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Chapter 2

(1) And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree {command} from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(2) (*And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.*)

(3) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

(4) And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem {house of bread};^a because (he was of the house and lineage of David:)

(5) To be taxed with Mary who was pledged to be his wife, who was great with child.

(6) And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were completed that she should be delivered.

(7) And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in baby cloths, and laid Him in a manger {feed trough};^b because there was no room for them in the inn {4038 A.H./C-4 B.C.}.^c

(8) And there were in the same country shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

(9) And, the angel of the Lord stood above them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them: and they were greatly afraid.

(10) And the angel said to them, **Do not be afraid: because, listen, I bring you good news of great joy, which shall be to all people.**

(11) **Because to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord.**

(12) **And this *shall be* a sign to you; You shall find the babe wrapped in baby cloths, lying in a manger {feed trough}.**

(13) And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

(14) **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

(15) And it came to pass, as the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even to Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.

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(16) And they quickly came, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger {feed trough}.

(17) And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told to them concerning this Child.

(18) And all those who heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

(19) But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart.

(20) And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told to them.

(21) And when eight days were completed for the circumcising of the Child, His Name was called JESUS {Jehovah saves}, Who was so named by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.^d

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2:4a – Bethlehem {βηθλεεμ } from Hebrew { בֵּית לֶחֶם } – house of bread

2:7b – manger – a feed bin for livestock

2:7c - 450 years since Cyrus' decree to restore Jerusalem [4038 A.H./C-4 B.C.]

{See: Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History}

2:21d - Jesus {Ἰησοῦς}- from Hebrew Joshua { יְהוֹשֻׁעַ } - Jehovah saves -note the gematria [numerical value of the letters] of the name "Jesus" in Greek totals 888 {8 is the Lord's number} as opposed to the antichrist's number 666.

- See “Use of Numbers in Scripture” at

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– circumcised the eighth day – Lev. 12:3; Mat. 1:31