

Live Nativity

**Due to Covid mandates,
we will not be having
the Live Nativity
In 2020.**

**We invite you to read
this booklet, see the
pictures and experience
the nativity in
a different way.**

**Merry Christmas!
And remember the
Reason for the Season...
JESUS**

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Pictures in this booklet are of various members of the Eagle Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the Crossroad Fellowship. We welcome and invite anyone to join us in telling Jesus' story.

Luke 2

1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree 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 Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

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

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

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

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

¹² And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

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 toward men.

¹⁵ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

¹⁷ And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

¹⁸ And all they that 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 unto them.

Your attention, please! According to the decree of Caesar Augustus, all must journey to the home of their ancestors to be registered and taxed. Any here to register for the census and pay their taxes, please form a line. You may register and pay here. No one enters the city without paying the tax of one shekel, or food for the poor.

What is your business in Bethlehem? Have you come to pay your taxes? What! You don't have any Roman coins? Go see those Magi over there, maybe they will share some of their wealth!





Why do you weary souls linger outside the gates? You clearly need food and shelter on this cold night.

Ah, I see. God has blessed me, and my heart is overflowing with joy! Why should not my purse as well? Here, I will share my shekels, so you may enter and find rest. Go in my friends. And may you also find the miracle of joy

**Show me your Tax money.
Ah! this one for my trouble. (steals a coin)**

**That way!
Do your duty, and pay Caesar the taxes
due him before you have any business in
this town.**



Pay your tax here. Taxes for Caesar, may he live forever. You must register and pay, by order of Caesar Augustus himself. Form a line here. The head of each household is to register for his family.





Fine pottery! Come see the finest selection of cookware and lamps in all Judea! Handmade by fine artisans! This is tableware fit for a king, but priced for a carpenter.

Earlier I went to deliver some pottery to the innkeeper's wife. It seems a young woman gave birth to a baby in the barn last night. Can you imagine letting a woman who was about to give birth stay in your barn? Do you know what they were using for a baby bed? A manger! What do you think of that?

Oh, do we need a king—or a Savior or Messiah—to lead us. Then maybe we would not have babies having to born in barns in the city of David!

You dear folks look hungry and worn. Go see my friend at the Bakery, I know she will have something to help you. Shalom!



Fine baskets from Egypt! Come see the most excellent baskets available! Baby Moses would sleep comfortably in our least expensive design. They saved Moses, they can save your belongings as well!

Some people have lost hope in the promised Savior. They think God has forgotten about his people. But someday God's people will rejoice and follow the one who will save us from our sins. When do you think God will send the Savior?

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Fresh baked bread, the pride of Bethlehem! Come taste why we are called “the House of Bread” Fresh bread! None like it!

A man came in earlier looking for food for his wife who had just given birth to a baby boy. I had a little bread to give him as well. These poor travelers—it seems none of them were prepared for the crowds in Bethlehem. I suppose I could have helped him a little more.

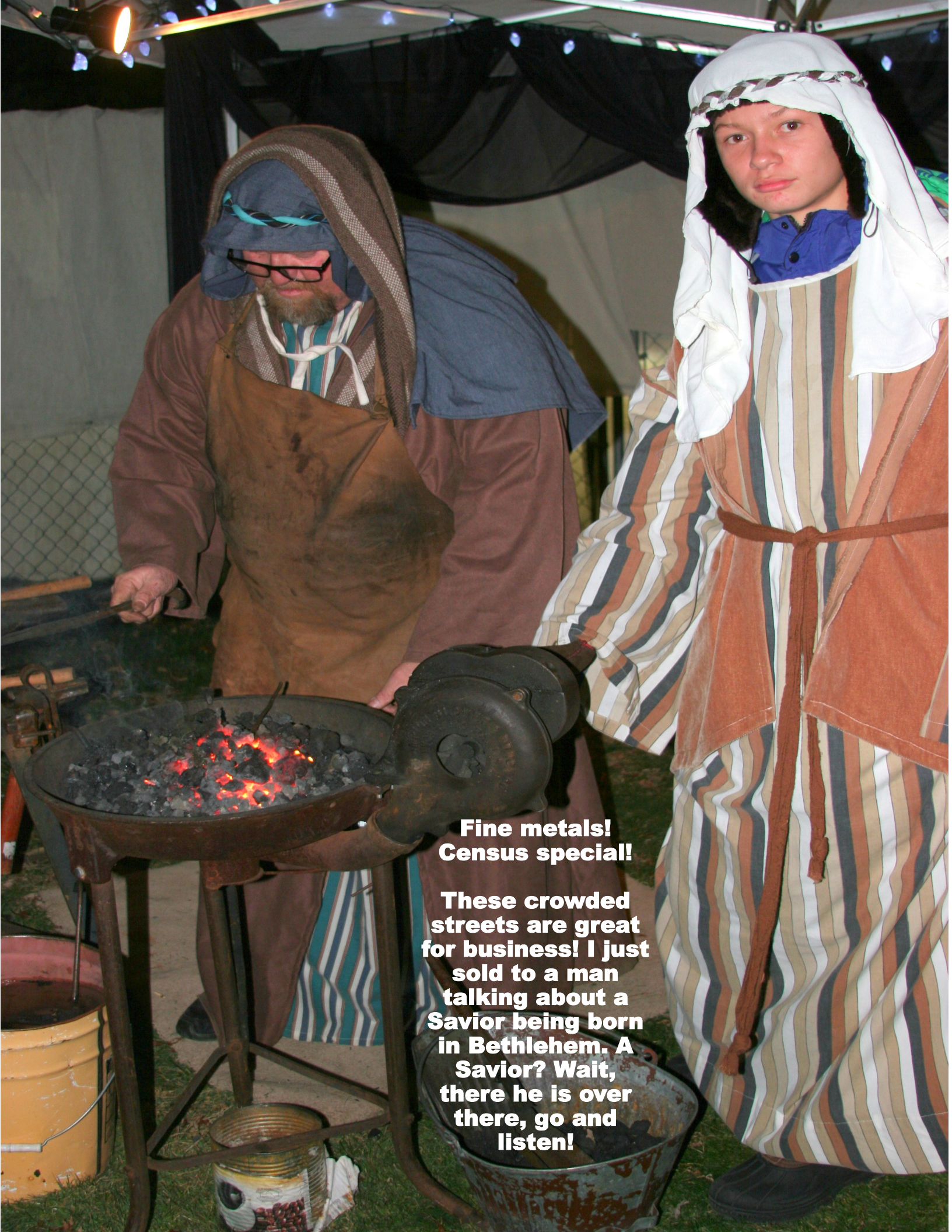
I overheard some shepherds talking about a Savior being born in Bethlehem. A baby as a Savior? How can a baby save anyone?

**We should not talk here, so near to the guards about saviors, since they get quite grumpy about such things.
Come back and see me again!**

Have you heard? Eliazar actually put a pregnant woman in his BARN. He will probably sleep like a king this night, while that poor family shivers in his drafty, filthy stable.

Did you see their robes? Those men looked like kings, dressed like Caesar himself! Yet they talked of searching for a new born King. Could a King be born in Bethlehem? This poor village?





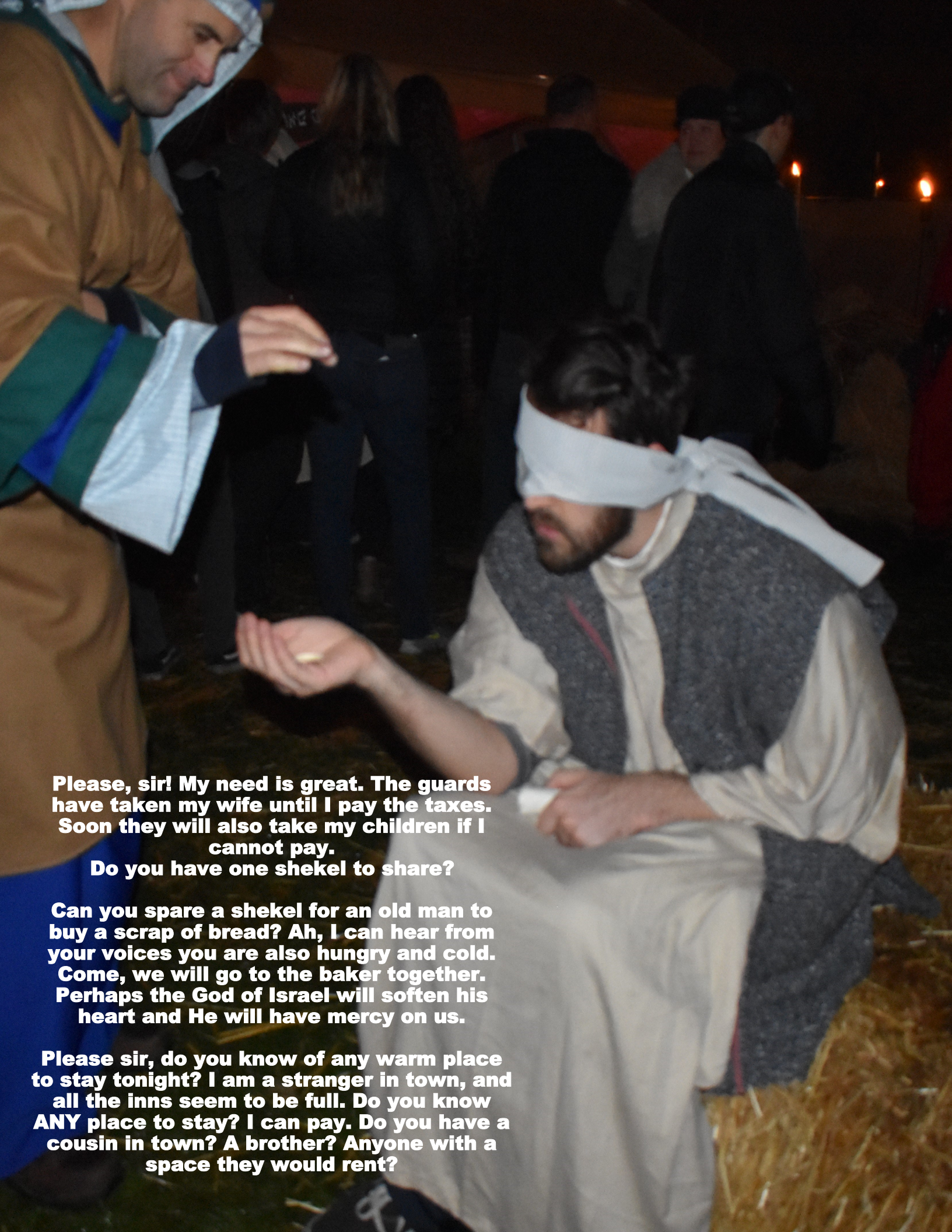
**Fine metals!
Census special!**

**These crowded
streets are great
for business! I just
sold to a man
talking about a
Savior being born
in Bethlehem. A
Savior? Wait,
there he is over
there, go and
listen!**

**Fine metal works! Finest in
all of Bethlehem!**

**The blacksmith is talking
about a Savior?
What do people need to be
saved from anyway? Who is
this special Messiah they're
waiting for?**





**Please, sir! My need is great. The guards have taken my wife until I pay the taxes. Soon they will also take my children if I cannot pay.
Do you have one shekel to share?**

Can you spare a shekel for an old man to buy a scrap of bread? Ah, I can hear from your voices you are also hungry and cold. Come, we will go to the baker together. Perhaps the God of Israel will soften his heart and He will have mercy on us.

Please sir, do you know of any warm place to stay tonight? I am a stranger in town, and all the inns seem to be full. Do you know ANY place to stay? I can pay. Do you have a cousin in town? A brother? Anyone with a space they would rent?

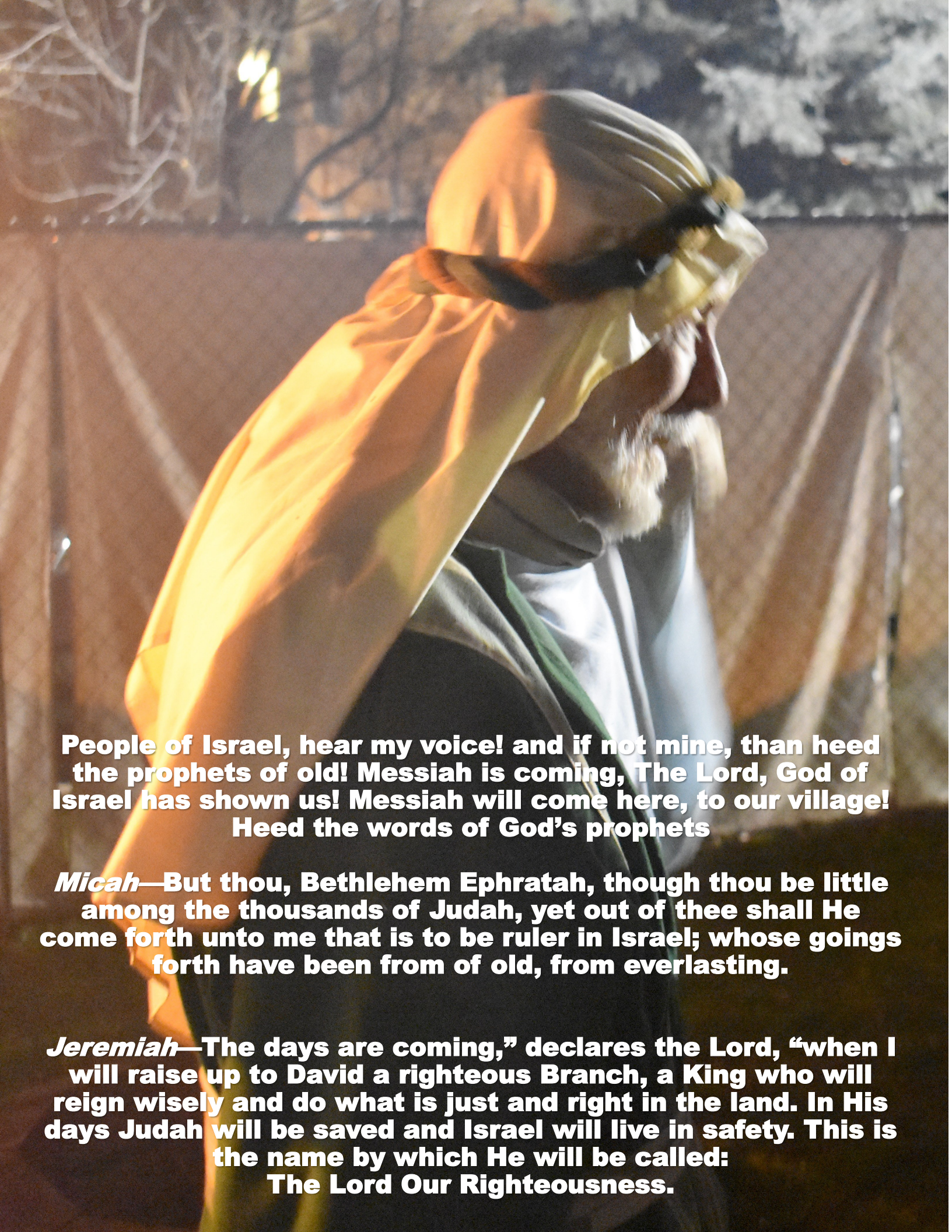


**Fresh produce! Dates from Damascus!
Barley from Bethlehem, Spices from lands afar!**

We had customers from as far away as Persia today! They were dressed like kings, and traded in spices we've never actually seen in Bethlehem! We are so excited to use them.

**Smell this wonderful spice!
They said they were searching for a baby King, I am sure Caesar won't be pleased to hear that!**

That crazy old man over there sure got their attention when he started talking about the ancient prophecies of a coming king.



People of Israel, hear my voice! and if not mine, than heed the prophets of old! Messiah is coming, The Lord, God of Israel has shown us! Messiah will come here, to our village! Heed the words of God's prophets

***Micah*—But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.**

***Jeremiah*—The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In His days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which He will be called:
The Lord Our Righteousness.**



***Isaiah*—The Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel. The Lord God will give Him the throne of his father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom will never end. For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on Him and He will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out. In faithfulness He will bring forth justice; He will not falter or be discouraged till He establishes justice on earth. In His law the islands will put their hope.**



Weary travelers! Can I get you some water from the well? Do you need any for your for your animals?

Have you traveled far? I suppose you came to pay your taxes. Those thieving Romans take all of our money.

They say that there is a baby to be born. A savior! The prophets are reading from the ancient scrolls. You should listen to them. It's amazing!

Do you have a place to stay? Bethlehem is busy because of the census and you should look right away. This inn near here is full, but there is one down at the end of the street that might still have room.



No! No room! Don't even ask! The Lord has blessed me with more than enough customers, and no thanks to Caesar and his insatiable need for taxes, I myself must sleep on a stool in the corner. So, you see, Caesar is good for business, but not so good for my back! Try again tomorrow! Shalom!

Oh, I wish that Roman would make that old man shut up about the old prophecies. It is bad for business and he is just going to stir up trouble! I wonder what our friend the Scribe has to say about all this? You should go ask him. He's very interesting.

**Please, stay and relax
in our cafe, we cannot
offer you a room, but
we can offer some
quiet music and some
small refreshment.
Come!**



Please accept this little scroll, Holy scriptures foretelling the coming of Messiah! A Gift! May it bring you comfort as we struggle under the yoke of the Romans. Lord! Send Him soon!

Welcome to Bethlehem, home of the future Messiah!

Isn't it exciting to be in Bethlehem during the census? There's so much to see and do! And of course you've heard the prophecies about Bethlehem—that a Savior would come from our little town. It's amazing to think that someday we'll have a Messiah who will save us. When do you think the Savior will come?



Wool for sale! Special pricing for the census! No finer wool in all Judea! Even sheep are jealous of our coats!

You know, with people traveling so far, their cloaks are getting worn out! our fingers are practically dizzy from all the spinning we've been doing. I just made a blanket for the innkeeper, who said he has a carpenter and his wife staying in the stable! Poor couple.. .and it sounds like they have a baby on the way, too.

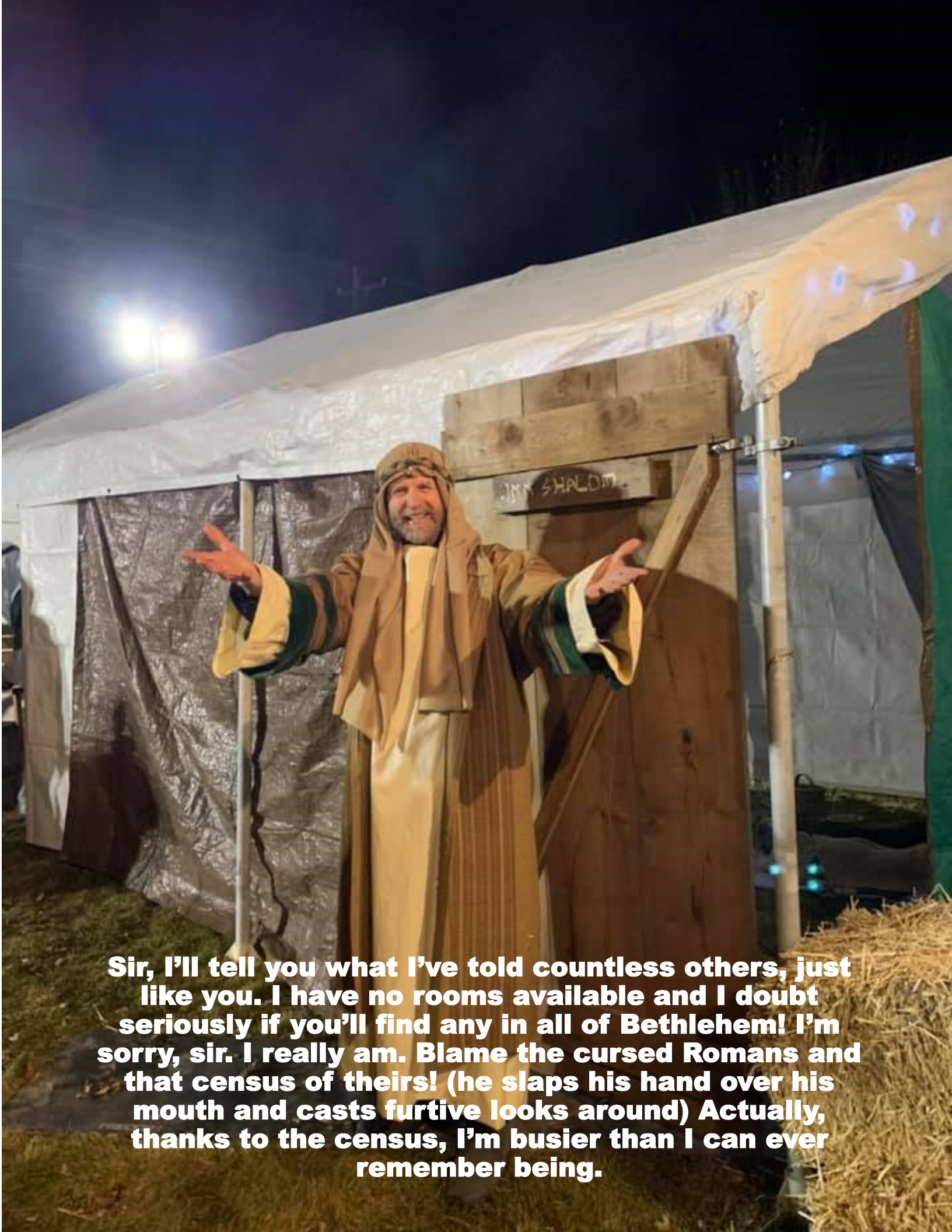


**Come see Jotham, finest
carpenter in all Bethlehem! I
can fix all things made of
wood! Doors! Ox carts!
Mangers!**

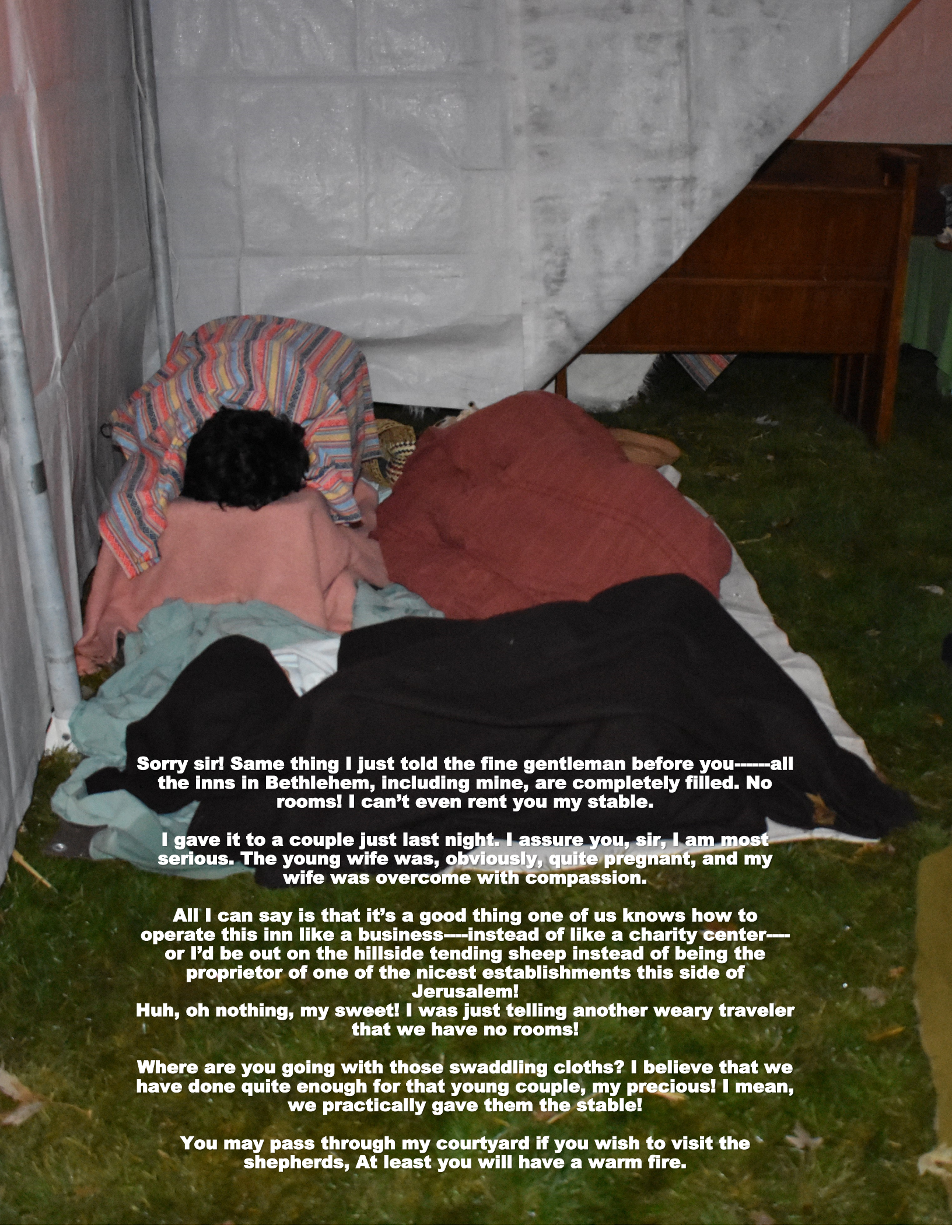
**You're from out of town, so
you might not know that
Bethlehem is also called the
city of David. That's because
King David lived not too far
from here. And some people
still go on about the Savior
being born here. Where do you
think the Savior will be born?
Why?**

**These cursed Romans are
now demanding we
carpenters make crosses for
their ghastly executions.
Crosses! I would rather be
making mangers!**





Sir, I'll tell you what I've told countless others, just like you. I have no rooms available and I doubt seriously if you'll find any in all of Bethlehem! I'm sorry, sir. I really am. Blame the cursed Romans and that census of theirs! (he slaps his hand over his mouth and casts furtive looks around) Actually, thanks to the census, I'm busier than I can ever remember being.

A photograph of a person lying on their back inside a tent. The person is wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt and dark pants. They are covered with a red blanket and a black blanket. A colorful striped pillow is behind their head. The tent's interior is made of white fabric. Outside the tent, a wooden structure is visible on a grassy area.

Sorry sir! Same thing I just told the fine gentleman before you—all the inns in Bethlehem, including mine, are completely filled. No rooms! I can't even rent you my stable.

I gave it to a couple just last night. I assure you, sir, I am most serious. The young wife was, obviously, quite pregnant, and my wife was overcome with compassion.

All I can say is that it's a good thing one of us knows how to operate this inn like a business—instead of like a charity center—or I'd be out on the hillside tending sheep instead of being the proprietor of one of the nicest establishments this side of Jerusalem!

Huh, oh nothing, my sweet! I was just telling another weary traveler that we have no rooms!

Where are you going with those swaddling cloths? I believe that we have done quite enough for that young couple, my precious! I mean, we practically gave them the stable!

You may pass through my courtyard if you wish to visit the shepherds, At least you will have a warm fire.

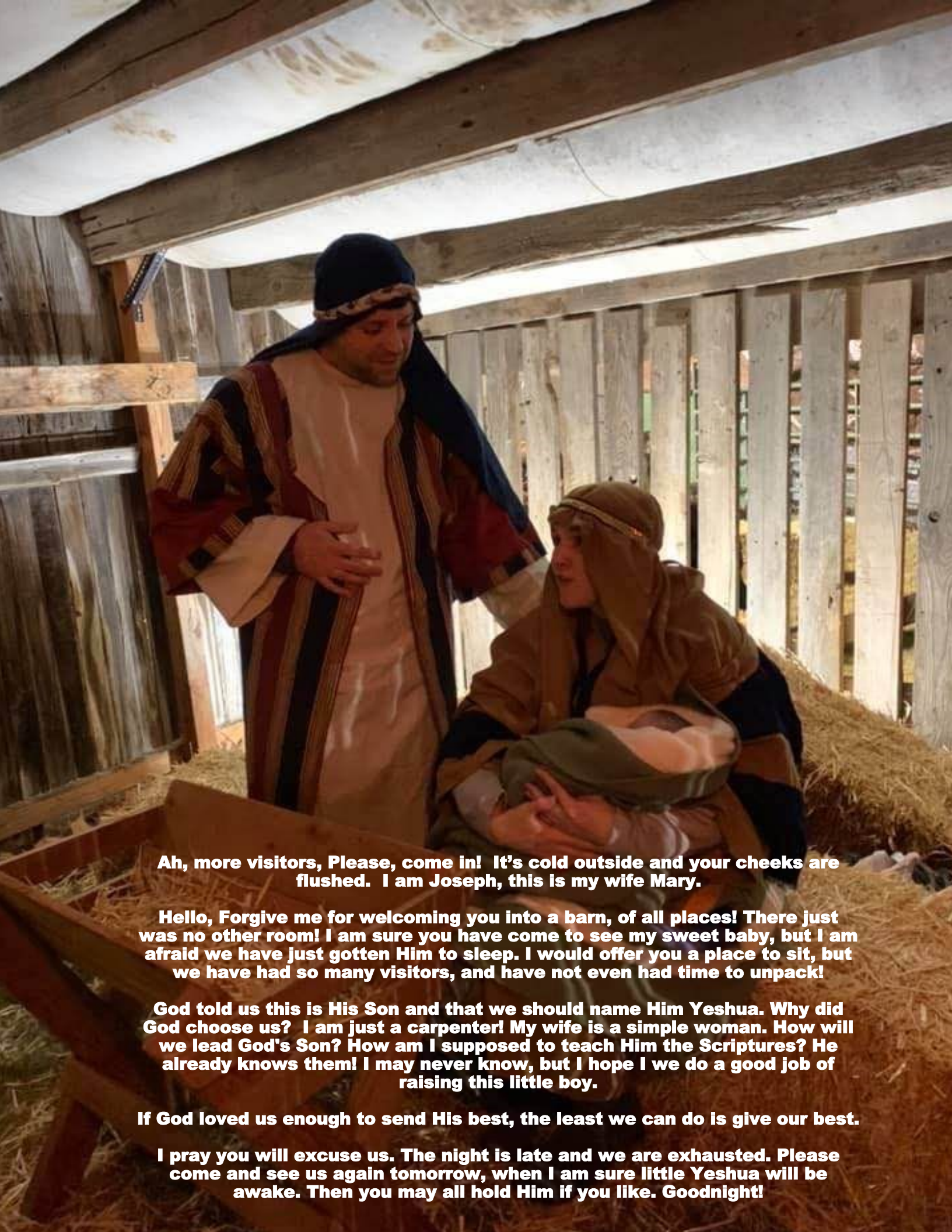


Ah, more lonely travelers, no doubt cold and turned away from the inns of Bethlehem. Please, come, share the warmth of our fire. Come, sit, rest yourselves. We can bring you some small measure of comfort this cold night.

**Behold! I bring you good news, filled with great joy!
Don't be afraid! This very night a Savior has been
born you you! He is Christ the Lord! You will find
the child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger!**

**What are you waiting for? I will stay with the flock,
you all go and see if this is all true!**





Ah, more visitors, Please, come in! It's cold outside and your cheeks are flushed. I am Joseph, this is my wife Mary.

Hello, Forgive me for welcoming you into a barn, of all places! There just was no other room! I am sure you have come to see my sweet baby, but I am afraid we have just gotten Him to sleep. I would offer you a place to sit, but we have had so many visitors, and have not even had time to unpack!

God told us this is His Son and that we should name Him Yeshua. Why did God choose us? I am just a carpenter! My wife is a simple woman. How will we lead God's Son? How am I supposed to teach Him the Scriptures? He already knows them! I may never know, but I hope I we do a good job of raising this little boy.

If God loved us enough to send His best, the least we can do is give our best.

I pray you will excuse us. The night is late and we are exhausted. Please come and see us again tomorrow, when I am sure little Yeshua will be awake. Then you may all hold Him if you like. Goodnight!



Can you tell me, did you see the new born King? He's real, just as the ancient scriptures have revealed. Praise be to the God of Israel!

**I stayed back to look at something disturbing, as well as exciting that I have discovered in the ancient scriptures. I was reading the writings of the prophet Isaiah that the King will be despised and rejected by men. The psalms of David says he will be executed having his hands and feet pierced. Oh great God in heaven, have mercy upon us for what we are about to do to this new born King?
Is there no hope?**

As I search the ancient scrolls I discovered hope! The prophet Daniel says that God will set up an everlasting kingdom that can never be destroyed. He also says that the saints of this world will be delivered by the Great Prince. Whereas the wicked of this world will be destroyed. This young Messiah will be executed but he will come again and receive those who believe in him. Praise be God Jehovah!


I must challenge you to study the scriptures of God while there is still time. I feel the need to pray and thank Jehovah for his guidance. We look forward to the time when HE WILL COME AGAIN!

Come see the donkey and sheep!

**The shepherds were watching their sheep when the angel
appeared to them.**

**The donkey carried Mary all the way to Bethlehem where she had
baby Jesus. Did you see baby Jesus?**





**As the star led the
wisemen to see the new
baby King, may we
remember that God
leads us to find Him.
He will come again to
take us to be with Him.**

**Let the star always
remind you that God
loves you and Christmas
is all about Him...**

**Join us next year
for the live event!
December 3 at 6-8:30pm
December 4 at 5-8:30pm
2021**