

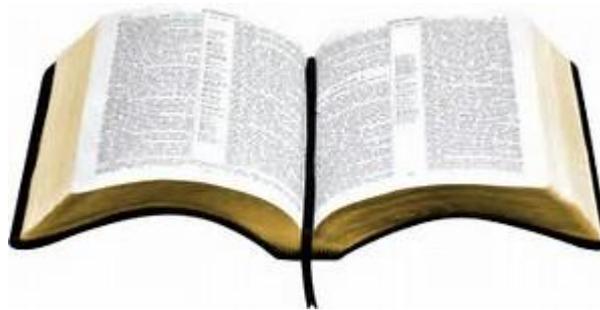
Why did God choose Joseph ?



And what can we learn ?

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1-7



In those days

2000 years ★





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A census should be taken of the entire Roman world.



Everybody gets to “join in”

And everyone went to their own town to register.

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**No. 1 everybody on the move
In Israel**



And everyone went to their own town to register.

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No. 2 filling in 'tax' forms ?



So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David,

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No. 3 it's quite a way to go

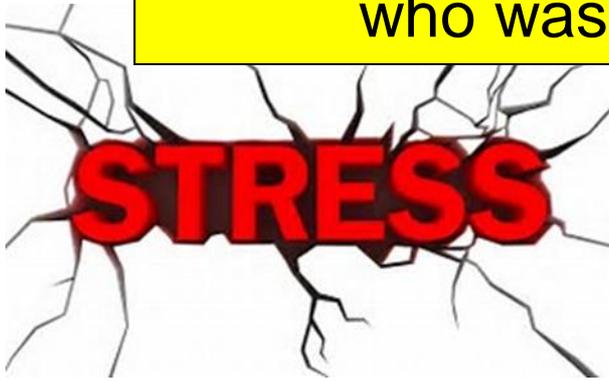


because he belonged to the house and line of David.



**Something else
going on too**

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who was pledged to be married to him



No. 4 a wife to care for

“pledged ?”
... a technical point –



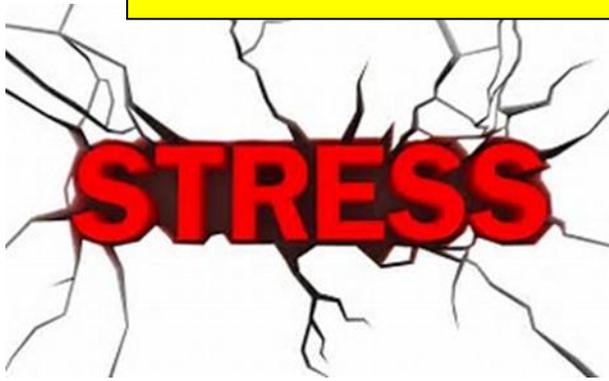
and was expecting a child.



No. 5 A bad time to travel !
It's a complicated story
BUT this is NOT just any child !



there was no guest room available for them



No. 6 Late arriving



Where is God in all this ?

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

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**No. 7 Joseph didn't train
to be a midwife !**

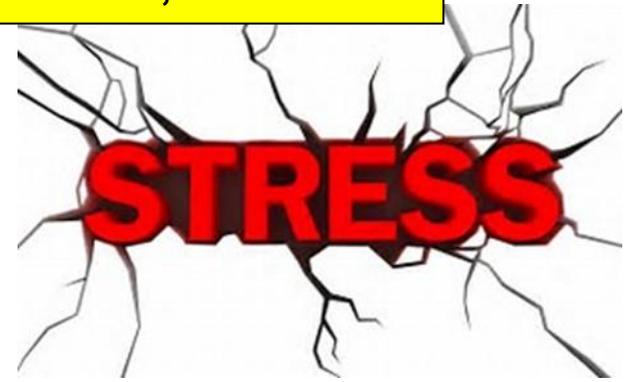


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safe arrival,
promise fulfilled

AND



How am I going to look
after them here?



She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger,



**Why did God do it this way ,
since he knows what he is doing ?**



What qualities did God see in Joseph to choose him ?



Where did they come from ?