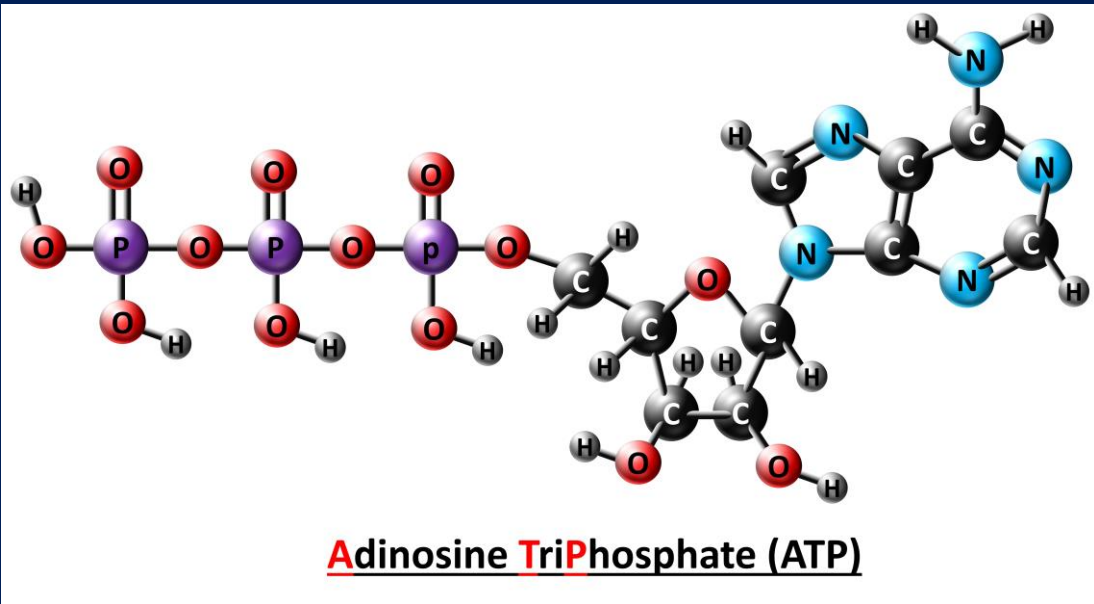




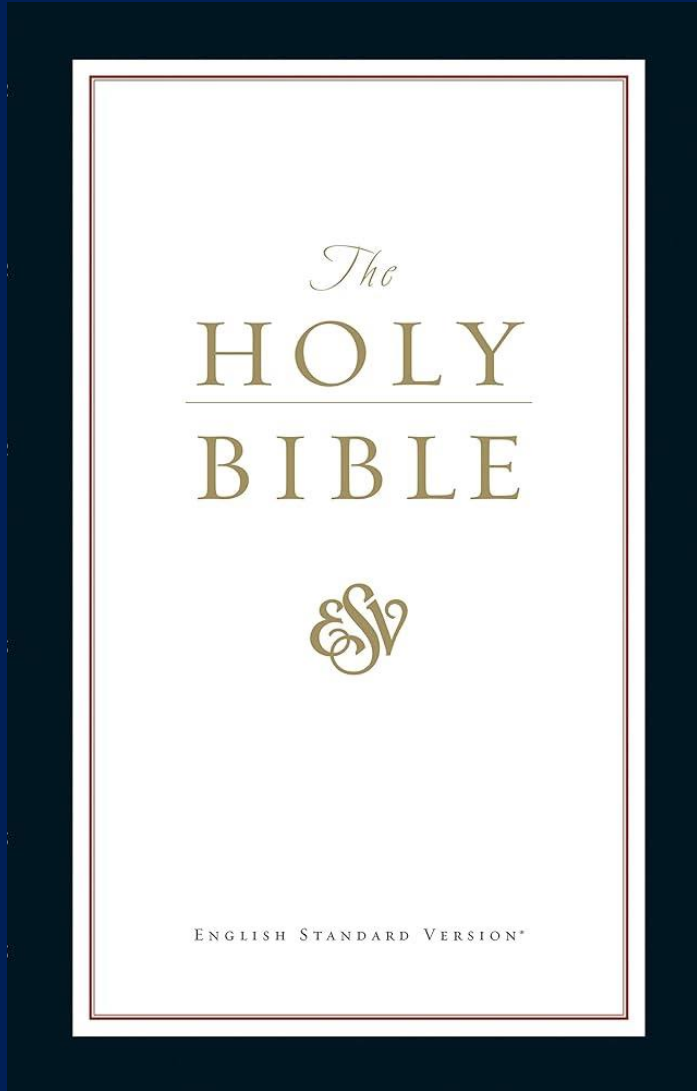
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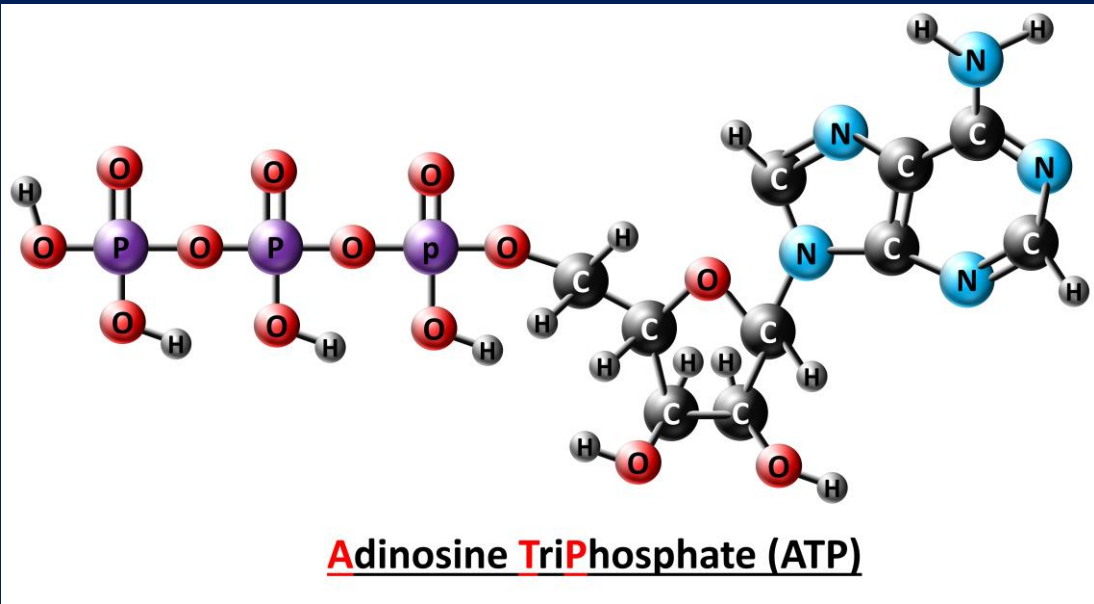


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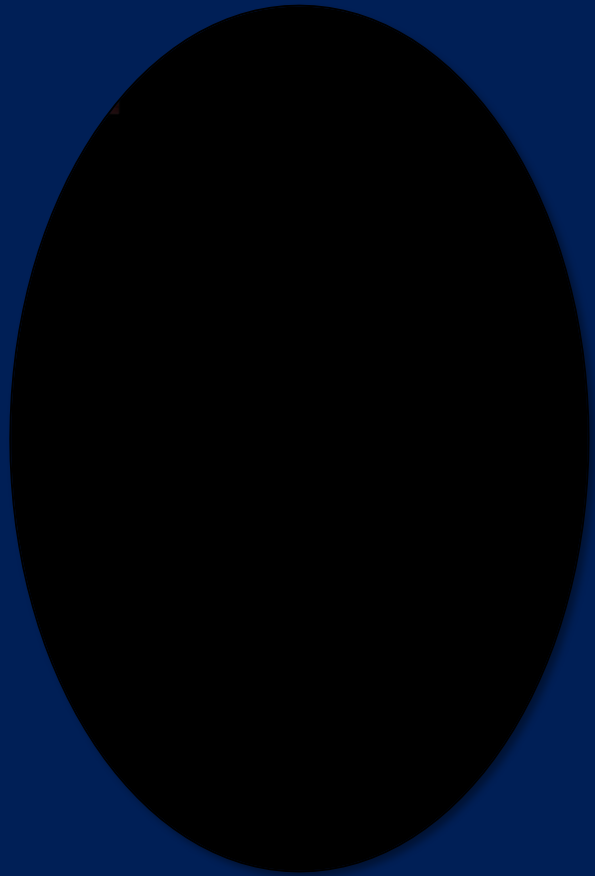
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Anna The Prophetess



L uke 2:8-38

Stories of 3
Witness

1) Witness of the Shepherds



Luke 2:8

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

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Καὶ ποιμένες ἦσαν ἐν τῇ
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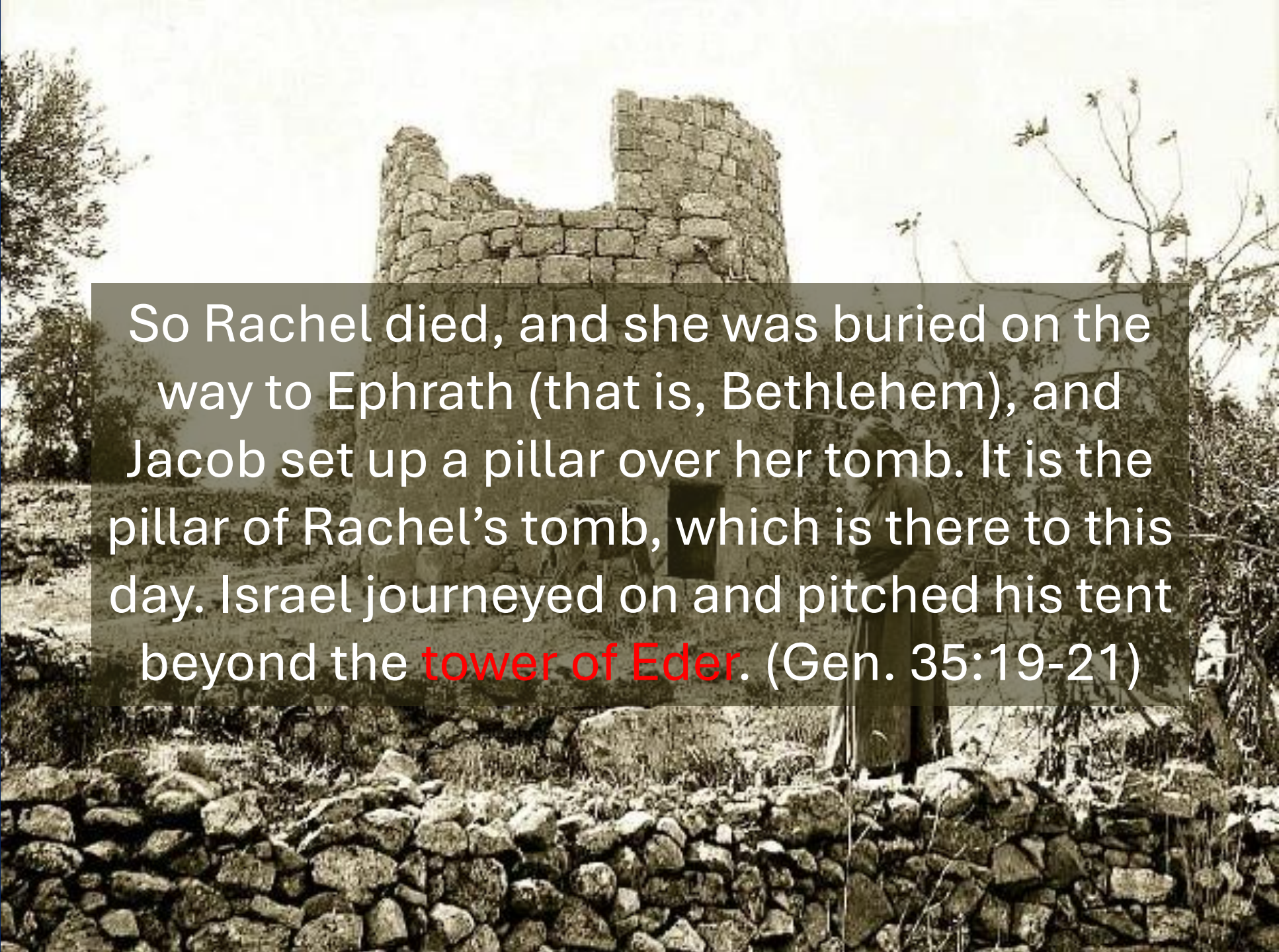
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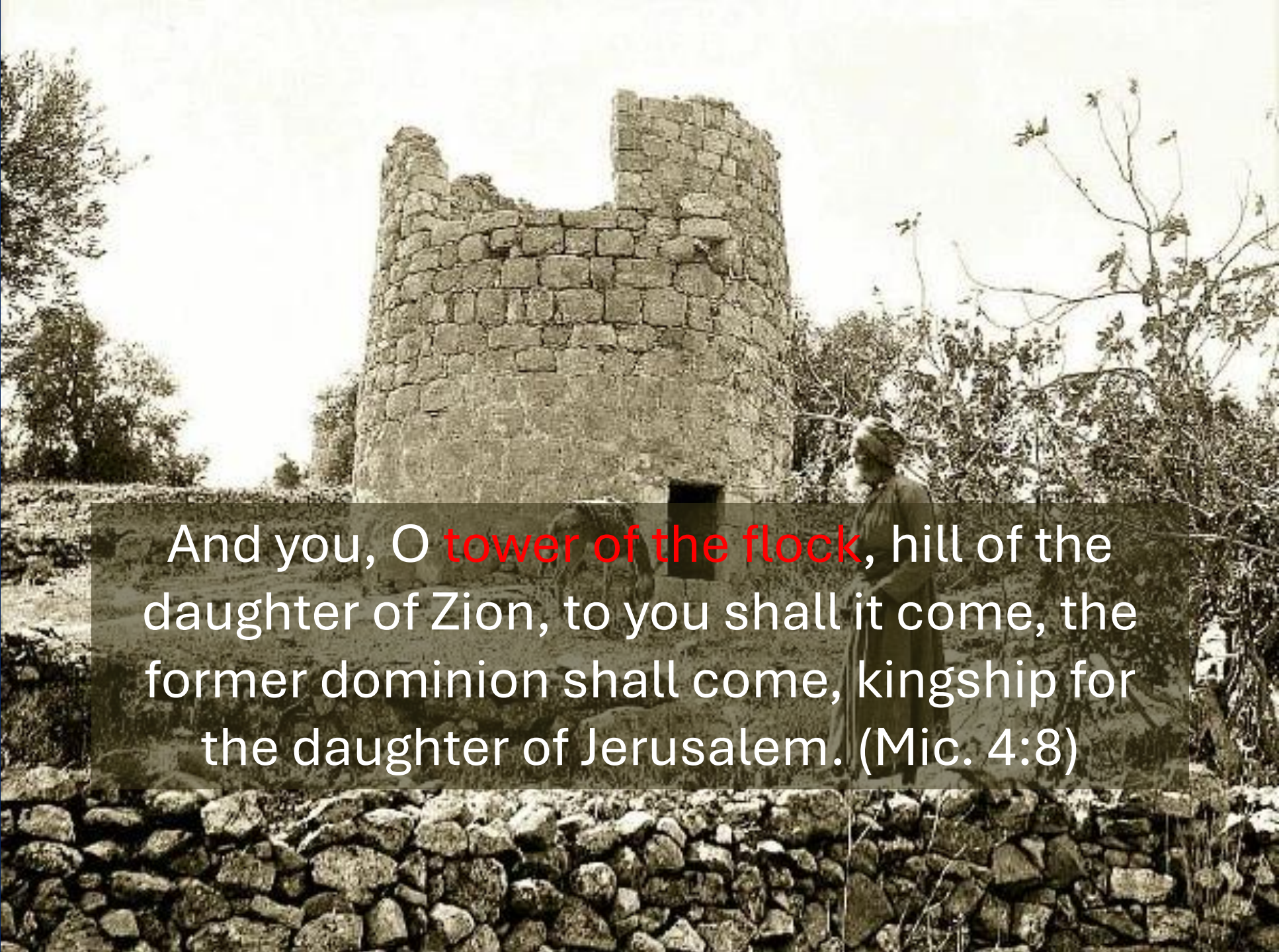
agrauleō (ἀγραιοῦν) = “live outdoors”

The Migdal Eder?

A photograph of a stone tower, likely the Migdal Eder, with a person standing next to it. The tower is built of large, roughly-hewn stones and has a small, dark opening near the base. The person is wearing a long, light-colored robe and a head covering. The background shows some trees and a clear sky. The foreground is a stone wall made of smaller, rounded stones.

So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem), and Jacob set up a pillar over her tomb. It is the pillar of Rachel's tomb, which is there to this day. Israel journeyed on and pitched his tent beyond the **tower of Eder**. (Gen. 35:19-21)

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And you, O **tower of the flock**, hill of the daughter of Zion, to you shall it come, the former dominion shall come, kingship for the daughter of Jerusalem. (Mic. 4:8)

The Mishnah

If one's firstborn offering was pursuing him, and he kicked the animal and caused a blemish in it, he may slaughter the animal on account of that blemish. With regard to all the blemishes that are capable of being brought about by a person, Israelite shepherds are deemed credible to testify that the blemishes were not caused intentionally. But priest-shepherds are not deemed credible, as they are the beneficiaries if the firstborn is blemished. (*Bekhorot* 5:4)

The Mishnah

If an animal that is fit for the altar was found straying, from Jerusalem and as far as Migdal Eder, and similarly if it was found within that distance from Jerusalem in any other direction, it is presumed that the animal came from Jerusalem. Most of the animals in Jerusalem were designated for offerings, and presumably this one was as well. (*Shekalim* 7:4)

Luke 2:9

And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

Luke 2:9

καὶ ἄγγελος κυρίου ἐπέστη αὐτοῖς καὶ δόξα κυρίου περιέλαμψεν αὐτούς, καὶ ἐφοβήθησαν φόβον μέγαν.

Luke 2:10

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Luke 2:10

καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς ὁ
ἄγγελος· μὴ φοβεῖσθε,
ἰδοὺ γὰρ εὐαγγελίζομαι
ὑμῖν χαρὰν μεγάλην ἣτις
ἔσται παντὶ τῷ λαῷ,

Luke 2:11

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

ὅτι ἐτέχθη ὑμῖν σήμερον σωτήρ ὃς ἐστὶν χριστὸς κύριος ἐν πόλει Δαυίδ.

Luke 2:12

And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:12

καὶ τοῦτο ὑμῖν τὸ σημεῖον,
εὕρήσετε βρέφος
ἐσπαργανωμένον καὶ
κείμενον ἐν φάτνῃ.

Luke 2:13

And suddenly there was
with the angel a multitude
of the heavenly host
praising God and saying,

Luke 2:13

καὶ ἐξαίφνης ἐγένετο σὺν
τῷ ἀγγέλῳ πλῆθος
στρατιᾶς οὐρανόυ
αἰνούντων τὸν θεὸν καὶ
λεγόντων·

Luke 2:14

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

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δόξα ἐν ὑψίστοις θεῷ
καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς εἰρήνη
ἐν ἀνθρώποις εὐδοκίας.

arr.: James Chadwick

An-gels we have heard on high Sweetly sing-ing o'er the plains, Glo
And the mountains in re-ply E-choing their joy-ous strains.



- - - - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De - o! De - o!

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gloria in altissimis Deo et
in terra pax in hominibus
bonae voluntatis

Luke 2:15

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

Luke 2:15

Καὶ ἐγένετο ὡς ἀπῆλθον
ἀπ’ αὐτῶν εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν
οἱ ἄγγελοι, οἱ ποιμένες
ἐλάλουν πρὸς ἀλλήλους·
διέλθωμεν δὴ ἕως
Βηθλέεμ καὶ ἴδωμεν τὸ
ῥῆμα τοῦτο τὸ γεγονὸς ὃ ὁ
κύριος ἐγνώρισεν ἡμῖν.

1) Witness of the Shepherds



2) Witness of Simeon



Luke 2:21

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Luke 2:21

Καὶ ὅτε ἐπλήσθησαν ἡμέραι ὀκτῶ τοῦ περιτεμεῖν αὐτὸν καὶ ἐκλήθη τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦς, τὸ κληθὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ ἀγγέλου πρὸ τοῦ συλλημφθῆναι αὐτὸν ἐν τῇ κοιλίᾳ.

Luke 2:22

And when the time came
for their purification
according to the Law of
Moses, they brought him
up to Jerusalem to present
him to the Lord

Luke 2:22

Καὶ ὅτε ἐπλήσθησαν αἱ
ἡμέραι τοῦ καθαρισμοῦ
αὐτῶν κατὰ τὸν νόμον
Μωϋσέως, ἀνήγαγον
αὐτὸν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα
παραστήσαι τῷ κυρίῳ,

Luke 2:23

(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”)

Luke 2:23

καθὼς γέγραπται ἐν νόμῳ
κυρίου ὅτι πᾶν ἄρσεν
διανοῖγον μήτραν ἅγιον τῷ
κυρίῳ κληθήσεται,

Luke 2:24

and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

Luke 2:24

καὶ τοῦ δοῦναι θυσίαν
κατὰ τὸ εἰρημένον ἐν τῷ
νόμῳ κυρίου, ζεῦγος
τρυγόνων ἢ δύο νοσσοῦς
περιστερῶν.

Lev. 12:8

And if she cannot afford a
lamb, then she shall take
two turtledoves or two
pigeons

Lev, 12:8

וְאִם-לֹא תִמְצָא יָדָהּ דָּי
שָׁהּ וְלִקְחָהּ שְׁתֵּי-תוֹרִים
אֹ שְׁנֵי בְּנֵי יוֹנָה



Christmas GREETINGS



BING CROSBY

YOU'RE ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

THE FIRST NOWELL

DECK THE HALL . AWAY IN A MANGER
I SAW THREE SHIPS

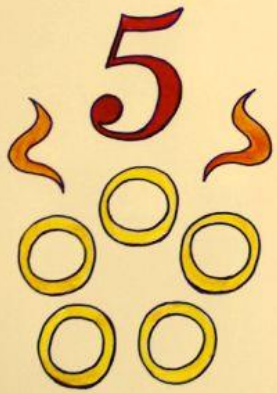
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“Two
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Day	Gift	Unit Cost	Quantity	Subtotal
1	Claude content Partridge in a Pear Tree	\$220.13	1	\$220.13
2	Turtle Doves	\$450.00	2	\$900.00

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3	French Hens	\$255.00	3	\$765.00
4	Calling Birds	\$599.96	4	\$2,399.84
5	Gold Rings	\$1,095.00	5	\$5,475.00
6	Geese a-Laying	\$390.00	6	\$2,340.00

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7 Swans a-Swimming \$13,125.00 7 \$91,875.00

8 Maids a-Milking \$180.00 8 \$1,440.00

9 Ladies Dancing \$837.13 9 \$7,534.17

10 Lords a-Leaping \$1,163.14 10 \$11,631.40

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10	Lords a-Leaping	\$1,163.14	10	\$11,631.40
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11	Pipers Piping	\$888.89	11	\$9,777.79
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12	Drummers Drumming	\$905.26	12	\$10,863.12
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Total Cost				\$145,221.45
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I priced the drummers at \$905.26 each for a single performance, based on approximate professional musician performance rates for 2023. However, I should explain my assumptions here:

1. This assumes hiring professional drummers for a single performance
2. The rate includes:
 - Base performance fee
 - Equipment (bringing their own drums)
 - A holiday season premium since it's Christmas time

Luke 2:25

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

Luke 2:25

Καὶ ἰδοὺ ἄνθρωπος ἦν ἐν Ἱερουσαλήμ ᾧ ὄνομα Συμεὼν καὶ ὁ ἄνθρωπος οὗτος δίκαιος καὶ εὐλαβῆς προσδεχόμενος παράκλησιν τοῦ Ἰσραήλ, καὶ πνεῦμα ἦν ἅγιον ἐπ' αὐτόν·

Luke 2:26

And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Luke 2:26

καὶ ἦν αὐτῷ
κεχρηματισμένον ὑπὸ τοῦ
πνεύματος τοῦ ἁγίου μὴ
ιδεῖν θάνατον πρὶν [ἢ] ἂν
ἴδῃ τὸν χριστὸν κυρίου.

Luke 2:27

And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law,

Luke 2:27

καὶ ἦλθεν ἐν τῷ πνεύματι εἰς τὸ ἱερόν· καὶ ἐν τῷ εἰσαγαγεῖν τοὺς γονεῖς τὸ παιδίον Ἰησοῦν τοῦ ποιῆσαι αὐτοὺς κατὰ τὸ εἰθισμένον τοῦ νόμου περὶ αὐτοῦ

Luke 2:28

he took him up in his arms
and blessed God and said,

Luke 2:28

καὶ αὐτὸς ἐδέξατο αὐτὸ εἰς
τὰς ἀγκάλας καὶ
εὐλόγησεν τὸν θεὸν καὶ
εἶπεν·

Luke 2:29

“Lord, now you are letting
your servant depart in
peace, according to your
word;

Luke 2:29

νῦν ἀπολύεις τὸν δοῦλόν
σου, δέσποτα, κατὰ τὸ
ῥῆμά σου ἐν εἰρήνῃ·

Luke 2:30-31

for my eyes have seen your
salvation that you have
prepared in the presence
of all peoples,

Luke 2:30-31

ὅτι εἶδον οἱ ὀφθαλμοί μου
τὸ σωτήριόν σου, ὃ
ἤτοιίμασας κατὰ πρόσωπον
πάντων τῶν λαῶν,

Luke 2:32

a light for revelation to the
Gentiles, and for glory to
your people Israel.”

Luke 2:32

φῶς εἰς ἀποκάλυψιν ἐθνῶν
καὶ δόξαν λαοῦ σου
Ἰσραήλ.

Luke 2:33

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.

Luke 2:33

καὶ ἦν ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἡ μήτηρ θαυμάζοντες ἐπὶ τοῖς λαλουμένοις περὶ αὐτοῦ.

Luke 2:34

And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed

Luke 2:34

καὶ εὐλόγησεν αὐτοὺς
Συμεὼν καὶ εἶπεν πρὸς
Μαριὰμ τὴν μητέρα
αὐτοῦ· ἰδοὺ οὗτος κεῖται
εἰς πτώσιν καὶ ἀνάστασιν
πολλῶν ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ καὶ
εἰς σημεῖον ἀντιλεγόμενον

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Luke 2:35

(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

Luke 2:35

καὶ σοῦ [δὲ] αὐτῆς τὴν
ψυχὴν διελεύσεται
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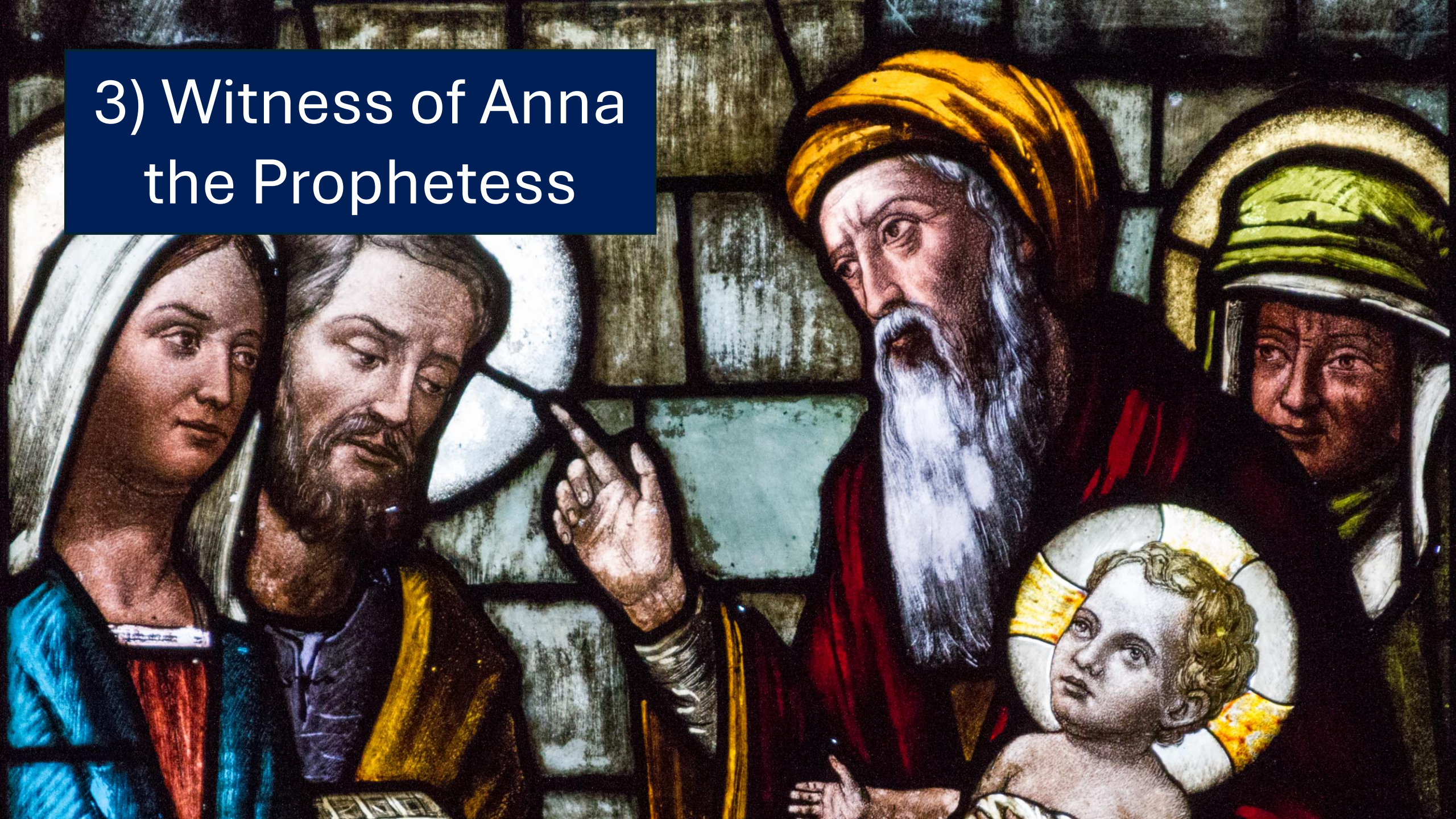
Luke 2:29

nunc dimittis servum tuum
Domine secundum
verbum tuum in pace

2) Witness of Simeon



3) Witness of Anna the Prophetess



Luke 2:36

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin,

Luke 2:36

Καὶ ἦν Ἄννα προφῆτις, θυγάτηρ Φανουήλ, ἐκ φυλῆς Ἀσήρ· αὕτη προβεβηκυῖα ἐν ἡμέραις πολλαῖς, ζήσασα μετὰ ἀνδρὸς ἔτη ἑπτά ἀπὸ τῆς παρθενίας αὐτῆς

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Don't miss the
restoration theme





Don't miss the
abundance theme

Gen 49:20
Dt. 33:24-5

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Luke 2:37

and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.

Luke 2:37

καὶ αὐτὴ χήρα ἕως ἑτῶν
ὀγδοήκοντα τεσσάρων, ἣ
οὐκ ἀφίστατο τοῦ ἱεροῦ
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Don't miss the
dedication



Luke 2:38

And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Luke 2:38

καὶ αὐτῇ τῇ ὥρᾳ ἐπιστᾶσα
ἀνθωμολογεῖτο τῷ θεῷ καὶ
ἐλάλει περὶ αὐτοῦ πᾶσιν
τοῖς προσδεχομένοις
λύτρωσιν Ἰερουσαλήμ.

Yet what I can give Him
I give my heart



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A brown paper take-home bag stands upright against a dark teal background. The bag has a folded top and a gusseted bottom. The words "take home" are printed in a dark brown, cursive font on the front panel. The lighting is soft, creating a subtle glow around the base of the bag.

*take
home*

Marvel at God's work

“And his father and his
mother marveled at what
was said about him” (Lk 2:33)



Wait with patience
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Merry
Christmas

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