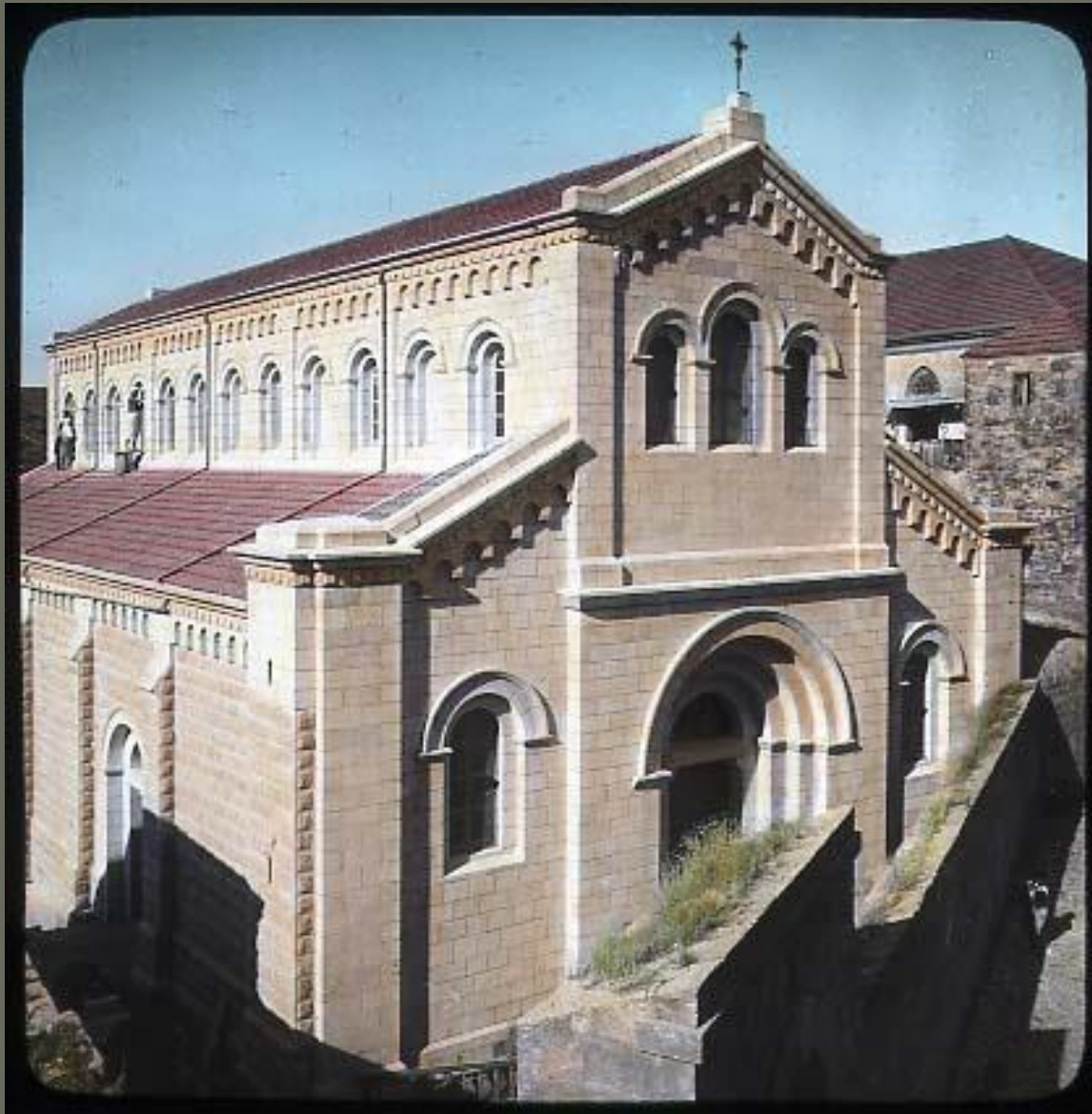
Nazareth



A Carpenter's Shop in Nazareth



A Carpenter's Shop in Nazareth



Chapel of the Carpenter's Shop, Nazareth

The End