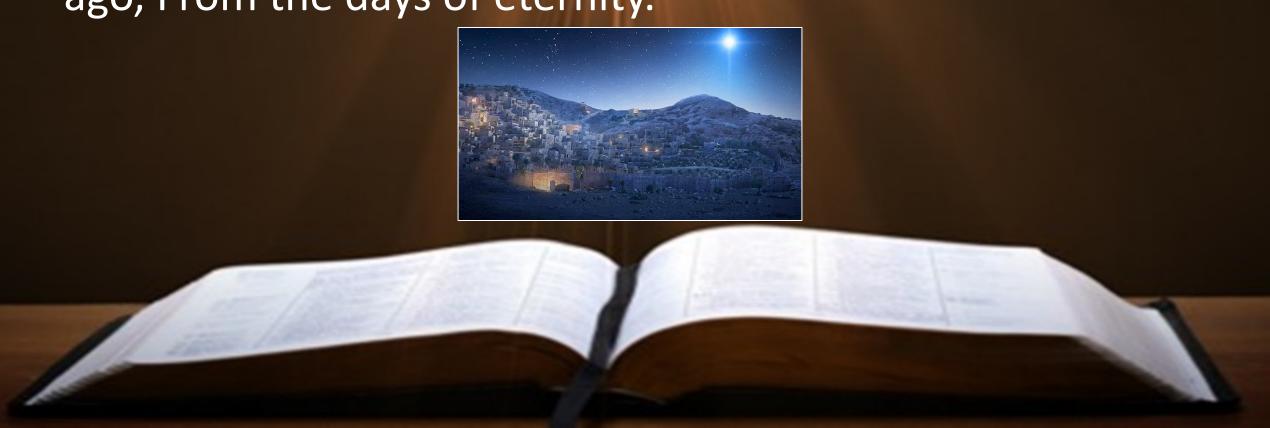
# Christmas Eve Micah 5:2





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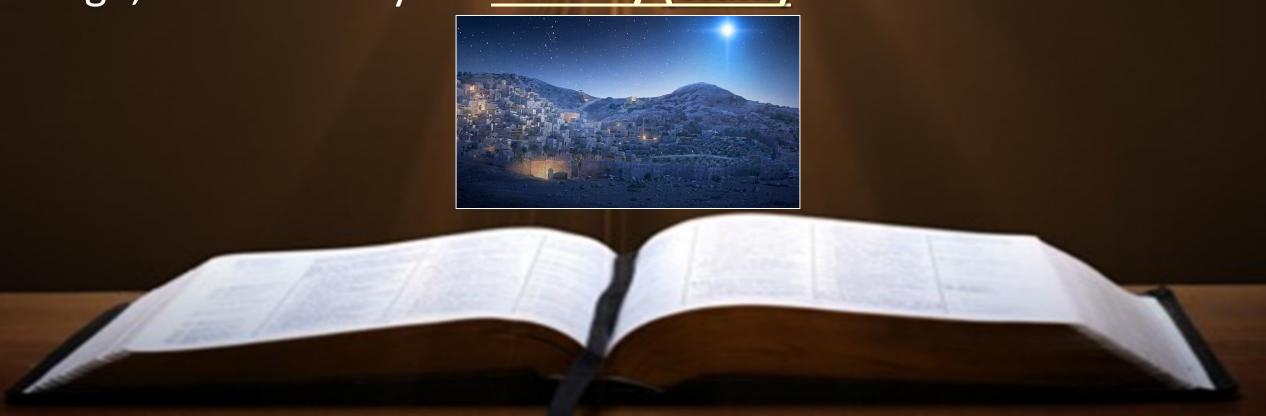
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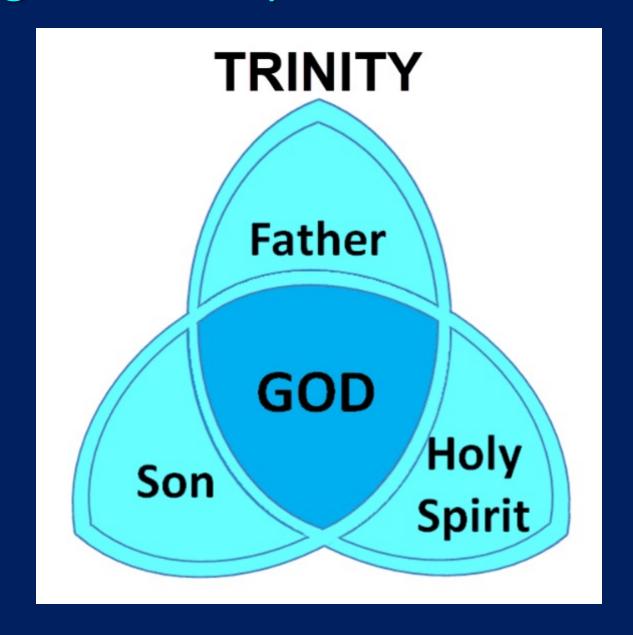


## Psalm 90:2

"Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting (olam) to everlasting (olam), You are God."



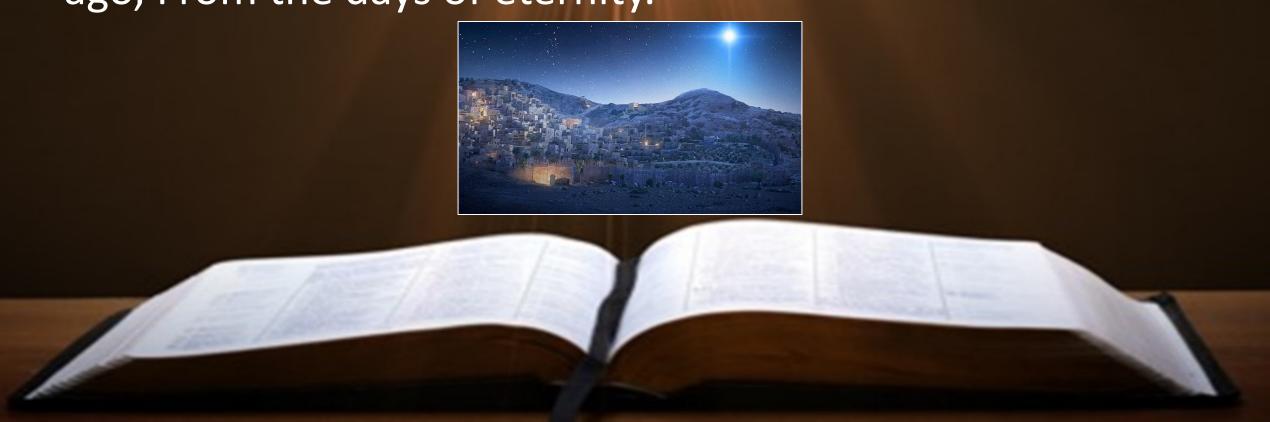
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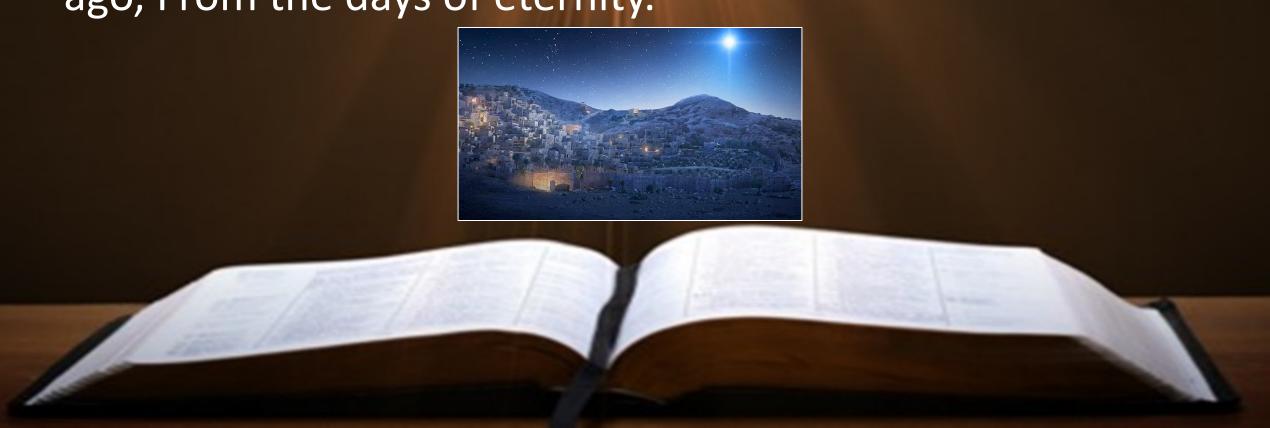
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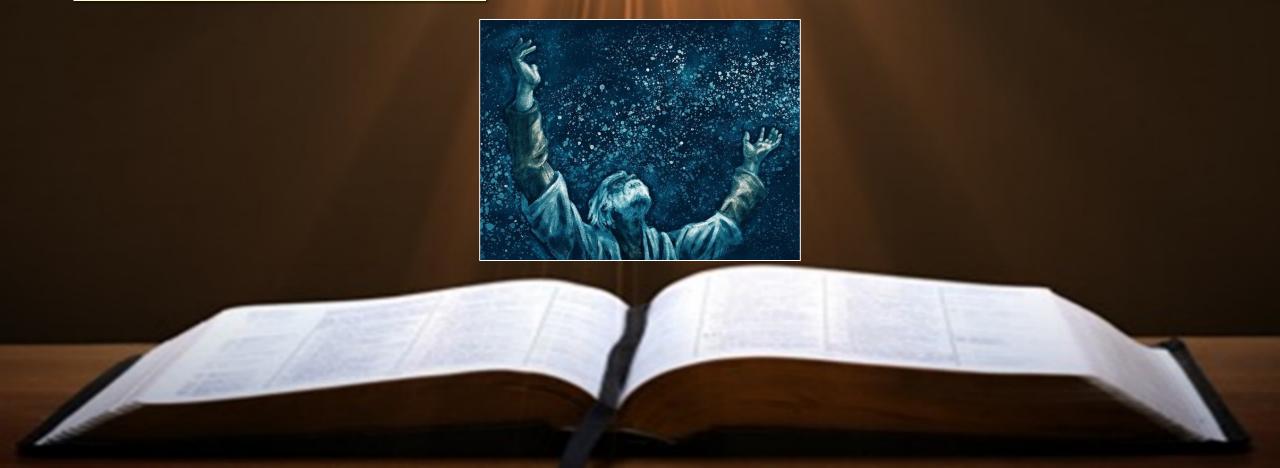


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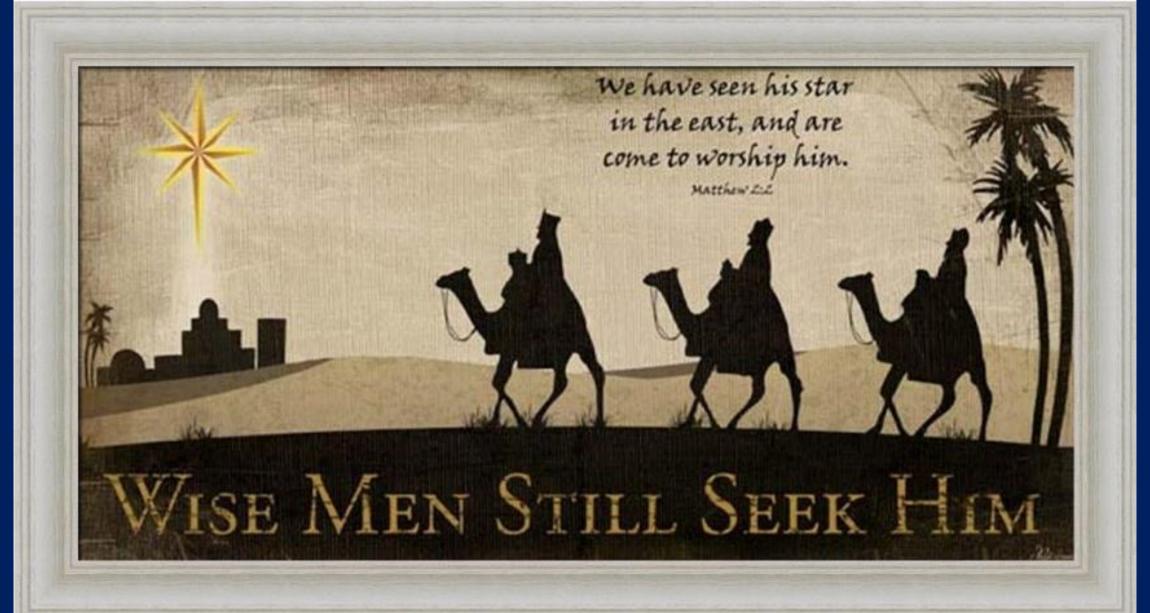
"And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."



# **Numbers 24:17**

"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; A <u>star</u> shall come forth from <u>Jacob</u>, A scepter shall rise from <u>Israel</u>, And shall crush through the forehead of Moab, And tear down all the sons of Sheth."





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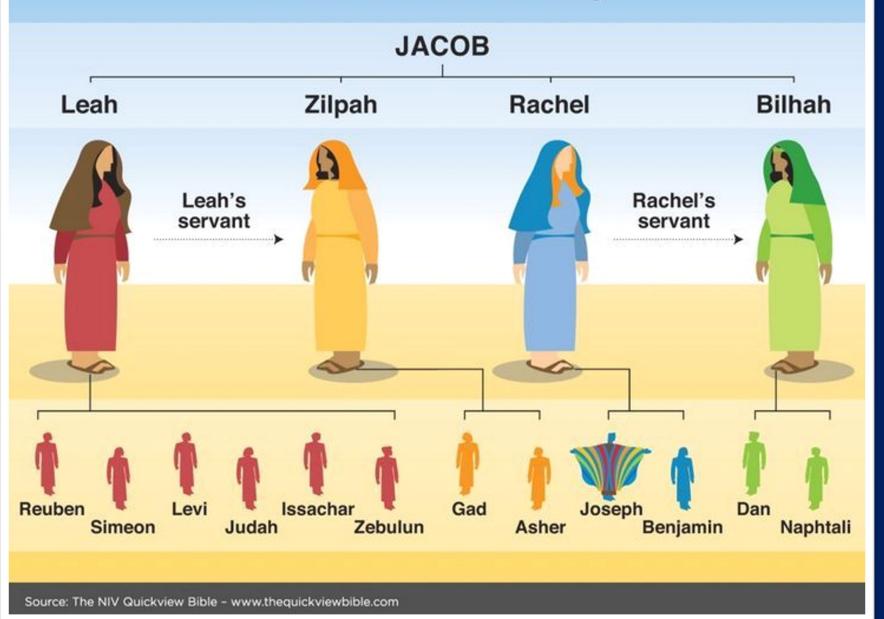
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# Jacob's Family



### Messiah must be from the tribe of Judah

■ Genesis 49:10

■ Revelation 5:5



## Genesis 49:10

"The <u>scepter</u> shall not depart from <u>Judah</u>, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until <u>Shiloh</u> comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples."



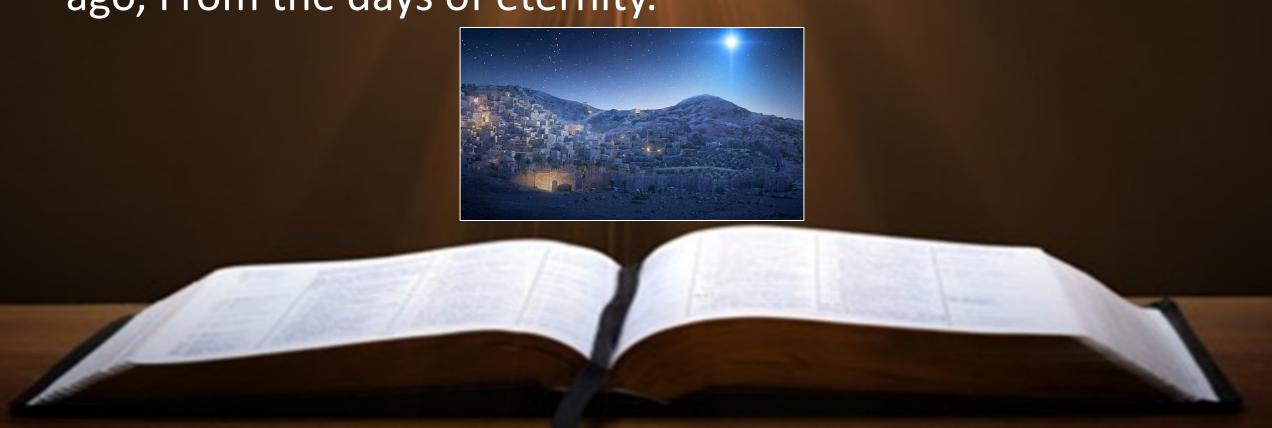
## Revelation 5:5

"and one of the elders said to me, 'Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is <u>from the tribe of Judah</u>, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."

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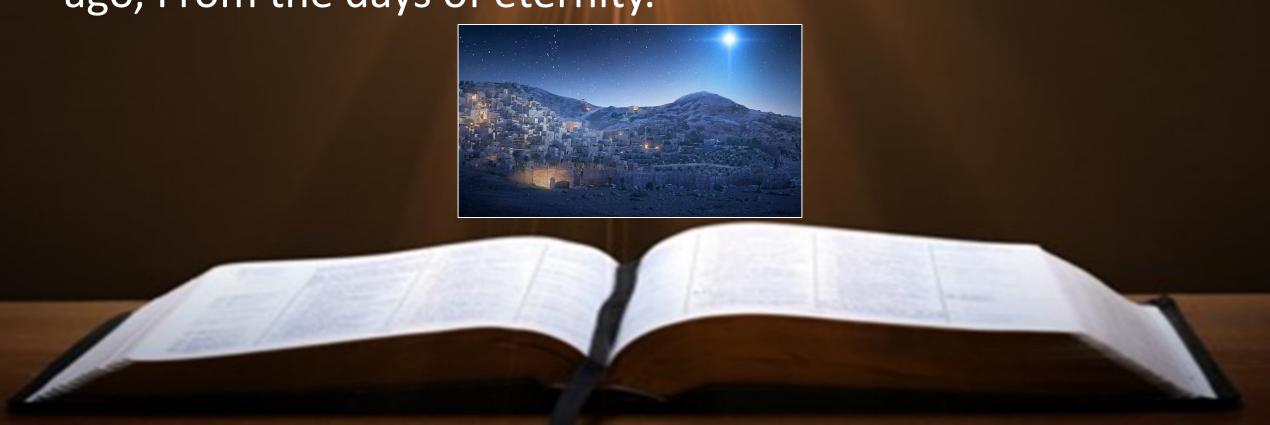


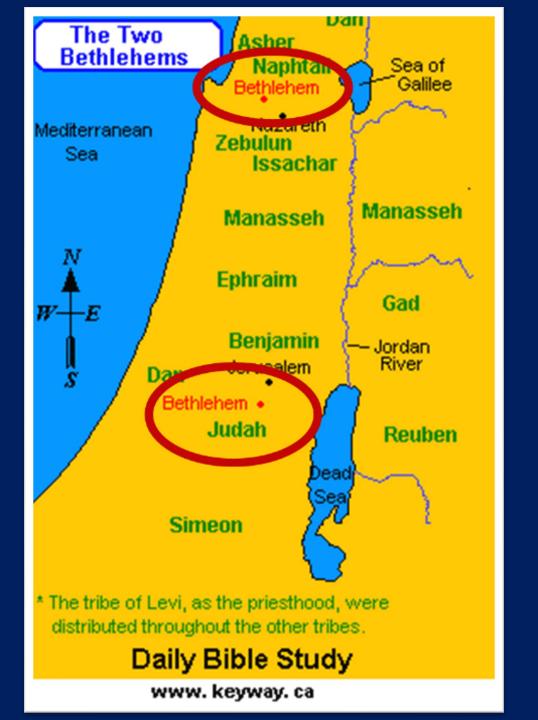


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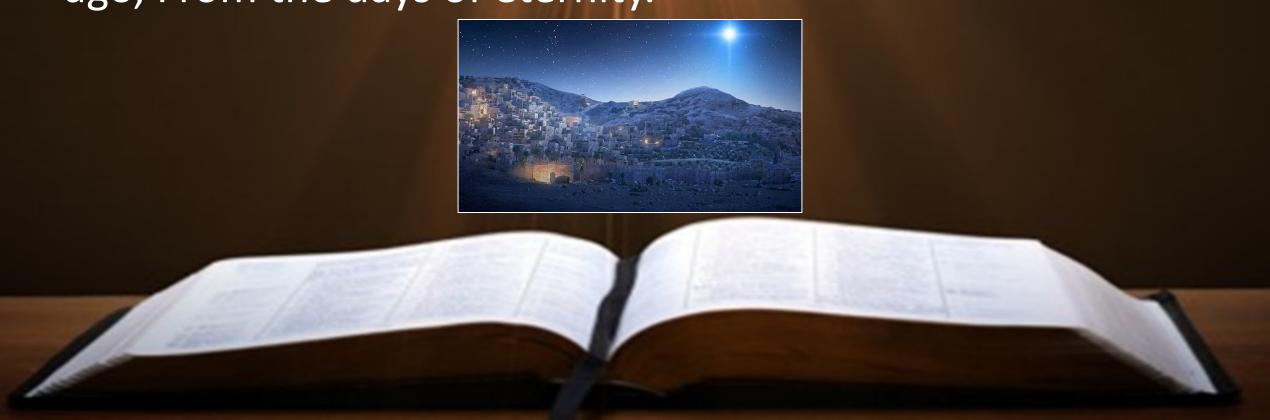




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