

Jesus has brought Peace between you and God

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“In those days Caesar Augustus (Octavian) issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (Augustus Ruled from 30 B.C – August 19, 14 A.D.) (Quirinius was governor of Syria from 4 B.C – 1 A.D. And was given authority over the financial area of the government. See Ylvisaker pg. 80-83)

This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.’”

Does everyone like the Government?

At the time of the birth of Jesus, there were many who did not like the Roman rule.

Despite this fact, the Lord God used the Roman Empire to get Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem by having a census.

God guided the events of the history of the world to fulfill the prophecy that the Savior of the World would be born in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2)

Do you ever doubt that God is in control of your life for your eternal benefit?

Then take seriously the Word of Our Lord, “*And we know that in ALL things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.*” (Rom.8:28)

God sent His Son Jesus to fulfill all that was spoken about Him through Moses, the Law and the Prophets, truly God knows what He is doing and He wants you in heaven with Him forever, that is why He sent His Son Jesus – Who lived a perfect life for you – died your death – rose from the dead, and is coming again to take you and all believers to our heavenly home. AMEN.