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Luke 2v22-33



When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Jerusalem to the Temple to present him to the Lord, and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said the Law, “a pair of doves or two young pigeons”.



In Jerusalem at the time, there was a man  **St Barnabas**
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Simeon by name, a good man, a man who
lived in the prayerful expectancy of help for
Israel. And the Holy Spirit was on him. The
Holy Spirit had shown him that he would
see God's Messiah before he died. Led by
the Spirit, he entered the Temple.



As the parents of the child Jesus brought him in to carry out the rituals of the Law, Simeon took him into his arms and blessed God:

God, you can now release your servant;
release me in peace as you promised.
With my own eyes I've seen your salvation;



it's now out in the open for
everyone to see:

A God-revealing light to the non-Jewish
nations,
and of glory for your people Israel.

Jesus' father and mother marvelled at
these words.





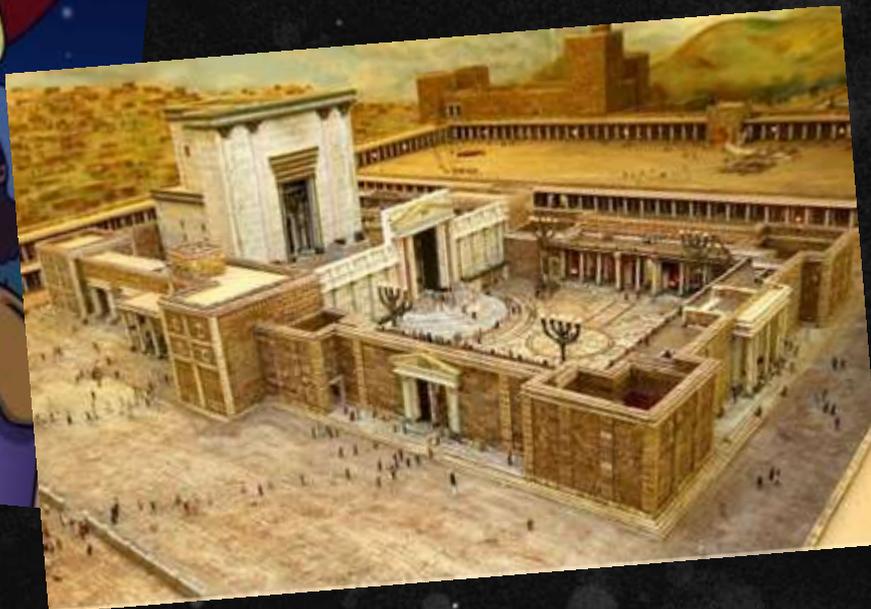












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Luke 2v1-7

About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. This was the first census when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the



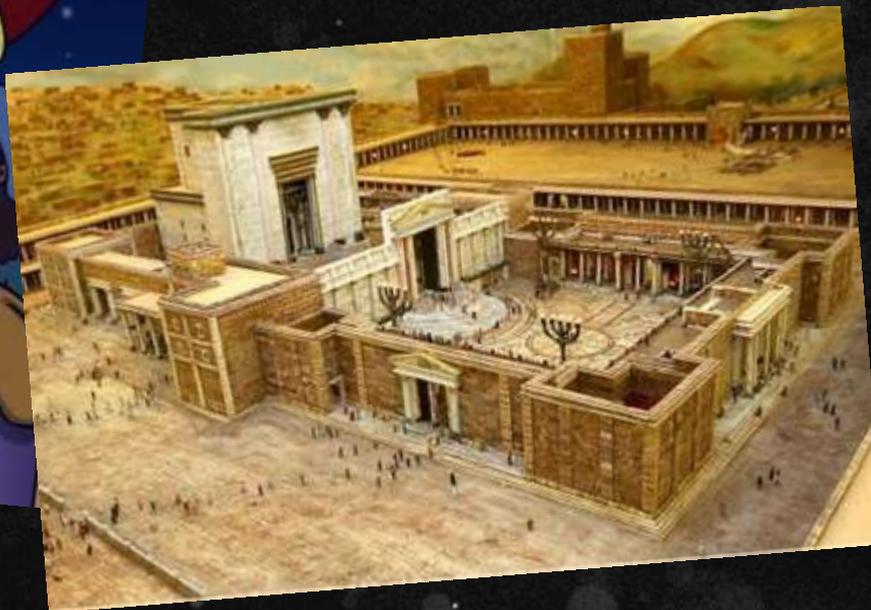
Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's town, for the census. As a descendant of David, he had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant.



While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the local inn.







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