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**Study No. 2**

**The Saviour's Birth - The Emperor's Command**



*Luke 2: 1-7*



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Suggested Further Reading

Proverbs 21: 1 Daniel 4: 34 & 35 Philipians 2: 5-7

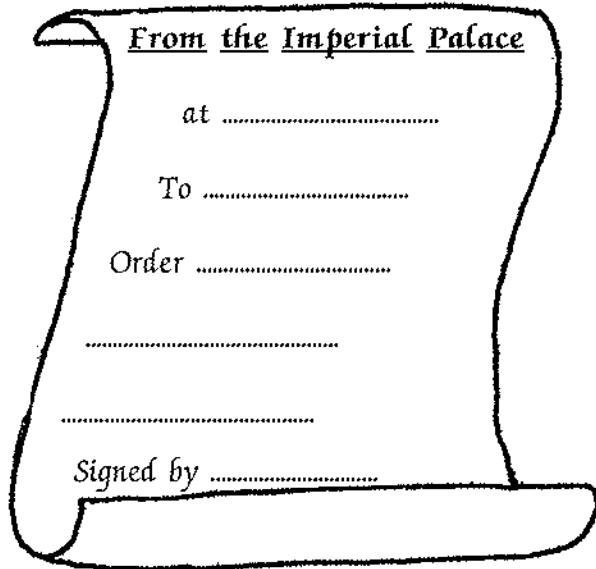
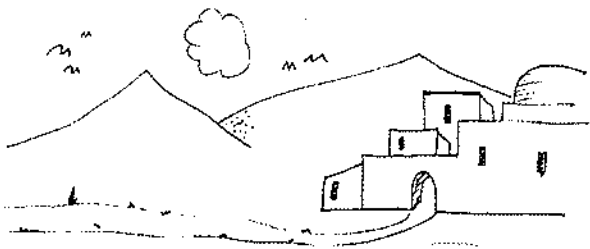
For many years, the great Roman Empire was ruled by a succession of very powerful emperors known as 'Caesars'. They lived in Rome, many hundreds of miles from the small country where the Jews lived.

Write the name of the Caesar who was in power at the time of the birth of the Lord Jesus.

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In order to collect taxes from his subjects he demanded that everyone should be registered. So he issued a command.

Fill in the blank spaces on this imaginary decree.



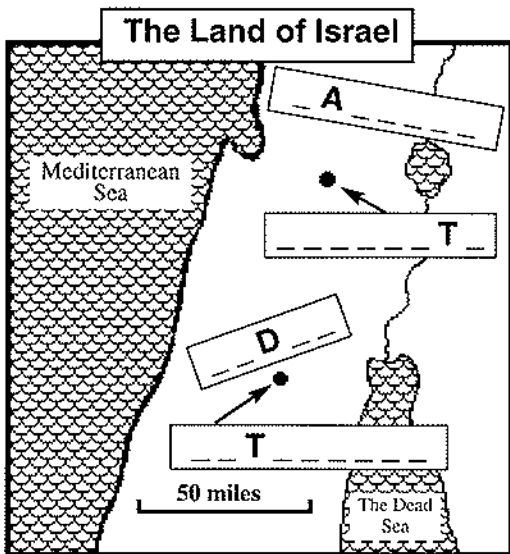
To comply with the Emperor's orders, people had to return to the place of their birth. The Bible Reading tells us of TWO people who had to undertake such a journey.

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What were their names?

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On the map, mark:

1. The place and the district from which they travelled.
2. The place and the district to which they went.

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From what famous king in Jewish history could Joseph trace his descent?

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To this king, God had given wonderful promises.

Write out what God had said to this king in 2 Samuel 7: 16.


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These promises will eventually all come true in the Lord Jesus.

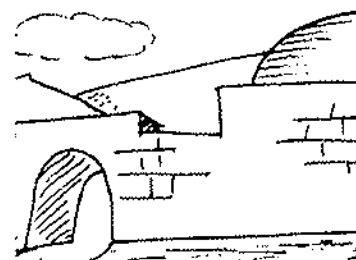
Suggest a reason for thinking that the journey (about 70 miles) would have been difficult for Mary.

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We must never forget that behind all these events was a power greater than that of Caesar. God, Himself, was in full control of everything, as the great moment for the entry of the Son of God into the world drew near.

Hundreds of years before, God had made known, through His prophet Micah, that the Saviour would be born in Bethlehem.



Find Micah 5: 2 and write it out.


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Caesar Augustus, in far off Rome, had no understanding of how God was using his decree to bring about the birth of the Lord Jesus at Bethlehem, just as God had determined. Not only was the Saviour born in the right place, but also at the right time. God had arranged world events so as to make the timing for the birth of the Saviour just right!

Write out what Galatians 4: 4 says about this point.


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The Bible Reading records very simply and directly what happened at Bethlehem.

Read verses 6 and 7 again, and then write out the Key Verse **UNDERLINING** the words which show why He was laid in the manger.


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Thus the great event took place. The Son of God came down from Heaven, became truly human and died for our sins. Today He is able and willing to save all who will trust Him. Let each of us make sure that we have 'room' for Him.

For teacher's remarks

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