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Bethlehem?
Shepherds?
a Star?
a Manger?



Every aspect of Christ's first coming matters.

WHY?

Because they get our lives ready for Christ's second coming.

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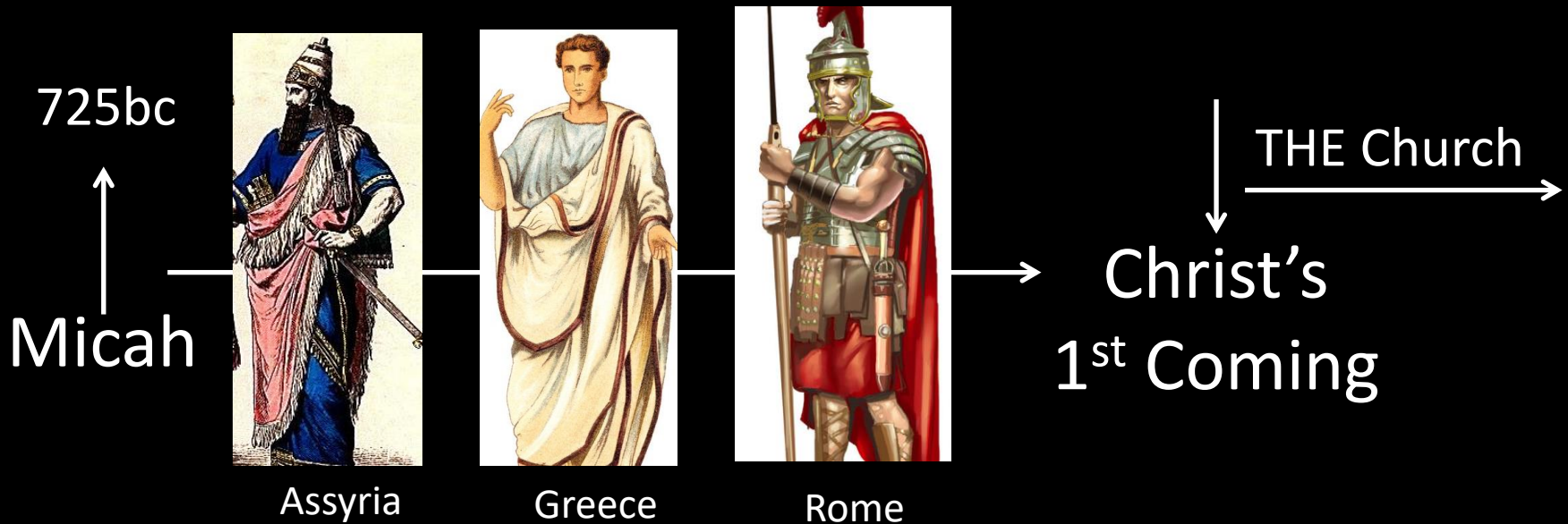
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WHY it matters:

When it seems like **God is slow** in providing and your **patience is running thin**, remember Bethlehem, because God is getting your life ready to **receive the very best!**



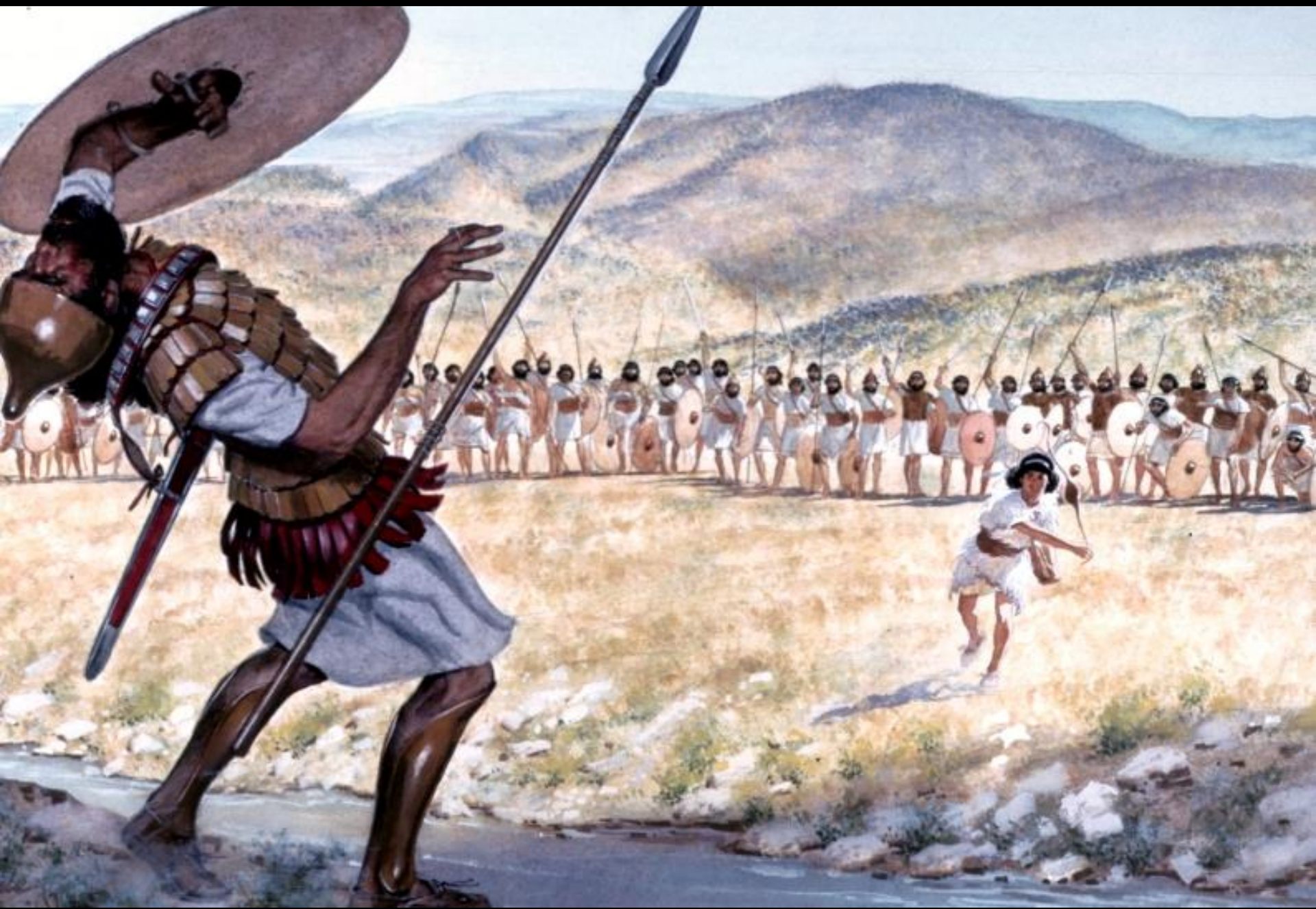


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2. Bethlehem was the birthplace of King David – and Jesus is in the line of David.

“Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?”

-John 7:42



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WHY it matters:

There are some battles **we cannot win** because we were never meant to win them. But we are to **receive** all the benefits of the victory which comes by **the Lord's anointed who is Jesus!**

“Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived, no eye has seen
any **God** besides you, **who acts** on
behalf of **those who wait** for him.”

Isa 64:4



“Blessed are the **meeek**, for they will **inherit** the earth.”

Matt. 5:5

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John saw Jesus coming
"Look, the Lamb of God
of the world!" John



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3. Bethlehem was the place where the **sacrificial lambs** were raised prior to be **offered** at the temple for a sin sacrifice.

WHY it matters:

Jesus is a leader **you can trust**. He will **lead** you perfectly in this life, and present you **perfect** to God the Father in next!

*“But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. **For by a single offering he made perfect forever those who are being made holy.**”*

Heb. 10: 12-14



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4. Because Christ always comes to the **humble**.

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though **you are small** among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be **ruler** over Israel,”

Micah 5:2



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4. Because Christ always comes to the **humble**.

WHY it matters:

The open door of Jesus' love and leadership are available to the **Humble**.