

His Coming

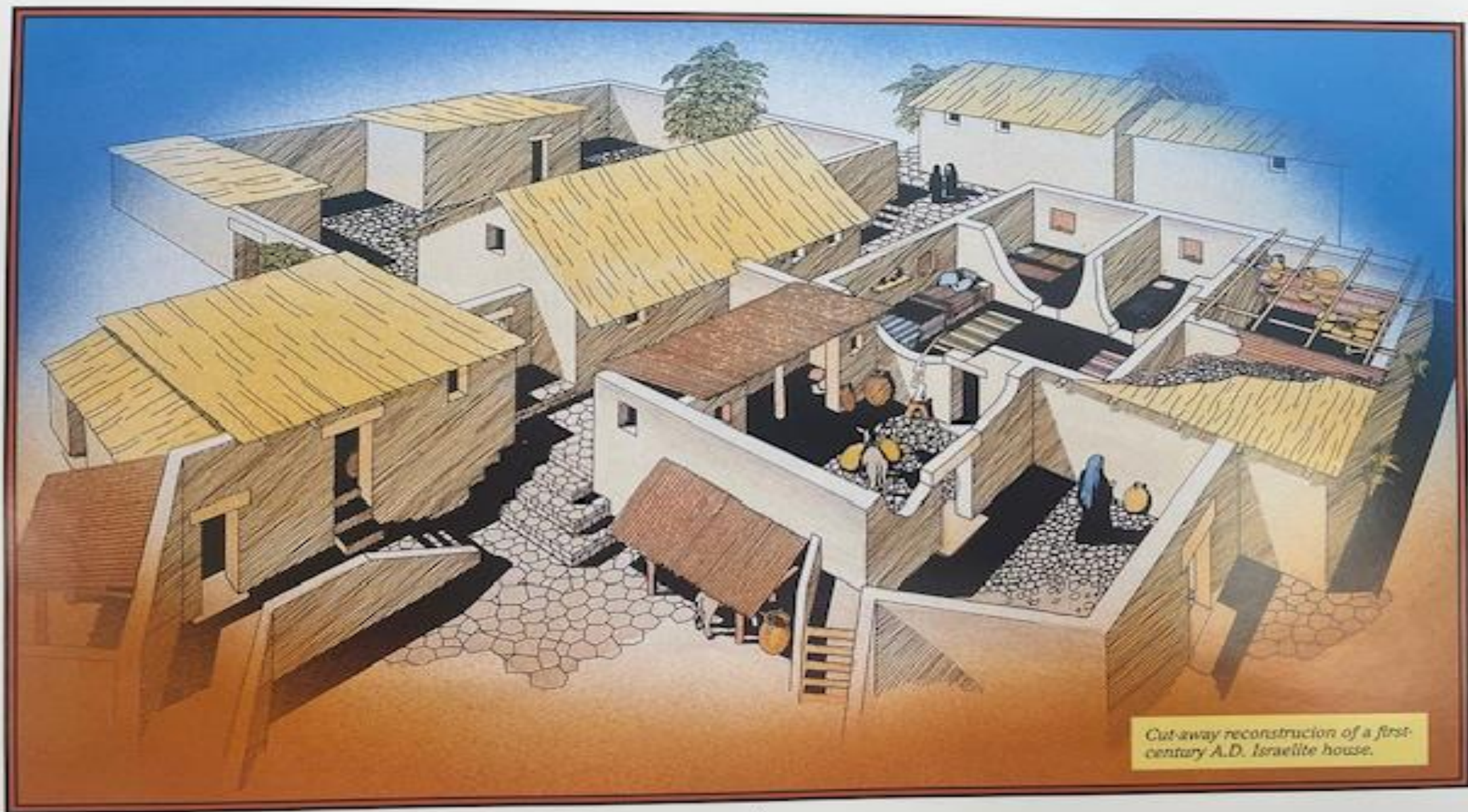
Luke 2:1-7

His coming

- Luke 1:5-25 - Gabriel tells Zechariah and Elizabeth they will have a child - John. “How shall I know this?”
- Luke 1:26-38 - Gabriel tells Mary she will have a child. “How will this be since I am a virgin?”
- Luke 1:39-56 - Mary visits Elizabeth - stays three months.
- Luke 1:57-66 - John born and named
- Luke 1:67-79 - Zechariah’s prophecy

His coming

- Matthew 1:18-25 - Joseph told of Mary's baby.
 - Jacob did not question the dream.
 - Took Mary to be his wife but did not have relations with her until after Jesus was born.
- Luke 2:1-7 - Jesus born
 - "Inn" - lodging place, more specific - guest room - Mark 14:14; Luke 22:11



Cut-away reconstruction of a first-century A.D. Israelite house.

His coming

- Luke 2:8-20 - Shepherds visit
- Luke 2:21 - Jesus circumcised on the 8th day and named Jesus
- Luke 2:22-38 - Jesus presented at the temple
 - Lev. 12:1-4 - purification continues for 33 days after circumcision

His coming

- Matt. 2:1-15 - visit of the Magi
 - Magi - name for priest and wise men among Medes, Persians and Babylonians.
 - Jer. 39:3 - “Rab-may” - prince of magus or chief of magi
 - Dan. 2:48 - Daniel named “rab-prefect” - over the wise men
- Micah 5:2
- Matt. 2:19-23 - return to Nazareth
- Jesus in the temple at age 12 - Luke 2:41-52

How do we get to December 25?

- “The observance of Christmas is not of divine appointment, nor is it of New Testament origin. The day of Christ’s birth cannot be ascertained from the New Testament nor any other source.”
- At that particular time in history, the church was celebrating many important events in the life of Jesus.
- The celebration of the return of the sun - winter solstice - was a time of gift giving and lighting of tapers. It was brought over into Christian use.