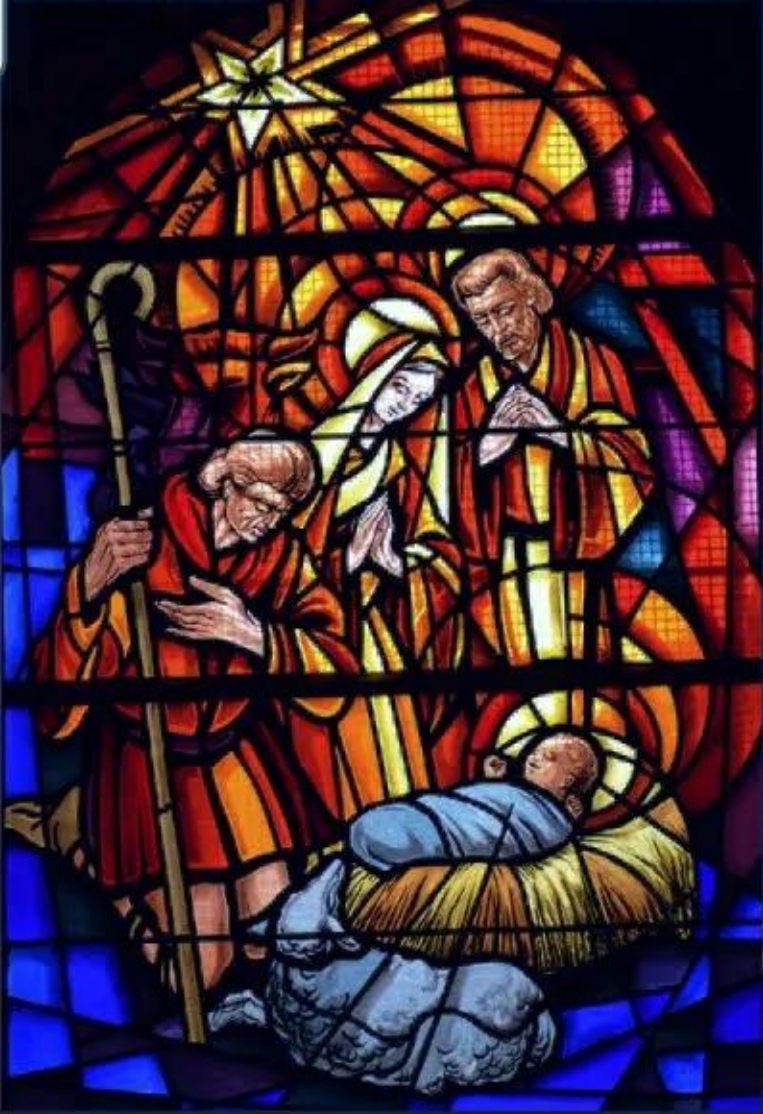
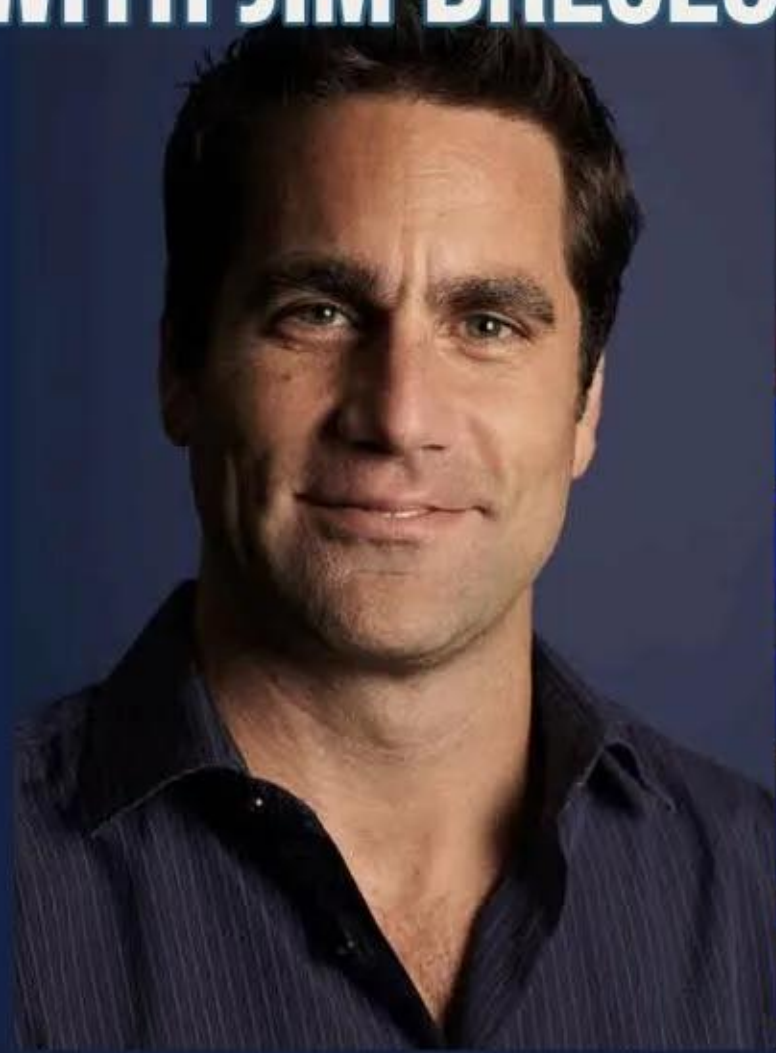


HIDDEN TRUTH SHOW WITH JIM BRESLO



TIM KEYES



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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:04,710
[Music]

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00:00:09,110 --> 00:00:05,110
what

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00:00:12,070 --> 00:00:09,120
was going on uh at the time

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00:00:12,789 --> 00:00:12,080
of jesus's birth from a political

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00:00:17,269 --> 00:00:12,799
perspective

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00:00:20,870 --> 00:00:17,279
that would cause uh you know even this

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00:00:22,630 --> 00:00:20,880
story of the messiah being born to even

8
00:00:24,070 --> 00:00:22,640
you know bear fruit that that people

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00:00:24,630 --> 00:00:24,080
could even be paying attention to it

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00:00:26,550 --> 00:00:24,640
enough that

11
00:00:28,390 --> 00:00:26,560
that people would listen to a story like

12
00:00:31,669 --> 00:00:28,400
this what was going on

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00:00:33,030 --> 00:00:31,679

in um you know israel jerusalem

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00:00:36,310 --> 00:00:33,040

bethlehem etc

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00:00:38,790 --> 00:00:36,320

at the time of jesus's birth well for

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00:00:39,590 --> 00:00:38,800

the for the local history what's really

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00:00:41,990 --> 00:00:39,600

critical

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00:00:43,510 --> 00:00:42,000

is to take just a moment and remember

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00:00:46,229 --> 00:00:43,520

the larger

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00:00:48,470 --> 00:00:46,239

context which is that israel had been

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00:00:51,110 --> 00:00:48,480

dominated by foreign powers

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00:00:52,869 --> 00:00:51,120

for about 600 years at this point first

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00:00:53,910 --> 00:00:52,879

it was the babylonians then it was the

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00:00:55,990 --> 00:00:53,920

persians

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00:00:58,310 --> 00:00:56,000

then it was the greeks and now it's the

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00:01:01,990 --> 00:00:58,320

romans right that they had been

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00:01:04,869 --> 00:01:02,000

a uh either a client kingdom or a uh

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00:01:05,990 --> 00:01:04,879

what's the word i want to use a um you

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00:01:07,510 --> 00:01:06,000

know but they've been control

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00:01:09,350 --> 00:01:07,520

they've been dominated by these foreign

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00:01:12,950 --> 00:01:09,360

powers right and then

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00:01:15,510 --> 00:01:12,960

in the middle of the second century bc

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00:01:17,590 --> 00:01:15,520

they won their independence the greek

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00:01:19,990 --> 00:01:17,600

empire was on its way out

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00:01:21,749 --> 00:01:20,000

the romans were on their way in and in

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00:01:24,950 --> 00:01:21,759

this gap

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00:01:25,910 --> 00:01:24,960

israel broke away and became an

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00:01:29,030 --> 00:01:25,920

independent nation

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00:01:32,469 --> 00:01:29,040

again for about 100 years

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00:01:35,670 --> 00:01:32,479

so when you get to the early

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00:01:38,950 --> 00:01:35,680

1st century bc roughly 75

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00:01:40,390 --> 00:01:38,960

bc there was a civil war in israel

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00:01:44,149 --> 00:01:40,400

between two

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00:01:45,190 --> 00:01:44,159

princes okay uh they were judean royalty

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00:01:46,950 --> 00:01:45,200

so to speak

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00:01:48,550 --> 00:01:46,960

they weren't from the right tribe so i

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00:01:50,950 --> 00:01:48,560

say so to speak

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00:01:51,990 --> 00:01:50,960

but there were two judean princes two

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00:01:54,550 --> 00:01:52,000

brothers

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00:01:56,870 --> 00:01:54,560

and each of them wanted to be the next

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00:02:00,149 --> 00:01:56,880
high priest which is the de facto

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00:02:02,550 --> 00:02:00,159
king in israel and each one of them

53
00:02:03,910 --> 00:02:02,560
allied themselves with the two

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00:02:06,389 --> 00:02:03,920
superpowers

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00:02:07,990 --> 00:02:06,399
in the region at that time so one of

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00:02:11,190 --> 00:02:08,000
those superpowers was of course

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00:02:13,830 --> 00:02:11,200
rome but the other superpower was

58
00:02:15,430 --> 00:02:13,840
the empire to the east that a lot of

59
00:02:17,750 --> 00:02:15,440
people are unfamiliar with which is

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00:02:20,309 --> 00:02:17,760
called parthia the parthian empire

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00:02:22,470 --> 00:02:20,319
so these two princes allied themselves

62
00:02:24,869 --> 00:02:22,480
you know one with roman one with parthia

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00:02:26,229 --> 00:02:24,879

so that's actually what sets the stage

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00:02:28,869 --> 00:02:26,239

that's the macro

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00:02:29,670 --> 00:02:28,879

the international that sets the stage

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00:02:32,470 --> 00:02:29,680

for

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00:02:33,830 --> 00:02:32,480

the birth of christ is he's going to be

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00:02:35,670 --> 00:02:33,840

the legitimate king

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00:02:38,070 --> 00:02:35,680

that's going to show up on the scene in

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00:02:40,790 --> 00:02:38,080

about 75 years

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00:02:41,350 --> 00:02:40,800

so um first of all it's interesting that

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00:02:43,750 --> 00:02:41,360

they weren't

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00:02:45,830 --> 00:02:43,760

seeking neither of these princes were

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00:02:48,229 --> 00:02:45,840

seeking an independent

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00:02:50,150 --> 00:02:48,239

israel you're saying that both of them

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00:02:51,670 --> 00:02:50,160

were felt like in order for me to come

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00:02:52,630 --> 00:02:51,680

to power we better be aligned with

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00:02:55,110 --> 00:02:52,640

somebody else

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00:02:56,630 --> 00:02:55,120

correct yes yeah they they kind of you

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00:02:58,229 --> 00:02:56,640

know saw the handwriting on the wall to

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00:03:01,110 --> 00:02:58,239

use a biblical phrase

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00:03:02,309 --> 00:03:01,120

that uh yeah they'd been independent for

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00:03:04,309 --> 00:03:02,319

about 100 years

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00:03:05,830 --> 00:03:04,319

but you know these were the big guys on

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00:03:08,390 --> 00:03:05,840

the block you know roman

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00:03:10,390 --> 00:03:08,400

parthia and yeah they weren't going to

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00:03:12,710 --> 00:03:10,400

be able to pull that off

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00:03:14,470 --> 00:03:12,720

were these two followers of the old

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00:03:17,270 --> 00:03:14,480

testament were they believers

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00:03:19,350 --> 00:03:17,280

in the old testament yes they were

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00:03:21,430 --> 00:03:19,360

that's that's another component

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00:03:23,270 --> 00:03:21,440

of the back story is if you back up

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00:03:25,750 --> 00:03:23,280

about a thousand years

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00:03:27,110 --> 00:03:25,760

you get to the davidic kingdom right

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00:03:30,390 --> 00:03:27,120

under king david

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00:03:32,789 --> 00:03:30,400

and then his son solomon that is when

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00:03:33,990 --> 00:03:32,799

israel was at the peak of its power it

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00:03:36,309 --> 00:03:34,000

was its largest

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00:03:38,630 --> 00:03:36,319

geographically it was at its most

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00:03:40,949 --> 00:03:38,640

influential militarily and

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00:03:41,750 --> 00:03:40,959
socially and politically and financially

102
00:03:44,149 --> 00:03:41,760
but then

103
00:03:46,470 --> 00:03:44,159
like we said then these foreign powers

104
00:03:50,309 --> 00:03:46,480
came in about 400 years later

105
00:03:52,390 --> 00:03:50,319
uh took over the the holy land

106
00:03:53,509 --> 00:03:52,400
and israel fell under the domination of

107
00:03:56,789 --> 00:03:53,519
these foreign powers

108
00:03:58,229 --> 00:03:56,799
right so when the maccabees the

109
00:03:59,910 --> 00:03:58,239
hasmoneans

110
00:04:01,509 --> 00:03:59,920
won the independence in the middle of

111
00:04:03,910 --> 00:04:01,519
the second century bc

112
00:04:05,670 --> 00:04:03,920
uh to a lot of people this was oh my god

113
00:04:07,509 --> 00:04:05,680

this is the opportunity for

114

00:04:08,710 --> 00:04:07,519

the kingdom to be restored we're gonna

115

00:04:10,470 --> 00:04:08,720

see the davidic

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00:04:11,750 --> 00:04:10,480

kingdom again you know that's what

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00:04:14,550 --> 00:04:11,760

they're thinking because

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00:04:15,830 --> 00:04:14,560

in jewish thinking that's exactly what

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00:04:18,390 --> 00:04:15,840

would have been going on is

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00:04:19,590 --> 00:04:18,400

oh my god is this the opportunity for

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00:04:22,710 --> 00:04:19,600

the messiah

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00:04:24,070 --> 00:04:22,720

to show up for this king that's been

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00:04:26,310 --> 00:04:24,080

promised all throughout the old

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00:04:28,390 --> 00:04:26,320

testament so the quick answer to your

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00:04:30,550 --> 00:04:28,400

question is yes these two princes

126
00:04:32,150 --> 00:04:30,560
were believers they were yeah and they

127
00:04:34,469 --> 00:04:32,160
believed in restoring the kingdom

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00:04:35,350 --> 00:04:34,479
and broadly speaking the population of

129
00:04:38,790 --> 00:04:35,360
israel

130
00:04:40,950 --> 00:04:38,800
were all believers 90 believers

131
00:04:41,990 --> 00:04:40,960
i would say it's hard to put a

132
00:04:43,909 --> 00:04:42,000
percentage on it

133
00:04:45,909 --> 00:04:43,919
but that is another component of the

134
00:04:48,629 --> 00:04:45,919
debate is that a lot of people

135
00:04:48,950 --> 00:04:48,639
because of the greeks the region had

136
00:04:51,830 --> 00:04:48,960
been

137
00:04:52,230 --> 00:04:51,840
very strongly hellenized but then once

138
00:04:55,189 --> 00:04:52,240

again

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00:04:56,629 --> 00:04:55,199

because of the independence of this

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00:04:59,670 --> 00:04:56,639

kingdom of judea

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00:05:01,909 --> 00:04:59,680

they wanted to restore the jewishness

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00:05:03,990 --> 00:05:01,919

of the kingdom and as a matter of fact

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00:05:07,189 --> 00:05:04,000

that's why we find

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00:05:09,270 --> 00:05:07,199

mary and joseph in galilee is because

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00:05:11,110 --> 00:05:09,280

they were of the tribe of judah which is

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00:05:14,469 --> 00:05:11,120

actually a southern tribe

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00:05:15,189 --> 00:05:14,479

but they had migrated to the north in an

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00:05:17,749 --> 00:05:15,199

effort

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00:05:19,029 --> 00:05:17,759

to re-judaize the northern part of

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00:05:22,150 --> 00:05:19,039

israel

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00:05:23,909 --> 00:05:22,160

so at the time of jesus's birth

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00:05:25,990 --> 00:05:23,919

had had the battle between the two

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00:05:27,990 --> 00:05:26,000

princes been resolved

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00:05:29,670 --> 00:05:28,000

to a large degree yes it had because

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00:05:31,350 --> 00:05:29,680

this is another part of the backstory

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00:05:33,270 --> 00:05:31,360

that makes this

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00:05:34,390 --> 00:05:33,280

makes this story so compelling and so

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00:05:36,469 --> 00:05:34,400

interesting

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00:05:38,310 --> 00:05:36,479

is that i mentioned that the two princes

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00:05:42,230 --> 00:05:38,320

they started their civil war

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00:05:42,870 --> 00:05:42,240

oh 70ish bc but when it really hit its

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00:05:46,629 --> 00:05:42,880

peak

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00:05:47,189 --> 00:05:46,639

was in about 60 bc when the romans came

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00:05:52,310 --> 00:05:47,199

in

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00:05:54,710 --> 00:05:52,320

you know declared judea to be part of

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00:05:56,710 --> 00:05:54,720

the roman empire

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00:05:57,990 --> 00:05:56,720

and that was when the two of them the

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00:06:00,790 --> 00:05:58,000

two princes

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00:06:02,469 --> 00:06:00,800

uh each sought the alliance with one of

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00:06:04,950 --> 00:06:02,479

the superpowers

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00:06:06,469 --> 00:06:04,960

and then the key that happened was is

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00:06:09,350 --> 00:06:06,479

that the parthians invaded

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00:06:10,390 --> 00:06:09,360

as a result of the appeal from one of

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00:06:12,870 --> 00:06:10,400

the princes

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00:06:14,950 --> 00:06:12,880

the parthians invaded the romans

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strategically retreated

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00:06:18,309 --> 00:06:17,199

and israel fell under parthian

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domination

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for a very short period of time and what

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00:06:26,550 --> 00:06:22,639

happened there

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00:06:29,270 --> 00:06:26,560

that is critical to our story is that

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00:06:30,950 --> 00:06:29,280

a critical person herod the great okay

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00:06:32,550 --> 00:06:30,960

he was very young he was only in his

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00:06:35,430 --> 00:06:32,560

late 20s at the time

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00:06:38,150 --> 00:06:35,440

but he had been recently been appointed

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00:06:41,830 --> 00:06:38,160

to be the governor of galilee

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00:06:45,029 --> 00:06:41,840

by the the ethnic you know the

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00:06:46,870 --> 00:06:45,039

uh the ethnic prince allied with rome

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00:06:47,510 --> 00:06:46,880

since rome had was the power at that

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00:06:49,350 --> 00:06:47,520

time

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00:06:50,790 --> 00:06:49,360

they said okay you can run the country

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00:06:53,990 --> 00:06:50,800

under us we'll give you

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00:06:57,270 --> 00:06:54,000

will allow you to run your country um

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00:06:59,350 --> 00:06:57,280

under this one prince but then he had a

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00:07:00,469 --> 00:06:59,360

very powerful courtier court official

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00:07:02,950 --> 00:07:00,479

named antipater

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00:07:03,749 --> 00:07:02,960

and tippeter had two sons herod and

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00:07:06,070 --> 00:07:03,759

faisal

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00:07:07,029 --> 00:07:06,080

and they appointed herod the governor of

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00:07:09,189 --> 00:07:07,039

galilee

201
00:07:10,710 --> 00:07:09,199
and they appointed faisal the governor

202
00:07:13,990 --> 00:07:10,720
of judea

203
00:07:16,950 --> 00:07:14,000
so when this invasion happened

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00:07:18,070 --> 00:07:16,960
faisal actually got killed and herod had

205
00:07:19,749 --> 00:07:18,080
to engage

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00:07:21,830 --> 00:07:19,759
in a strategic retreat he had to

207
00:07:23,350 --> 00:07:21,840
consider you know do i stand and fight

208
00:07:25,830 --> 00:07:23,360
and probably lose

209
00:07:27,589 --> 00:07:25,840
or do i get out of here and you know

210
00:07:30,309 --> 00:07:27,599
live to fight another day

211
00:07:31,270 --> 00:07:30,319
so he retreated first to alexandria

212
00:07:32,870 --> 00:07:31,280
egypt

213
00:07:34,950 --> 00:07:32,880

because he was personal friends with the

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00:07:37,110 --> 00:07:34,960

roman general mark antony

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00:07:38,870 --> 00:07:37,120

so he figured he might stand a chance of

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00:07:41,350 --> 00:07:38,880

finding him there because he was

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00:07:41,909 --> 00:07:41,360

hanging out with cleopatra those days

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00:07:45,029 --> 00:07:41,919

and

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00:07:47,749 --> 00:07:45,039

find him he was but uh

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00:07:49,510 --> 00:07:47,759

anthony was back in rome so cleopatra

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00:07:50,150 --> 00:07:49,520

put him on a ship for rome he goes to

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00:07:52,150 --> 00:07:50,160

rome

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00:07:54,070 --> 00:07:52,160

where he meets with anthony anthony

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00:07:56,230 --> 00:07:54,080

introduces him to augustus

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00:07:57,510 --> 00:07:56,240

and then the two of them convinced the

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00:08:00,469 --> 00:07:57,520

roman senate

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00:08:01,830 --> 00:08:00,479

to appoint herod the client king of

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00:08:05,029 --> 00:08:01,840

judea

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00:08:05,909 --> 00:08:05,039

and uh and then he goes back to

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00:08:08,309 --> 00:08:05,919

jerusalem

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00:08:09,510 --> 00:08:08,319

and is there a major conflict then how

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00:08:11,670 --> 00:08:09,520

does he check out the other prince

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00:08:13,029 --> 00:08:11,680

exactly that's the exactly the point is

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00:08:17,029 --> 00:08:13,039

that

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00:08:20,309 --> 00:08:17,039

because the parthians had just invaded

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00:08:20,790 --> 00:08:20,319

israel wasn't really rome's to give so

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00:08:27,909 --> 00:08:20,800

they

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00:08:29,510 --> 00:08:27,919

to go retake judea from the parthians

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00:08:31,430 --> 00:08:29,520

and it took him three years but he did

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00:08:35,029 --> 00:08:31,440

it

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00:08:38,389 --> 00:08:35,039

and i assume there's major corruption

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00:08:40,709 --> 00:08:38,399

going on like you know to be appointed

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00:08:41,509 --> 00:08:40,719

the king um which would be called the

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00:08:47,590 --> 00:08:41,519

king of

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00:08:48,310 --> 00:08:47,600

means he's going to live a very wealthy

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00:08:50,870 --> 00:08:48,320

lifestyle

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00:08:51,829 --> 00:08:50,880

his allegiance is going to be to roam

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00:08:55,190 --> 00:08:51,839

over

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00:08:57,030 --> 00:08:55,200

the people themselves absolutely and

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00:08:58,310 --> 00:08:57,040

his was a particularly interesting case

251
00:09:01,509 --> 00:08:58,320
because herod

252
00:09:02,550 --> 00:09:01,519
was not of judean blood so according to

253
00:09:04,710 --> 00:09:02,560
jewish law

254
00:09:07,190 --> 00:09:04,720
you know he's he can't be a legitimate

255
00:09:08,870 --> 00:09:07,200
king it is simply not possible

256
00:09:11,829 --> 00:09:08,880
he was actually what is known as an

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00:09:13,910 --> 00:09:11,839
edomite or in latin and idumean

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00:09:15,990 --> 00:09:13,920
uh his father was idumean and his mother

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00:09:16,790 --> 00:09:16,000
was what we would was a nabatean or what

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00:09:19,670 --> 00:09:16,800
we would call

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an arab today so he was of mixed blood

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but the [h__h]

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had been forcibly converted to judaism

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under the maccabees so he

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00:09:31,990 --> 00:09:30,880

uh observed judaism you know as his

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00:09:34,870 --> 00:09:32,000

religion

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kind of sort of you know but that just

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made

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his jewish subjects more infuriated

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because he was this pretender king

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who kind of kept the religion not really

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and the bloodline is essential to the

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jews especially

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00:09:51,350 --> 00:09:50,800

to someone who might be the messiah

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00:09:53,509 --> 00:09:51,360

correct

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00:09:54,870 --> 00:09:53,519

and then what makes it worse is the fact

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00:09:58,070 --> 00:09:54,880

that he married

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00:10:01,829 --> 00:09:58,080

judean royalty okay so

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now his wives and his sons actually have

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legitimate claim to the throne

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00:10:07,910 --> 00:10:06,959

when he doesn't and the messiah that the

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00:10:10,870 --> 00:10:07,920

jews are

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00:10:12,150 --> 00:10:10,880

looking for which ultimately some claim

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00:10:14,790 --> 00:10:12,160

was jesus

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00:10:16,230 --> 00:10:14,800

was there a prior before jesus was there

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00:10:17,269 --> 00:10:16,240

others that they thought that were the

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00:10:20,389 --> 00:10:17,279

messiah

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00:10:22,230 --> 00:10:20,399

well i mean messianic expectation was at

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00:10:25,190 --> 00:10:22,240

a peak at this time

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00:10:26,069 --> 00:10:25,200

and you did have some false messiahs pop

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00:10:29,269 --> 00:10:26,079

up here and there

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00:10:29,509 --> 00:10:29,279

but it really happened more after jesus

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00:10:31,910 --> 00:10:29,519

of

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00:10:33,269 --> 00:10:31,920

nazareth came on the scene as opposed to

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00:10:35,910 --> 00:10:33,279

before

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00:10:36,870 --> 00:10:35,920

and the the messiah that they were

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00:10:39,509 --> 00:10:36,880

seeking

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00:10:41,750 --> 00:10:39,519

correct me if i'm wrong was one that was

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00:10:42,630 --> 00:10:41,760

going to lead

300

00:10:45,350 --> 00:10:42,640

i don't know if i'm using the

301
00:10:48,470 --> 00:10:45,360
terminology right judea versus israel

302
00:10:51,590 --> 00:10:48,480
but but lead it back to prominence

303
00:10:54,870 --> 00:10:51,600
restore the temple restore the

304
00:10:55,829 --> 00:10:54,880
faith and be independently run certainly

305
00:10:58,949 --> 00:10:55,839
not under the thumb

306
00:11:00,710 --> 00:10:58,959
of rome yeah right

307
00:11:02,150 --> 00:11:00,720
in the broad strokes that is absolutely

308
00:11:05,110 --> 00:11:02,160
correct they

309
00:11:06,150 --> 00:11:05,120
the assumption of course under messianic

310
00:11:07,670 --> 00:11:06,160
expectation

311
00:11:09,670 --> 00:11:07,680
was that the messiah was going to

312
00:11:11,350 --> 00:11:09,680
overthrow the foreign powers that they

313
00:11:13,110 --> 00:11:11,360

would be an independent nation again

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00:11:15,750 --> 00:11:13,120

that the kingdom would be restored

315

00:11:17,190 --> 00:11:15,760

and that it would be far more like the

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00:11:18,949 --> 00:11:17,200

dauidic kingdom they had once

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00:11:21,990 --> 00:11:18,959

experienced and actually much better

318

00:11:24,790 --> 00:11:22,000

and what was the condition of the temple

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00:11:26,710 --> 00:11:24,800

at the time that jesus was born great

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00:11:28,710 --> 00:11:26,720

great question because

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00:11:30,230 --> 00:11:28,720

when solomon built the temple you know

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00:11:30,710 --> 00:11:30,240

that's called one of the wonders of the

323

00:11:33,990 --> 00:11:30,720

world

324

00:11:35,670 --> 00:11:34,000

and when the babylonians became the

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00:11:37,110 --> 00:11:35,680

superpower in that region in

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00:11:40,470 --> 00:11:37,120

approximately

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00:11:42,710 --> 00:11:40,480

600 bc nebuchadnezzar

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00:11:43,910 --> 00:11:42,720

the first king of the chaldean empire of

329

00:11:47,030 --> 00:11:43,920

the babylonians

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00:11:49,110 --> 00:11:47,040

he had actually fought a major battle

331

00:11:50,949 --> 00:11:49,120

to the north uh the the ancient battle

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00:11:53,350 --> 00:11:50,959

of carcamesh it was

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00:11:54,310 --> 00:11:53,360

super significant battle he won that

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00:11:57,110 --> 00:11:54,320

that made him

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00:11:58,550 --> 00:11:57,120

the dominant power in the region and he

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00:12:00,790 --> 00:11:58,560

just decided on the way

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00:12:02,230 --> 00:12:00,800

on the way home let's go by jerusalem

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00:12:04,230 --> 00:12:02,240

and let's sack the temple

339

00:12:05,750 --> 00:12:04,240

because that was one of the great powers

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00:12:08,150 --> 00:12:05,760

of the world so he

341

00:12:10,310 --> 00:12:08,160

he did exactly that he actually invaded

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00:12:12,310 --> 00:12:10,320

jerusalem on three separate occasions

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00:12:14,069 --> 00:12:12,320

and eventually burned solomon's temple

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00:12:17,350 --> 00:12:14,079

to the ground

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00:12:19,750 --> 00:12:17,360

so then later on because he took a huge

346

00:12:23,030 --> 00:12:19,760

portion of the jewish population captive

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00:12:25,910 --> 00:12:23,040

to babylon under the persians

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00:12:26,790 --> 00:12:25,920

those captives were released so they

349

00:12:29,990 --> 00:12:26,800

returned

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00:12:32,069 --> 00:12:30,000

to jerusalem and they rebuilt the temple

351
00:12:33,430 --> 00:12:32,079
under the leadership of a man named

352
00:12:35,509 --> 00:12:33,440
zerubbabel

353
00:12:37,030 --> 00:12:35,519
but then later and so that but that was

354
00:12:39,829 --> 00:12:37,040
just a pale

355
00:12:40,470 --> 00:12:39,839
you know reference to the the temple of

356
00:12:43,269 --> 00:12:40,480
old

357
00:12:44,310 --> 00:12:43,279
but under herod herod was an extremely

358
00:12:47,030 --> 00:12:44,320
ambitious

359
00:12:48,150 --> 00:12:47,040
and talented builder so he rebuilt the

360
00:12:50,310 --> 00:12:48,160
temple

361
00:12:51,670 --> 00:12:50,320
and rebuilt it to the standards of the

362
00:12:54,790 --> 00:12:51,680
prior solomon temple

363
00:12:56,470 --> 00:12:54,800

um almost yeah almost yes very close in

364

00:12:57,030 --> 00:12:56,480

some ways better in some ways not as

365

00:12:58,790 --> 00:12:57,040

much

366

00:13:00,790 --> 00:12:58,800

he did enlarge it he made the temple

367

00:13:02,790 --> 00:13:00,800

mount bigger and of course he built

368

00:13:04,550 --> 00:13:02,800

you know a roman fortress in the middle

369

00:13:06,710 --> 00:13:04,560

of it all and things like that

370

00:13:08,069 --> 00:13:06,720

and when people go and visit the wall

371

00:13:10,230 --> 00:13:08,079

these days

372

00:13:12,230 --> 00:13:10,240

is that the original wall from solomon's

373

00:13:13,910 --> 00:13:12,240

temple or that would be herod's temple

374

00:13:15,750 --> 00:13:13,920

it's it's from herod's temple there's a

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00:13:18,389 --> 00:13:15,760

lot of debate over to whi

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00:13:20,470 --> 00:13:18,399

which it is uh there's actually a lot of

377

00:13:23,590 --> 00:13:20,480

debate that suggests that the

378

00:13:26,790 --> 00:13:23,600

the wailing wall might actually be the

379

00:13:30,310 --> 00:13:26,800

wall of the antonio fortress that was

380

00:13:33,670 --> 00:13:30,320

built by herod as a roman fort and

381

00:13:36,230 --> 00:13:33,680

when did uh was herod's temple complete

382

00:13:37,750 --> 00:13:36,240

by the time that jesus was born

383

00:13:40,069 --> 00:13:37,760

no it was not it was actually not

384

00:13:43,030 --> 00:13:40,079

completed until well into

385

00:13:44,310 --> 00:13:43,040

after herod actually died and uh well

386

00:13:47,110 --> 00:13:44,320

into jesus's life

387

00:13:47,990 --> 00:13:47,120

okay so at the time jesus is born we're

388

00:13:52,069 --> 00:13:48,000

under the rule of

389

00:13:54,710 --> 00:13:52,079

romans this a-hole uh king herod

390

00:13:55,670 --> 00:13:54,720

we've got no temple so we're really

391

00:13:57,990 --> 00:13:55,680

looking

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00:13:59,590 --> 00:13:58,000

for the messiah yeah well you have a

393

00:14:01,670 --> 00:13:59,600

temple it's just under construction

394

00:14:03,110 --> 00:14:01,680

under construction right and it was

395

00:14:05,509 --> 00:14:03,120

already pretty impressive

396

00:14:06,710 --> 00:14:05,519

at that point in time i i can't remember

397

00:14:08,069 --> 00:14:06,720

the date off the top of my head i

398

00:14:11,430 --> 00:14:08,079

believe herod started

399

00:14:13,670 --> 00:14:11,440

rebuilding the temple in about

400

00:14:15,269 --> 00:14:13,680

15 bc so it had been under

401
00:14:17,990 --> 00:14:15,279
reconstruction for about 15

402
00:14:19,430 --> 00:14:18,000
15 years at that point in time so it was

403
00:14:21,590 --> 00:14:19,440
pretty significant already

404
00:14:23,509 --> 00:14:21,600
but yeah messianic expectation was real

405
00:14:26,150 --> 00:14:23,519
high and herod was

406
00:14:27,030 --> 00:14:26,160
oh he was a character he was a real

407
00:14:29,430 --> 00:14:27,040
character

408
00:14:31,269 --> 00:14:29,440
and he ran judea for the romans well and

409
00:14:33,509 --> 00:14:31,279
what what is the story

410
00:14:35,110 --> 00:14:33,519
that you hear about that king herod was

411
00:14:38,069 --> 00:14:35,120
killing babies

412
00:14:39,269 --> 00:14:38,079
well now that comes later uh after jesus

413
00:14:41,430 --> 00:14:39,279

is born

414

00:14:43,030 --> 00:14:41,440

and after the wise men show up because

415

00:14:45,350 --> 00:14:43,040

the wise men show up

416

00:14:46,949 --> 00:14:45,360

very interestingly and say oh by the way

417

00:14:49,189 --> 00:14:46,959

where's the legitimate king

418

00:14:50,310 --> 00:14:49,199

you're clearly not him where is the

419

00:14:52,870 --> 00:14:50,320

legitimate king

420

00:14:54,710 --> 00:14:52,880

and herod like i indicated a couple of

421

00:14:58,389 --> 00:14:54,720

minutes ago

422

00:14:59,269 --> 00:14:58,399

he there were other claimants to the

423

00:15:01,670 --> 00:14:59,279

throne

424

00:15:02,949 --> 00:15:01,680

that were more legitimate than he was so

425

00:15:05,590 --> 00:15:02,959

he had said this is why

426
00:15:06,629 --> 00:15:05,600
my project okay my project is called god

427
00:15:10,069 --> 00:15:06,639
save the king

428
00:15:11,910 --> 00:15:10,079
play on words

429
00:15:13,269 --> 00:15:11,920
because when i say god save the king

430
00:15:16,550 --> 00:15:13,279
what king do i mean

431
00:15:19,590 --> 00:15:16,560
do i mean king herod or do i mean

432
00:15:21,350 --> 00:15:19,600
king jesus right because herod

433
00:15:24,310 --> 00:15:21,360
undoubtedly had

434
00:15:24,790 --> 00:15:24,320
yes men in his court surrounding him

435
00:15:26,870 --> 00:15:24,800
saying

436
00:15:27,990 --> 00:15:26,880
oh great king live forever god save the

437
00:15:29,350 --> 00:15:28,000
king right

438
00:15:31,030 --> 00:15:29,360

but that's not what i'm talking about

439

00:15:34,710 --> 00:15:31,040

i'm talking about

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00:15:35,509 --> 00:15:34,720

god save the king jesus of nazareth the

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00:15:38,550 --> 00:15:35,519

mashiach

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00:15:40,949 --> 00:15:38,560

the king of israel right so herod had

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00:15:43,910 --> 00:15:40,959

spent his entire career

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00:15:45,749 --> 00:15:43,920

um killing off threats to his throne

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00:15:48,150 --> 00:15:45,759

including a couple of his own wives and

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00:15:51,829 --> 00:15:48,160

several of his own children

447

00:15:53,990 --> 00:15:51,839

so how many babies would you say he had

448

00:15:55,269 --> 00:15:54,000

executed there well there's a lot of a

449

00:15:56,790 --> 00:15:55,279

lot of debate on this

450

00:15:59,350 --> 00:15:56,800

and i actually think the number is

451
00:16:00,629 --> 00:15:59,360
pretty small because bethlehem was kind

452
00:16:02,870 --> 00:16:00,639
of a backwater village

453
00:16:04,470 --> 00:16:02,880
in a way in a manner of speaking so it

454
00:16:07,670 --> 00:16:04,480
was not a very large village

455
00:16:09,590 --> 00:16:07,680
uh probably a maximum i mean if i

456
00:16:10,949 --> 00:16:09,600
i mean realistically two to four hundred

457
00:16:13,749 --> 00:16:10,959
people lived there

458
00:16:14,150 --> 00:16:13,759
and if you really stretch it maybe 600

459
00:16:17,350 --> 00:16:14,160
right

460
00:16:20,710 --> 00:16:17,360
maybe so if you just do generic

461
00:16:22,069 --> 00:16:20,720
um you know calculating on

462
00:16:23,670 --> 00:16:22,079
what does that mean for the number of

463
00:16:24,949 --> 00:16:23,680

adults and the number of children and

464

00:16:26,949 --> 00:16:24,959

things like that

465

00:16:28,230 --> 00:16:26,959

how many male children under two years

466

00:16:29,350 --> 00:16:28,240

older they're going to be in a village

467

00:16:31,590 --> 00:16:29,360

that small

468

00:16:34,310 --> 00:16:31,600

so i'm thinking the maximum he killed

469

00:16:37,350 --> 00:16:34,320

was maybe between 10 and 20.

470

00:16:39,350 --> 00:16:37,360

so from a historical perspective would

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00:16:40,360 --> 00:16:39,360

you say it was

472

00:16:42,470 --> 00:16:40,370

these wise men

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00:16:46,069 --> 00:16:42,480

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00:16:49,749 --> 00:16:46,079

believing that jesus this baby

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00:16:51,269 --> 00:16:49,759

is the messiah right really is the thing

476

00:16:54,389 --> 00:16:51,279

that brings attention

477

00:16:55,110 --> 00:16:54,399

to jesus to begin with in many ways yes

478

00:16:56,710 --> 00:16:55,120

because that's

479

00:16:59,110 --> 00:16:56,720

another component of this story that's

480

00:17:00,790 --> 00:16:59,120

widely misunderstood is the role is who

481

00:17:02,629 --> 00:17:00,800

were these wise men who were they

482

00:17:04,470 --> 00:17:02,639

right and we actually have more

483

00:17:05,189 --> 00:17:04,480

information about them historically than

484

00:17:10,630 --> 00:17:05,199

we

485

00:17:11,990 --> 00:17:10,640

they started as the hereditary

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00:17:14,789 --> 00:17:12,000

priesthood

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00:17:16,230 --> 00:17:14,799

of of a small empire called the medes

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00:17:17,829 --> 00:17:16,240

the median empire

489

00:17:20,549 --> 00:17:17,839

but then over time they became the

490

00:17:23,270 --> 00:17:20,559

hereditary priesthood of the babylonians

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00:17:25,350 --> 00:17:23,280

and then of the persians and then they

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00:17:26,549 --> 00:17:25,360

were dispersed for a while under the

493

00:17:28,789 --> 00:17:26,559

greeks

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00:17:30,630 --> 00:17:28,799

but what they did is they by this point

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00:17:33,029 --> 00:17:30,640

they had already developed a

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00:17:34,630 --> 00:17:33,039

tremendous reputation for their their

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00:17:37,510 --> 00:17:34,640

wisdom for their knowledge

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00:17:39,029 --> 00:17:37,520

because these were the the uh what do

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00:17:41,350 --> 00:17:39,039

you want they weren't just strictly

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00:17:43,510 --> 00:17:41,360

scientists but they were scientists

501
00:17:44,710 --> 00:17:43,520
and they were politicians and they were

502
00:17:46,710 --> 00:17:44,720
advisors

503
00:17:49,029 --> 00:17:46,720
and tutors to royalty and things like

504
00:17:50,630 --> 00:17:49,039
this so they had this really broad base

505
00:17:54,070 --> 00:17:50,640
of amazing knowledge

506
00:17:57,430 --> 00:17:54,080
so under the greeks they would travel

507
00:18:00,549 --> 00:17:57,440
to these uh large centers of learning

508
00:18:02,870 --> 00:18:00,559
and become court officials or the greeks

509
00:18:06,870 --> 00:18:02,880
would send their best and the brightest

510
00:18:11,510 --> 00:18:06,880
to the east to study with the magi

511
00:18:12,870 --> 00:18:11,520
so how that affects them showing up is

512
00:18:14,549 --> 00:18:12,880
under the greeks you know the greek

513
00:18:16,630 --> 00:18:14,559

empire under alexander was

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00:18:18,789 --> 00:18:16,640

enormous it stretched all the way from

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00:18:21,190 --> 00:18:18,799

the mediterranean to india

516

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but it was so big that once alexander

517

00:18:23,750 --> 00:18:22,320

died

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00:18:25,510 --> 00:18:23,760

the greeks just couldn't control it

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00:18:28,549 --> 00:18:25,520

anymore so there was this

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00:18:30,070 --> 00:18:28,559

small province on the southeast corner

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00:18:33,110 --> 00:18:30,080

of the caspian sea

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00:18:34,630 --> 00:18:33,120

called parthia and parthia won their

523

00:18:37,510 --> 00:18:34,640

independence from the greeks

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00:18:38,310 --> 00:18:37,520

and then they started to expand westward

525

00:18:39,430 --> 00:18:38,320

over the next

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00:18:42,070 --> 00:18:39,440

that would have been in the middle of

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00:18:43,270 --> 00:18:42,080

the third century bc so over the next

528

00:18:47,190 --> 00:18:43,280

150 to

529

00:18:49,430 --> 00:18:47,200

250 years they expanded to the west

530

00:18:51,350 --> 00:18:49,440

as the parthian empire and by the time

531

00:18:53,270 --> 00:18:51,360

you get to the birth of christ

532

00:18:54,789 --> 00:18:53,280

they are the other superpower like i've

533

00:18:56,470 --> 00:18:54,799

said a couple of times now

534

00:18:57,909 --> 00:18:56,480

you've got roma in the west you've got

535

00:18:59,590 --> 00:18:57,919

parthia on the east

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00:19:01,270 --> 00:18:59,600

and they are the two superpowers of the

537

00:19:03,110 --> 00:19:01,280

day they are the united states

538

00:19:04,470 --> 00:19:03,120

and the soviet union of their day

539

00:19:08,310 --> 00:19:04,480

unquestionably

540

00:19:11,590 --> 00:19:08,320

but so the wise men though were

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00:19:12,710 --> 00:19:11,600

uh uh adherence to the old testament i

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00:19:16,470 --> 00:19:12,720

mean they were

543

00:19:18,789 --> 00:19:16,480

true believers and unlikely unlikely now

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00:19:20,310 --> 00:19:18,799

yeah what most likely happened here is

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00:19:22,789 --> 00:19:20,320

that

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00:19:24,230 --> 00:19:22,799

like i mentioned a minute ago they were

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00:19:25,990 --> 00:19:24,240

the hereditary priesthood of the

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00:19:29,750 --> 00:19:26,000

babylonian empire

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00:19:32,870 --> 00:19:29,760

and when nebuchadnezzar sacked jerusalem

550

00:19:34,710 --> 00:19:32,880

he took the best and the brightest of

551
00:19:36,950 --> 00:19:34,720
the judeans

552
00:19:38,870 --> 00:19:36,960
prisoner back to babylon and there's a

553
00:19:41,270 --> 00:19:38,880
very well known story

554
00:19:42,150 --> 00:19:41,280
about a young hebrew captive named

555
00:19:45,510 --> 00:19:42,160
daniel

556
00:19:48,710 --> 00:19:45,520
who rose to power and was made the

557
00:19:51,350 --> 00:19:48,720
uh it's it's called the uh the rob mug

558
00:19:52,150 --> 00:19:51,360
rob needs head and mug is a reference to

559
00:19:54,230 --> 00:19:52,160
the magi

560
00:19:56,870 --> 00:19:54,240
he was made rob mug or the head of the

561
00:19:57,750 --> 00:19:56,880
magi the chief of all the wise men of

562
00:19:59,350 --> 00:19:57,760
babylon

563
00:20:01,190 --> 00:19:59,360

so that's very interesting that you have

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00:20:04,149 --> 00:20:01,200

a hebrew who is

565

00:20:05,270 --> 00:20:04,159

the chief of the wise men and it's

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00:20:07,590 --> 00:20:05,280

widely believed and

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00:20:09,590 --> 00:20:07,600

i believe this that there was actually

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00:20:12,789 --> 00:20:09,600

kind of like a secret society

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00:20:14,470 --> 00:20:12,799

amongst the babylonian wise men who held

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00:20:17,990 --> 00:20:14,480

this secret knowledge

571

00:20:20,070 --> 00:20:18,000

about this jewish messiah

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00:20:22,310 --> 00:20:20,080

so the wise men that would have visited

573

00:20:24,310 --> 00:20:22,320

jesus upon his birth

574

00:20:25,510 --> 00:20:24,320

those would have been obviously true

575

00:20:27,590 --> 00:20:25,520

adherence

576

00:20:29,430 --> 00:20:27,600

to the old testament and believing this

577

00:20:30,230 --> 00:20:29,440

is that a messiah is coming and this is

578

00:20:31,830 --> 00:20:30,240

the messiah

579

00:20:33,669 --> 00:20:31,840

right something along that lines because

580

00:20:33,990 --> 00:20:33,679

in other words what they is i believe

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00:20:36,230 --> 00:20:34,000

they

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00:20:37,990 --> 00:20:36,240

probably were adherents to their own

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00:20:39,270 --> 00:20:38,000

religion but like i said i think there

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00:20:43,590 --> 00:20:39,280

was this

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00:20:46,070 --> 00:20:43,600

kind of secret society this uh this uh

586

00:20:47,430 --> 00:20:46,080

this secret knowledge that was passed on

587

00:20:50,870 --> 00:20:47,440

from daniel on down

588

00:20:53,750 --> 00:20:50,880

amongst the magi so there was a subgroup

589

00:20:55,350 --> 00:20:53,760

that was aware of this and see them and

590

00:20:57,190 --> 00:20:55,360

what helps to understand here is what

591

00:20:59,669 --> 00:20:57,200

the magi's role was

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00:21:00,470 --> 00:20:59,679

in the in their empire as a whole they

593

00:21:02,710 --> 00:21:00,480

had

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00:21:03,750 --> 00:21:02,720

three primary obligations because the

595

00:21:06,390 --> 00:21:03,760

parthians

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00:21:08,470 --> 00:21:06,400

had one of the earliest examples of

597

00:21:11,350 --> 00:21:08,480

essentially what would be a parliament

598

00:21:12,549 --> 00:21:11,360

they had two houses the upper house was

599

00:21:14,070 --> 00:21:12,559

the royalty

600

00:21:16,870 --> 00:21:14,080

and then the lower house was the house

601
00:21:19,669 --> 00:21:16,880
of magestanis the magi

602
00:21:20,710 --> 00:21:19,679
and the magi had three primary

603
00:21:22,390 --> 00:21:20,720
responsibilities

604
00:21:24,549 --> 00:21:22,400
one believe it or not was to interpret

605
00:21:25,990 --> 00:21:24,559
dreams they were the

606
00:21:28,230 --> 00:21:26,000
the dream interpreters of the day

607
00:21:30,070 --> 00:21:28,240
because in that day and time

608
00:21:32,070 --> 00:21:30,080
if you had a dream that was considered

609
00:21:34,710 --> 00:21:32,080
an omen that was

610
00:21:35,510 --> 00:21:34,720
god or the gods or the universe or

611
00:21:37,350 --> 00:21:35,520
whatever

612
00:21:38,549 --> 00:21:37,360
trying to get you a message so if you

613
00:21:40,310 --> 00:21:38,559

had a dream

614

00:21:41,590 --> 00:21:40,320

you went to the magi and said i need

615

00:21:42,789 --> 00:21:41,600

help interpreting the stream because

616

00:21:46,070 --> 00:21:42,799

someone's trying to

617

00:21:48,230 --> 00:21:46,080

talk to me so one of their

618

00:21:49,270 --> 00:21:48,240

uh responsibilities was dream

619

00:21:50,950 --> 00:21:49,280

interpretation

620

00:21:53,430 --> 00:21:50,960

another responsibility was reading the

621

00:21:55,909 --> 00:21:53,440

stars okay so we'll get into that

622

00:21:57,110 --> 00:21:55,919

if we have the time and then their third

623

00:22:00,390 --> 00:21:57,120

responsibility

624

00:22:02,070 --> 00:22:00,400

was overseeing royal succession

625

00:22:03,750 --> 00:22:02,080

because the parthians had a practice

626

00:22:06,230 --> 00:22:03,760

that was unusual

627

00:22:08,070 --> 00:22:06,240

for that day and time which is that they

628

00:22:09,270 --> 00:22:08,080

did not practice the right of

629

00:22:11,270 --> 00:22:09,280

primogeniture

630

00:22:12,549 --> 00:22:11,280

and what that is is that is when the

631

00:22:15,669 --> 00:22:12,559

king would die

632

00:22:16,149 --> 00:22:15,679

his eldest son did not automatically

633

00:22:19,430 --> 00:22:16,159

become

634

00:22:21,190 --> 00:22:19,440

king it was the magi who examined the

635

00:22:24,230 --> 00:22:21,200

genealogies and everything and

636

00:22:28,149 --> 00:22:24,240

determined who would the next king be

637

00:22:31,750 --> 00:22:28,159

so very interesting so let me guess mary

638

00:22:34,070 --> 00:22:31,760

famously had a dream that angels

639

00:22:36,549 --> 00:22:34,080

came upon her and correct me if i get

640

00:22:39,669 --> 00:22:36,559

any of this wrong because i'm no scholar

641

00:22:41,270 --> 00:22:39,679

but that that angels visit her

642

00:22:43,510 --> 00:22:41,280

and basically tell her that she's going

643

00:22:47,909 --> 00:22:43,520

to carry god's

644

00:22:50,950 --> 00:22:47,919

son and presuming she probably goes to

645

00:22:52,830 --> 00:22:50,960

he's magi and for a little dream

646

00:22:56,549 --> 00:22:52,840

interpretation

647

00:22:58,630 --> 00:22:56,559

and that spins off the story from there

648

00:23:01,029 --> 00:22:58,640

okay so that's not exactly correct but

649

00:23:03,590 --> 00:23:01,039

it's very insightful nonetheless because

650

00:23:04,310 --> 00:23:03,600

yes uh angels did speak to mary in a

651
00:23:06,549 --> 00:23:04,320
dream

652
00:23:07,430 --> 00:23:06,559
angels also spoke to her husband joseph

653
00:23:09,270 --> 00:23:07,440
in a dream

654
00:23:11,430 --> 00:23:09,280
now they wouldn't have had any contact

655
00:23:13,430 --> 00:23:11,440
with the magi at that point

656
00:23:15,110 --> 00:23:13,440
so they didn't run off to the magi to

657
00:23:17,270 --> 00:23:15,120
get their dreams interpreted

658
00:23:18,470 --> 00:23:17,280
but it is interesting to note that

659
00:23:21,830 --> 00:23:18,480
dreams

660
00:23:22,710 --> 00:23:21,840
form a significant portion of this story

661
00:23:24,549 --> 00:23:22,720
because

662
00:23:26,710 --> 00:23:24,559
not only did angel speak to mary in a

663
00:23:30,070 --> 00:23:26,720

dream angel spoke to joseph in a dream

664

00:23:30,390 --> 00:23:30,080

but when the magi do show up they meet

665

00:23:33,510 --> 00:23:30,400

with

666

00:23:35,190 --> 00:23:33,520

herod first herod tells them where to go

667

00:23:37,909 --> 00:23:35,200

to find

668

00:23:39,830 --> 00:23:37,919

the newborn king of the jews they go

669

00:23:40,870 --> 00:23:39,840

there they worship them they pay homage

670

00:23:44,630 --> 00:23:40,880

they

671

00:23:49,190 --> 00:23:44,640

speaks to them

672

00:23:51,350 --> 00:23:49,200

in a dream not to go back to herod

673

00:23:53,029 --> 00:23:51,360

so they they return home by a different

674

00:23:56,149 --> 00:23:53,039

route and what was it about

675

00:23:59,029 --> 00:23:56,159

the this baby that caused

676
00:24:01,110 --> 00:23:59,039
you're saying herod told them about it

677
00:24:03,350 --> 00:24:01,120
and they knew about it what was

678
00:24:04,149 --> 00:24:03,360
what was special about this baby well

679
00:24:06,149 --> 00:24:04,159
ultimately

680
00:24:07,430 --> 00:24:06,159
they read about it in the stars meaning

681
00:24:10,149 --> 00:24:07,440
i believe that

682
00:24:11,110 --> 00:24:10,159
uh when daniel was the chief of the magi

683
00:24:13,350 --> 00:24:11,120
600 years

684
00:24:14,870 --> 00:24:13,360
earlier that he imparted the secret

685
00:24:15,430 --> 00:24:14,880
knowledge that got passed out and passed

686
00:24:17,510 --> 00:24:15,440
down

687
00:24:18,549 --> 00:24:17,520
and passed out and they read it in the

688
00:24:20,870 --> 00:24:18,559

stars

689

00:24:22,870 --> 00:24:20,880

that the king of the jews had been born

690

00:24:24,630 --> 00:24:22,880

but another interesting component of the

691

00:24:25,190 --> 00:24:24,640

story that a lot of people are unaware

692

00:24:28,549 --> 00:24:25,200

of

693

00:24:31,430 --> 00:24:28,559

is that since the magi oversaw

694

00:24:31,990 --> 00:24:31,440

royal succession well what's going on in

695

00:24:35,190 --> 00:24:32,000

parthia

696

00:24:36,870 --> 00:24:35,200

at that time oh well go figure the king

697

00:24:40,070 --> 00:24:36,880

of parthia had just

698

00:24:41,350 --> 00:24:40,080

died so the magi were in their

699

00:24:43,190 --> 00:24:41,360

deliberations

700

00:24:44,710 --> 00:24:43,200

to determine who the next king of

701
00:24:47,029 --> 00:24:44,720
parthia would be

702
00:24:48,470 --> 00:24:47,039
and i believe that when they examined

703
00:24:50,070 --> 00:24:48,480
the genealogies

704
00:24:51,669 --> 00:24:50,080
they not only found the next king of

705
00:24:52,310 --> 00:24:51,679
parthia they found the next king of the

706
00:24:53,510 --> 00:24:52,320
jews

707
00:24:55,830 --> 00:24:53,520
and they discovered that they were the

708
00:24:57,590 --> 00:24:55,840
same person and

709
00:24:59,510 --> 00:24:57,600
what about what was herod's role in it

710
00:25:01,430 --> 00:24:59,520
because you said that herod told them

711
00:25:03,750 --> 00:25:01,440
where the king had been born right well

712
00:25:06,149 --> 00:25:03,760
herod as we mentioned earlier was

713
00:25:07,590 --> 00:25:06,159

a proselyte to the jewish religion he

714

00:25:08,549 --> 00:25:07,600

practiced some of it he didn't really

715

00:25:10,789 --> 00:25:08,559

practice some of it

716

00:25:11,909 --> 00:25:10,799

he wasn't really super well educated in

717

00:25:15,110 --> 00:25:11,919

the jewish religion

718

00:25:15,669 --> 00:25:15,120

he did enough to get by so then when the

719

00:25:18,070 --> 00:25:15,679

magi

720

00:25:18,950 --> 00:25:18,080

show up and remember now this is a

721

00:25:22,310 --> 00:25:18,960

foreign power

722

00:25:25,269 --> 00:25:22,320

right and he had defeated the parthians

723

00:25:26,950 --> 00:25:25,279

in battle 35 years earlier when like we

724

00:25:29,750 --> 00:25:26,960

said when

725

00:25:30,390 --> 00:25:29,760

when rome appointed herod to be king of

726

00:25:32,710 --> 00:25:30,400

the jews

727

00:25:34,710 --> 00:25:32,720

they didn't have it to give so they give

728

00:25:37,750 --> 00:25:34,720

him 11 roman legions it takes him

729

00:25:38,950 --> 00:25:37,760

three years he drives the parthians out

730

00:25:40,789 --> 00:25:38,960

of judea

731

00:25:41,990 --> 00:25:40,799

and becomes the king of the jews and he

732

00:25:44,390 --> 00:25:42,000

spends the next 35

733

00:25:45,750 --> 00:25:44,400

years defending his throne against any

734

00:25:49,350 --> 00:25:45,760

challenger

735

00:25:52,070 --> 00:25:49,360

now he's near 70 years old he's old

736

00:25:53,190 --> 00:25:52,080

he's really sick he's downright mean at

737

00:25:55,830 --> 00:25:53,200

this point

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00:25:56,789 --> 00:25:55,840

and does he have any boys uh yes he does

739

00:25:59,110 --> 00:25:56,799

he has a couple of

740

00:26:00,950 --> 00:25:59,120

he's got a bunch of sons he had uh 10

741

00:26:03,110 --> 00:26:00,960

wives and i forget the total of

742

00:26:04,789 --> 00:26:03,120

i forget the total number of sons he had

743

00:26:05,269 --> 00:26:04,799

but he'd murdered at least three or four

744

00:26:07,430 --> 00:26:05,279

of them

745

00:26:09,110 --> 00:26:07,440

by this point in time because they had a

746

00:26:10,149 --> 00:26:09,120

better claim to the throne like we've

747

00:26:12,390 --> 00:26:10,159

said

748

00:26:13,190 --> 00:26:12,400

and then the magi show up this foreign

749

00:26:16,070 --> 00:26:13,200

power

750

00:26:17,590 --> 00:26:16,080

who he has everybody knows who they are

751
00:26:20,070 --> 00:26:17,600
this is not some

752
00:26:21,510 --> 00:26:20,080
you know secret people that pop popped

753
00:26:24,630 --> 00:26:21,520
up out of nowhere

754
00:26:25,510 --> 00:26:24,640
they know who the magi are right but

755
00:26:28,269 --> 00:26:25,520
they show up

756
00:26:30,310 --> 00:26:28,279
at his court and it is an official

757
00:26:32,549 --> 00:26:30,320
ambassadorial entourage

758
00:26:33,750 --> 00:26:32,559
with military escort that shows up in

759
00:26:36,950 --> 00:26:33,760
his court and says

760
00:26:38,630 --> 00:26:36,960
by the way where's the legitimate king

761
00:26:41,830 --> 00:26:38,640
you're not him where's the legitimate

762
00:26:44,230 --> 00:26:41,840
king so he calls the jewish religious

763
00:26:46,070 --> 00:26:44,240

officials into a meeting so that he can

764

00:26:47,350 --> 00:26:46,080

get a couple answers that he's not

765

00:26:49,669 --> 00:26:47,360

exactly aware of

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00:26:50,390 --> 00:26:49,679

so he it's he calls the jewish leaders

767

00:26:51,669 --> 00:26:50,400

and says

768

00:26:54,070 --> 00:26:51,679

where's the messiah supposed to be born

769

00:26:55,830 --> 00:26:54,080

again i don't recall and they go oh he's

770

00:26:59,029 --> 00:26:55,840

in he's in bethlehem

771

00:27:01,269 --> 00:26:59,039

right so the jewish leaders say that

772

00:27:02,310 --> 00:27:01,279

the religious leaders so that's how

773

00:27:05,190 --> 00:27:02,320

herod knows

774

00:27:05,990 --> 00:27:05,200

to tell the magi well go to bethlehem

775

00:27:09,190 --> 00:27:06,000

and then once

776

00:27:11,510 --> 00:27:09,200

you find him then send word back to me

777

00:27:13,590 --> 00:27:11,520

so that i can come and worship him too

778

00:27:16,470 --> 00:27:13,600

which is obviously just his ruse to find

779

00:27:20,149 --> 00:27:16,480

out where he is we can kill him

780

00:27:22,310 --> 00:27:20,159

and now let's talk about mary and joseph

781

00:27:24,549 --> 00:27:22,320

sure you know i i know that the bible

782

00:27:28,389 --> 00:27:24,559

ties their lineage

783

00:27:31,190 --> 00:27:28,399

way way way back to david et cetera

784

00:27:31,909 --> 00:27:31,200

weren't they just kind of regular people

785

00:27:34,070 --> 00:27:31,919

at the time

786

00:27:35,190 --> 00:27:34,080

or even peasants well it's kind of a

787

00:27:38,470 --> 00:27:35,200

both end and

788

00:27:41,510 --> 00:27:38,480

because on one hand uh

789

00:27:44,549 --> 00:27:41,520

any jew who lived

790

00:27:47,190 --> 00:27:44,559

in israel under herod

791

00:27:48,310 --> 00:27:47,200

was could only be rich if you allied

792

00:27:50,310 --> 00:27:48,320

yourself

793

00:27:52,470 --> 00:27:50,320

with herod it'd be the only way you'd be

794

00:27:54,149 --> 00:27:52,480

able to keep any real money

795

00:27:56,230 --> 00:27:54,159

you know because they were just taxed

796

00:27:58,470 --> 00:27:56,240

into oblivion by herod now

797

00:27:59,830 --> 00:27:58,480

joseph it says you know we call him a

798

00:28:01,990 --> 00:27:59,840

carpenter

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00:28:03,510 --> 00:28:02,000

the word in greek is actually technon

800

00:28:05,269 --> 00:28:03,520

which means a builder

801
00:28:07,110 --> 00:28:05,279
which means he would have been skilled

802
00:28:10,230 --> 00:28:07,120
in building with stone

803
00:28:12,149 --> 00:28:10,240
wood and metal so that means he probably

804
00:28:13,909 --> 00:28:12,159
was actually a little better off

805
00:28:15,750 --> 00:28:13,919
than most people would have normally

806
00:28:18,230 --> 00:28:15,760
have been but once again

807
00:28:19,909 --> 00:28:18,240
he would have been taxed into you know

808
00:28:22,070 --> 00:28:19,919
into poverty by herod

809
00:28:23,269 --> 00:28:22,080
so they didn't have a whole lot of money

810
00:28:25,269 --> 00:28:23,279
but

811
00:28:26,389 --> 00:28:25,279
it is very clear from scripture that

812
00:28:29,029 --> 00:28:26,399
both joseph

813
00:28:30,870 --> 00:28:29,039

and mary were of the house and lineage

814

00:28:34,149 --> 00:28:30,880

of david so that means

815

00:28:35,269 --> 00:28:34,159

they were royalty and galilee like i

816

00:28:37,470 --> 00:28:35,279

mentioned earlier

817

00:28:38,950 --> 00:28:37,480

had specifically and deliberately been

818

00:28:41,830 --> 00:28:38,960

repopulated

819

00:28:42,870 --> 00:28:41,840

with judeans right because judah is a

820

00:28:45,430 --> 00:28:42,880

southern tribe

821

00:28:47,510 --> 00:28:45,440

and galilee is in the north there had

822

00:28:50,070 --> 00:28:47,520

been a very deliberate migration

823

00:28:51,909 --> 00:28:50,080

to the north to repopulate and

824

00:28:54,149 --> 00:28:51,919

re-judaize galilee

825

00:28:55,510 --> 00:28:54,159

so this was the whole thing behind why

826

00:28:57,750 --> 00:28:55,520

they had to travel

827

00:28:59,269 --> 00:28:57,760

to bethlehem anyway was this decree went

828

00:29:02,070 --> 00:28:59,279

out from augustus

829

00:29:04,230 --> 00:29:02,080

that's everybody needs to register and

830

00:29:06,870 --> 00:29:04,240

there needs to be a census taken

831

00:29:08,230 --> 00:29:06,880

and so they go to their ancestral

832

00:29:10,070 --> 00:29:08,240

hometown

833

00:29:12,389 --> 00:29:10,080

to register and that's a big deal

834

00:29:14,549 --> 00:29:12,399

because we call it bethlehem but it's

835

00:29:16,070 --> 00:29:14,559

actually got two names in the bible

836

00:29:18,310 --> 00:29:16,080

the other name is it's called the city

837

00:29:21,190 --> 00:29:18,320

of david because that is where

838

00:29:22,149 --> 00:29:21,200

david is from it's his hometown as well

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00:29:24,149 --> 00:29:22,159

so

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00:29:26,630 --> 00:29:24,159

on one hand yes they weren't super well

841

00:29:29,990 --> 00:29:26,640

off financially but on the other hand

842

00:29:31,590 --> 00:29:30,000

they were they were legitimate royalty

843

00:29:33,830 --> 00:29:31,600

and this was a day and time when you

844

00:29:35,990 --> 00:29:33,840

would have had arranged marriages

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00:29:36,950 --> 00:29:36,000

and their families would have been in

846

00:29:39,110 --> 00:29:36,960

effect

847

00:29:41,110 --> 00:29:39,120

patriots that's the word we would use

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00:29:42,389 --> 00:29:41,120

here is they were patriots so the

849

00:29:45,269 --> 00:29:42,399

likelihood that this was

850

00:29:46,549 --> 00:29:45,279

an arranged marriage uh that would keep

851

00:29:49,830 --> 00:29:46,559

the bloodline

852

00:29:52,549 --> 00:29:49,840

pure is very high

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00:29:53,430 --> 00:29:52,559

so and they were engaged at the time of

854

00:29:55,029 --> 00:29:53,440

the birth

855

00:29:57,029 --> 00:29:55,039

yeah they were betrothed or what we

856

00:29:59,029 --> 00:29:57,039

would call engaged um it's

857

00:30:00,549 --> 00:29:59,039

different culturally than what we would

858

00:30:03,430 --> 00:30:00,559

understand today it's

859

00:30:04,310 --> 00:30:03,440

much more serious i mean if you were

860

00:30:07,430 --> 00:30:04,320

betrothed

861

00:30:09,750 --> 00:30:07,440

in bible times and then you needed to

862

00:30:11,669 --> 00:30:09,760

separate for whatever reason that

863

00:30:13,750 --> 00:30:11,679

required a legal proceeding you didn't

864

00:30:16,870 --> 00:30:13,760

just walk away you had to actually get

865

00:30:19,669 --> 00:30:16,880

divorced once you were betrothed

866

00:30:21,029 --> 00:30:19,679

but yes they were betrothed when she

867

00:30:23,029 --> 00:30:21,039

became pregnant you know as the

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00:30:25,830 --> 00:30:23,039

scriptures say by the holy spirit

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00:30:28,310 --> 00:30:25,840

with the with the messiah and how do

870

00:30:29,029 --> 00:30:28,320

they feel about premarital sex in those

871

00:30:31,750 --> 00:30:29,039

days

872

00:30:33,190 --> 00:30:31,760

well it's that raises a really really

873

00:30:35,110 --> 00:30:33,200

good question about

874

00:30:37,110 --> 00:30:35,120

because my whole project is all about

875

00:30:37,750 --> 00:30:37,120

what would this have really looked like

876
00:30:39,510 --> 00:30:37,760
because

877
00:30:41,110 --> 00:30:39,520
i don't believe that the traditional

878
00:30:44,310 --> 00:30:41,120
nativity story

879
00:30:48,230 --> 00:30:44,320
represents the reality all that well

880
00:30:51,750 --> 00:30:49,750
researching this because i want to tell

881
00:30:53,350 --> 00:30:51,760
the story right i want people to know

882
00:30:55,269 --> 00:30:53,360
this is what it really would have looked

883
00:30:57,190 --> 00:30:55,279
like so that's a great question

884
00:30:59,029 --> 00:30:57,200
what did they think about pre-marital

885
00:31:00,389 --> 00:30:59,039
sex um

886
00:31:02,389 --> 00:31:00,399
and they looked it was that was

887
00:31:05,669 --> 00:31:02,399
considered adultery and adultery

888
00:31:09,029 --> 00:31:05,679

was punishable potentially

889

00:31:16,710 --> 00:31:13,190

and when would the conception have been

890

00:31:22,070 --> 00:31:16,720

relative to the the throat be throthing

891

00:31:25,909 --> 00:31:24,549

well the the chronology changes because

892

00:31:26,950 --> 00:31:25,919

you know for one and we haven't really

893

00:31:28,549 --> 00:31:26,960

talked about this yet

894

00:31:30,070 --> 00:31:28,559

i do not believe for one second that

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00:31:31,909 --> 00:31:30,080

jesus was actually born

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00:31:33,269 --> 00:31:31,919

on december 25th i believe he was born

897

00:31:35,269 --> 00:31:33,279

in the fall

898

00:31:37,750 --> 00:31:35,279

and i can show you why i believe that

899

00:31:40,230 --> 00:31:37,760

but when you put the whole chronology

900

00:31:43,190 --> 00:31:40,240

together the irony is is that the

901
00:31:46,710 --> 00:31:43,200
conception probably occurred in december

902
00:31:47,590 --> 00:31:46,720
okay but as far as um but you have the

903
00:31:50,149 --> 00:31:47,600
words

904
00:31:51,590 --> 00:31:50,159
as far as the premarital sex part did

905
00:31:54,870 --> 00:31:51,600
they possibly get

906
00:31:56,549 --> 00:31:54,880
let's call it engaged i'm having trouble

907
00:32:00,149 --> 00:31:56,559
pronouncing that words let's just engage

908
00:32:01,509 --> 00:32:00,159
that's fine um would the engagement have

909
00:32:03,830 --> 00:32:01,519
happened before or after

910
00:32:04,710 --> 00:32:03,840
the conception it was before because it

911
00:32:08,310 --> 00:32:04,720
clearly says

912
00:32:10,470 --> 00:32:08,320
that that while they were betrothed

913
00:32:11,990 --> 00:32:10,480

is when what's called the the

914

00:32:13,029 --> 00:32:12,000

annunciation or the immaculate

915

00:32:14,950 --> 00:32:13,039

conception happened

916

00:32:16,789 --> 00:32:14,960

so would that be considered but that's

917

00:32:18,310 --> 00:32:16,799

still considered pre-marital sex being

918

00:32:20,230 --> 00:32:18,320

betrothed well does not give you a

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00:32:21,430 --> 00:32:20,240

license to have sex right but who's the

920

00:32:23,430 --> 00:32:21,440

father

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00:32:25,269 --> 00:32:23,440

at least well right we'll get to that

922

00:32:28,630 --> 00:32:25,279

part we'll get to that part

923

00:32:31,830 --> 00:32:28,640

right an obvious skeptic is going to say

924

00:32:32,789 --> 00:32:31,840

oh my gosh they had pre-marital sex she

925

00:32:34,470 --> 00:32:32,799

got pregnant

926

00:32:36,230 --> 00:32:34,480

she's going to be stoned to death put in

927

00:32:37,750 --> 00:32:36,240

jail cast away whatever would have

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00:32:39,110 --> 00:32:37,760

happened in fact

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00:32:39,990 --> 00:32:39,120

i'm going to ask you that question what

930

00:32:43,110 --> 00:32:40,000

would happen to the person that

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00:32:44,870 --> 00:32:43,120

circumstance so she makes up the story

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00:32:47,110 --> 00:32:44,880

right so that that's the obvious skeptic

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00:32:50,149 --> 00:32:47,120

sure yeah oh i didn't know

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00:32:50,389 --> 00:32:50,159

yeah the skeptical point of view would

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00:32:52,310 --> 00:32:50,399

be

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00:32:55,190 --> 00:32:52,320

yes well you make you make up the story

937

00:32:57,269 --> 00:32:55,200

right okay you make up some grand story

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00:32:58,789 --> 00:32:57,279

but it's actually really interesting

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00:33:02,070 --> 00:32:58,799

because this is another part

940

00:33:04,950 --> 00:33:02,080

of you know my project like i said

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00:33:05,509 --> 00:33:04,960

trying to tell the story accurately i

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00:33:08,830 --> 00:33:05,519

believe

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00:33:11,909 --> 00:33:08,840

that once she was aware

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00:33:15,350 --> 00:33:11,919

right and especially once she told

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00:33:16,389 --> 00:33:15,360

joseph that they absolutely had to keep

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00:33:19,190 --> 00:33:16,399

it secret

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00:33:20,389 --> 00:33:19,200

i don't believe they i believe she

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00:33:23,269 --> 00:33:20,399

absolutely hid

949

00:33:25,350 --> 00:33:23,279

herself as much as possible and that

950

00:33:28,789 --> 00:33:25,360

once she told joseph

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00:33:31,830 --> 00:33:28,799

i believe they left nazareth immediately

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00:33:33,590 --> 00:33:31,840

and that the cover story or ended it's

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00:33:36,870 --> 00:33:33,600

it's a de facto cover story

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00:33:39,590 --> 00:33:36,880

that when the uh decree came down

955

00:33:40,950 --> 00:33:39,600

from augustus caesar that everybody of

956

00:33:43,269 --> 00:33:40,960

the royal family

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00:33:44,470 --> 00:33:43,279

had to register that provided them

958

00:33:45,990 --> 00:33:44,480

that's the better way of saying it it

959

00:33:47,669 --> 00:33:46,000

provided them with a perfect cover story

960

00:33:48,070 --> 00:33:47,679

oh we've got to go to bethlehem anyway

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00:33:50,070 --> 00:33:48,080

so

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00:33:51,190 --> 00:33:50,080

guess what we're leaving nazareth and

963

00:33:53,269 --> 00:33:51,200

we're leaving nazareth

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00:33:55,029 --> 00:33:53,279

right now because then that way i think

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00:33:56,230 --> 00:33:55,039

she was still early enough in her

966

00:33:57,110 --> 00:33:56,240

pregnancy that it wouldn't have been

967

00:33:59,430 --> 00:33:57,120

obvious

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00:34:00,470 --> 00:33:59,440

and therefore let's get out of nazareth

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00:34:03,110 --> 00:34:00,480

now

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00:34:04,389 --> 00:34:03,120

so that we don't get discovered and when

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00:34:07,509 --> 00:34:04,399

you say discovered

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00:34:08,389 --> 00:34:07,519

what would happen to someone who um you

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00:34:11,430 --> 00:34:08,399

know had a baby

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00:34:13,109 --> 00:34:11,440

out of wedlock right potentially

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00:34:15,829 --> 00:34:13,119

she could have been stoned i think

976
00:34:18,710 --> 00:34:15,839
that's unlikely however for two reasons

977
00:34:20,710 --> 00:34:18,720
number one even though there are a

978
00:34:22,869 --> 00:34:20,720
significant number of

979
00:34:24,550 --> 00:34:22,879
death penalty offenses in the old

980
00:34:27,030 --> 00:34:24,560
testament

981
00:34:28,629 --> 00:34:27,040
they weren't always practiced i mean

982
00:34:32,069 --> 00:34:28,639
people weren't always put to death for

983
00:34:34,230 --> 00:34:32,079
them and certainly for something as

984
00:34:35,510 --> 00:34:34,240
interesting as adultery you know having

985
00:34:37,990 --> 00:34:35,520
sex out of wedlock

986
00:34:39,109 --> 00:34:38,000
okay what's the punishment level just

987
00:34:40,710 --> 00:34:39,119
below death

988
00:34:42,230 --> 00:34:40,720

right well that would have been

989

00:34:44,069 --> 00:34:42,240

ostracization for sure

990

00:34:45,829 --> 00:34:44,079

and that's and that is what they would

991

00:34:46,790 --> 00:34:45,839

have risked is because there is a very

992

00:34:50,149 --> 00:34:46,800

interesting

993

00:34:52,230 --> 00:34:50,159

verse in deuteronomy that says

994

00:34:53,510 --> 00:34:52,240

it's it's what's known as the bastard

995

00:34:56,069 --> 00:34:53,520

curse okay

996

00:34:57,670 --> 00:34:56,079

and it says that a bastard or an

997

00:34:58,310 --> 00:34:57,680

illegitimate child see because that's

998

00:35:01,990 --> 00:34:58,320

the thing

999

00:35:04,630 --> 00:35:02,000

if she's discovered then clearly her

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00:35:05,589 --> 00:35:04,640

child is quote unquote illegitimate

1001

00:35:08,230 --> 00:35:05,599

right

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00:35:10,069 --> 00:35:08,240

okay so this verse in deuteronomy says

1003

00:35:13,430 --> 00:35:10,079

that an illegitimate child

1004

00:35:15,589 --> 00:35:13,440

cannot inherit in israel

1005

00:35:17,829 --> 00:35:15,599

for 10 generations which would have

1006

00:35:20,870 --> 00:35:17,839

meant it would have disqualified

1007

00:35:21,430 --> 00:35:20,880

jesus from being the messiah if there

1008

00:35:24,870 --> 00:35:21,440

was

1009

00:35:27,589 --> 00:35:24,880

obviously makes up this story

1010

00:35:28,630 --> 00:35:27,599

about the holy spirit and the virgin

1011

00:35:31,030 --> 00:35:28,640

birth

1012

00:35:33,349 --> 00:35:31,040

right well once again okay coming at it

1013

00:35:35,190 --> 00:35:33,359

from a skeptical point of view yeah she

1014

00:35:37,109 --> 00:35:35,200

makes up a story now i'm not a skeptic

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00:35:38,710 --> 00:35:37,119

so i don't i don't believe that and i

1016

00:35:39,990 --> 00:35:38,720

don't agree with that because i believe

1017

00:35:41,750 --> 00:35:40,000

what scripture says

1018

00:35:43,990 --> 00:35:41,760

about this i believe that that story is

1019

00:35:44,950 --> 00:35:44,000

legitimate that she was overcome by the

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00:35:48,390 --> 00:35:44,960

holy spirit and

1021

00:35:50,470 --> 00:35:48,400

impregnated divinely or immaculately

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00:35:51,670 --> 00:35:50,480

and then bore the messiah as quote

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00:35:53,030 --> 00:35:51,680

unquote the son of god

1024

00:35:54,630 --> 00:35:53,040

let me ask you a quick question about

1025

00:35:55,750 --> 00:35:54,640

that because i i think this is a

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00:35:58,550 --> 00:35:55,760

catholic thing only

1027

00:36:00,069 --> 00:35:58,560

but the immaculate conception a lot of

1028

00:36:02,230 --> 00:36:00,079

people have this wrong

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00:36:03,270 --> 00:36:02,240

in in catholic faith the immaculate

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00:36:06,630 --> 00:36:03,280

conception

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00:36:09,349 --> 00:36:06,640

is is mary's birth that well

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00:36:11,190 --> 00:36:09,359

that she had a a virgin birth right yeah

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00:36:14,470 --> 00:36:11,200

because that's what made her pure

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00:36:17,670 --> 00:36:14,480

to then carry god's son right yeah the

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00:36:21,030 --> 00:36:17,680

the whole traditional story about mary

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00:36:22,630 --> 00:36:21,040

is that her parents uh which comes from

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00:36:25,829 --> 00:36:22,640

apocryphal literature

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00:36:27,190 --> 00:36:25,839

uh her parents were named anna and

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00:36:28,950 --> 00:36:27,200

that's

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00:36:30,310 --> 00:36:28,960

i forget his name but her mother's name

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00:36:32,230 --> 00:36:30,320

was supposedly anna

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00:36:33,510 --> 00:36:32,240

it comes from apocryphal literature that

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00:36:35,670 --> 00:36:33,520

they were barren

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00:36:37,510 --> 00:36:35,680

and that they prayed to god and that god

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00:36:39,109 --> 00:36:37,520

granted them this

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00:36:40,470 --> 00:36:39,119

frankly this kind of immaculate

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00:36:41,589 --> 00:36:40,480

conception kind of thing it's not

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00:36:44,230 --> 00:36:41,599

precisely clear

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00:36:44,870 --> 00:36:44,240

but yes that that produced mary and

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00:36:48,310 --> 00:36:44,880

therefore

1051
00:36:50,630 --> 00:36:48,320
mary was like extra pure from birth

1052
00:36:51,349 --> 00:36:50,640
but it's actually a both and if you if

1053
00:36:54,710 --> 00:36:51,359
you believe

1054
00:36:56,790 --> 00:36:54,720
that that source which i do not

1055
00:36:58,390 --> 00:36:56,800
okay for other reasons but if you

1056
00:37:01,829 --> 00:36:58,400
believe that source

1057
00:37:03,829 --> 00:37:01,839
then yes they claim that mary is extra

1058
00:37:04,630 --> 00:37:03,839
pure that yes that is the immaculate

1059
00:37:06,390 --> 00:37:04,640
conception

1060
00:37:08,150 --> 00:37:06,400
but now you have a second immaculate

1061
00:37:10,630 --> 00:37:08,160
conception in that

1062
00:37:12,150 --> 00:37:10,640
she was impregnated by the holy spirit

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00:37:12,630 --> 00:37:12,160

here's a good historical question for

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00:37:15,829 --> 00:37:12,640

you

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00:37:17,030 --> 00:37:15,839

was was this a story that was going

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00:37:20,950 --> 00:37:17,040

around at the time

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00:37:24,069 --> 00:37:20,960

virgin births and perhaps even as a way

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00:37:24,870 --> 00:37:24,079

of not being ostracized slash stoned to

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00:37:28,069 --> 00:37:24,880

death

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00:37:28,710 --> 00:37:28,079

that people would allege it was a virgin

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00:37:30,710 --> 00:37:28,720

birth

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00:37:32,150 --> 00:37:30,720

right uh to be blunt i'm going to answer

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00:37:33,910 --> 00:37:32,160

that question honestly i don't really

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00:37:34,630 --> 00:37:33,920

know if that kind of story was going

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00:37:36,630 --> 00:37:34,640

around

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00:37:38,550 --> 00:37:36,640
historically at that time i'm not really

1077
00:37:41,910 --> 00:37:38,560
sure

1078
00:37:43,829 --> 00:37:41,920
okay so then what connects them

1079
00:37:45,030 --> 00:37:43,839
to the wise men because it seems like

1080
00:37:48,470 --> 00:37:45,040
that's the next

1081
00:37:51,109 --> 00:37:48,480
important part of the story that

1082
00:37:52,470 --> 00:37:51,119
she might be telling people it's a

1083
00:37:54,550 --> 00:37:52,480
virgin

1084
00:37:56,310 --> 00:37:54,560
birth but bottom line there was some

1085
00:37:59,349 --> 00:37:56,320
people who

1086
00:38:01,030 --> 00:37:59,359
believed it and gave special

1087
00:38:03,190 --> 00:38:01,040
significance to this child

1088
00:38:04,390 --> 00:38:03,200

right well the interesting thing here is

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00:38:07,990 --> 00:38:04,400

that the

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00:38:10,470 --> 00:38:08,000

importance of you know is such

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00:38:11,990 --> 00:38:10,480

bear with me for a second as i work this

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00:38:14,550 --> 00:38:12,000

out so

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00:38:16,150 --> 00:38:14,560

she and joseph get betrothed then she's

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00:38:17,270 --> 00:38:16,160

overcome by the holy spirit becomes

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00:38:20,550 --> 00:38:17,280

pregnant

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00:38:22,630 --> 00:38:20,560

she tells joseph she and joseph

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00:38:23,750 --> 00:38:22,640

complete their marriage now that's a

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00:38:26,069 --> 00:38:23,760

whole

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00:38:27,030 --> 00:38:26,079

story unto itself about the fact that a

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00:38:30,390 --> 00:38:27,040

jewish marriage

1101
00:38:32,310 --> 00:38:30,400
had two main components the betrothal

1102
00:38:33,430 --> 00:38:32,320
and then the nuptials when they actually

1103
00:38:35,670 --> 00:38:33,440
came together

1104
00:38:36,710 --> 00:38:35,680
uh sexually and officially became

1105
00:38:38,710 --> 00:38:36,720
married married

1106
00:38:40,069 --> 00:38:38,720
right um so i believe they were

1107
00:38:42,950 --> 00:38:40,079
betrothed she

1108
00:38:43,829 --> 00:38:42,960
became pregnant they finalized the

1109
00:38:46,150 --> 00:38:43,839
wedding

1110
00:38:47,349 --> 00:38:46,160
mary tells joseph and the two of them

1111
00:38:50,230 --> 00:38:47,359
decide

1112
00:38:51,030 --> 00:38:50,240
we've got to get out of here no matter

1113
00:38:53,829 --> 00:38:51,040

what

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00:38:54,310 --> 00:38:53,839

now of and so they do the like i said

1115

00:38:56,710 --> 00:38:54,320

the

1116

00:38:58,870 --> 00:38:56,720

registration becomes a very convenient

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00:39:02,310 --> 00:38:58,880

cover story so they leave nazareth

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00:39:04,310 --> 00:39:02,320

they go to bethlehem where

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00:39:05,910 --> 00:39:04,320

no one knows them quote unquote it's

1120

00:39:06,390 --> 00:39:05,920

their ancestral hometown but we don't

1121

00:39:08,310 --> 00:39:06,400

know

1122

00:39:11,030 --> 00:39:08,320

whether they did or did not have like

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00:39:14,150 --> 00:39:11,040

direct relatives there or whether it was

1124

00:39:17,670 --> 00:39:14,160

extended family most likely

1125

00:39:19,750 --> 00:39:17,680

but no one there knows and now that they

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00:39:22,790 --> 00:39:19,760

are officially married

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00:39:23,510 --> 00:39:22,800

joseph can adopt the child as his own so

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00:39:25,829 --> 00:39:23,520

that once

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00:39:28,790 --> 00:39:25,839

he's born no one's really going to know

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00:39:31,270 --> 00:39:28,800

the difference at that point

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00:39:32,790 --> 00:39:31,280

okay and then how do they get connected

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00:39:35,430 --> 00:39:32,800

to the

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00:39:37,270 --> 00:39:35,440

magi sure so well the imagine i just

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00:39:39,349 --> 00:39:37,280

kind of show up out of nowhere

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00:39:40,870 --> 00:39:39,359

in a manner of speaking because they go

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00:39:42,630 --> 00:39:40,880

to bethlehem and now

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00:39:43,829 --> 00:39:42,640

very important because chronologically

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00:39:45,109 --> 00:39:43,839

this is something else a lot of people

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00:39:48,550 --> 00:39:45,119

are unaware of

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00:39:50,390 --> 00:39:48,560

uh the shepherds found a baby in a

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00:39:53,430 --> 00:39:50,400

manger in other words they showed up

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00:39:56,790 --> 00:39:53,440

on the night jesus was born

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00:39:57,589 --> 00:39:56,800

the magi found a young child living in a

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00:40:00,710 --> 00:39:57,599

house

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00:40:02,390 --> 00:40:00,720

about 15 months later so they were not

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00:40:04,630 --> 00:40:02,400

there at the same time

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00:40:06,470 --> 00:40:04,640

so and i believe that mary and joseph

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00:40:08,390 --> 00:40:06,480

remained in bethlehem that entire time

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00:40:11,589 --> 00:40:08,400

that they traveled to bethlehem

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00:40:13,349 --> 00:40:11,599

that she gave birth the uh the shepherds

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00:40:15,270 --> 00:40:13,359
showed up that night

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00:40:17,510 --> 00:40:15,280
and then they stayed in bethlehem i

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00:40:20,550 --> 00:40:17,520
think largely because of the

1154
00:40:21,750 --> 00:40:20,560
uh you know the possible spectacle of

1155
00:40:24,470 --> 00:40:21,760
being discovered

1156
00:40:24,790 --> 00:40:24,480
that by remaining in bethlehem they're

1157
00:40:26,230 --> 00:40:24,800
not

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00:40:28,069 --> 00:40:26,240
no one's going to know who's going to

1159
00:40:31,270 --> 00:40:28,079
know that jesus is not

1160
00:40:33,510 --> 00:40:31,280
joseph's son right and what was it

1161
00:40:34,309 --> 00:40:33,520
because you said herod sent the magi to

1162
00:40:37,030 --> 00:40:34,319
bethlehem

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00:40:37,990 --> 00:40:37,040

right and that was when jesus was

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00:40:40,150 --> 00:40:38,000

already now

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00:40:41,670 --> 00:40:40,160

about 15 months you're saying correct

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00:40:44,550 --> 00:40:41,680

yes and

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00:40:45,910 --> 00:40:44,560

what was herod basing was this just a

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00:40:47,670 --> 00:40:45,920

total ruse and just

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00:40:49,430 --> 00:40:47,680

sending them on this crazy mission or

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00:40:51,510 --> 00:40:49,440

was there something going on circling at

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00:40:54,550 --> 00:40:51,520

the time that there had been talk that

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00:40:56,630 --> 00:40:54,560

someone special had been born well messi

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00:40:58,069 --> 00:40:56,640

it's it's possible it's a little it may

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00:40:59,109 --> 00:40:58,079

it's very possible that it's kind of all

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00:41:01,510 --> 00:40:59,119

of the above

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00:41:03,349 --> 00:41:01,520
because yes we we know for a fact that

1177
00:41:06,470 --> 00:41:03,359
messianic expectation

1178
00:41:08,390 --> 00:41:06,480
was very very very high okay

1179
00:41:11,109 --> 00:41:08,400
because interestingly enough the exact

1180
00:41:12,550 --> 00:41:11,119
same astronomical information that the

1181
00:41:16,790 --> 00:41:12,560
magi read

1182
00:41:18,390 --> 00:41:16,800
that would have led them to judea

1183
00:41:20,150 --> 00:41:18,400
roman astronomers would have been

1184
00:41:22,230 --> 00:41:20,160
reading that exact same

1185
00:41:23,910 --> 00:41:22,240
those exact same signs and going oh look

1186
00:41:25,670 --> 00:41:23,920
it's talking about augustus

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00:41:27,190 --> 00:41:25,680
he's the father of the country he's this

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00:41:29,109 --> 00:41:27,200

amazing guy he brought

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00:41:31,190 --> 00:41:29,119

pox romana he brought peace throughout

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00:41:33,270 --> 00:41:31,200

the realm and they would have attributed

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00:41:35,270 --> 00:41:33,280

the exact same thing to augustus but the

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00:41:37,589 --> 00:41:35,280

magi attributed it to

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00:41:38,550 --> 00:41:37,599

oh it's it's not augustus it's the king

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00:41:41,109 --> 00:41:38,560

of the jews

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00:41:41,990 --> 00:41:41,119

we better go find out what happens so

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00:41:43,670 --> 00:41:42,000

they go

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00:41:46,710 --> 00:41:43,680

what they do what they know to do which

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00:41:48,150 --> 00:41:46,720

is they go to the royal court of herod

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00:41:51,030 --> 00:41:48,160

but they also know that herod's a

1200

00:41:51,670 --> 00:41:51,040

pretender so he's a roman appointee so

1201

00:41:54,309 --> 00:41:51,680

when they

1202

00:41:56,390 --> 00:41:54,319

show up and like i've said this was an

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00:41:57,750 --> 00:41:56,400

ambassadorial entourage this was not

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00:42:00,630 --> 00:41:57,760

three wise guys

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00:42:03,349 --> 00:42:00,640

on camels this was a hundred magi a

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00:42:05,430 --> 00:42:03,359

thousand camels and military escort

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00:42:06,950 --> 00:42:05,440

showing up at his court and saying

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00:42:08,069 --> 00:42:06,960

you're not the real king where's the

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00:42:11,190 --> 00:42:08,079

real king

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00:42:12,550 --> 00:42:11,200

so it says in the bible that herod and

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00:42:15,670 --> 00:42:12,560

all jerusalem

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00:42:16,950 --> 00:42:15,680

was greatly troubled he freaked out when

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00:42:20,309 --> 00:42:16,960

these guys showed up

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00:42:22,150 --> 00:42:20,319

so i do believe that it mostly was a

1215

00:42:23,670 --> 00:42:22,160

ruse it was wait a second

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00:42:25,750 --> 00:42:23,680

you know because he was a very shrewd

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00:42:26,550 --> 00:42:25,760

political operator very shrewd political

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00:42:28,069 --> 00:42:26,560

operator

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00:42:29,510 --> 00:42:28,079

so he would have just kind of backed off

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00:42:31,510 --> 00:42:29,520

and said okay well i'm gonna find out

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00:42:33,270 --> 00:42:31,520

where this baby is and then

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00:42:35,030 --> 00:42:33,280

send in my black ops team and quick and

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00:42:37,030 --> 00:42:35,040

quiet take him out

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00:42:38,470 --> 00:42:37,040

and then would he at some point have

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00:42:42,630 --> 00:42:38,480

ever felt threatened

1226
00:42:44,150 --> 00:42:42,640
by this baby child king of the jews

1227
00:42:46,550 --> 00:42:44,160
absolutely because that would have meant

1228
00:42:49,829 --> 00:42:46,560
massive insurrection

1229
00:42:50,950 --> 00:42:49,839
so would he have tried to have this

1230
00:42:53,510 --> 00:42:50,960
child killed

1231
00:42:54,870 --> 00:42:53,520
absolutely and that do we think that

1232
00:42:56,790 --> 00:42:54,880
that happened

1233
00:42:57,990 --> 00:42:56,800
well he didn't succeed because that's

1234
00:43:00,069 --> 00:42:58,000
where the story takes

1235
00:43:01,670 --> 00:43:00,079
up and says that you know an angel

1236
00:43:04,790 --> 00:43:01,680
communicated to joseph again

1237
00:43:08,870 --> 00:43:04,800
and said take uh the young child and his

1238
00:43:12,550 --> 00:43:10,870

they got up and got out of town and

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00:43:15,829 --> 00:43:12,560

where in egypt do they go

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00:43:18,790 --> 00:43:15,839

uh you know best guess is going to be

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00:43:21,829 --> 00:43:18,800

you know the Nile valley uh probably

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00:43:25,270 --> 00:43:21,839

very similar to if not exactly where

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00:43:27,510 --> 00:43:25,280

the Jews lived in large numbers when

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00:43:29,910 --> 00:43:27,520

they were captive in Egypt which would

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00:43:30,309 --> 00:43:29,920

be the land called Goshen which is in

1246

00:43:32,950 --> 00:43:30,319

the

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00:43:34,790 --> 00:43:32,960

eastern Nile valley and and when Mary

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00:43:38,550 --> 00:43:34,800

and Joseph are taking

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00:43:40,710 --> 00:43:38,560

their child there in their minds

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00:43:42,550 --> 00:43:40,720

they're taking the Messiah there they

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00:43:44,069 --> 00:43:42,560

they know or in their heads they are

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00:43:47,589 --> 00:43:44,079

raising the messiah

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00:43:53,030 --> 00:43:51,510

um and then ultimately he returns when

1254

00:43:55,270 --> 00:43:53,040

pardon me i got something caught in my

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00:43:57,750 --> 00:43:55,280

throat here um

1256

00:44:00,790 --> 00:43:57,760

say that again and and and then how old

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00:44:02,470 --> 00:44:00,800

is jesus when they uh return

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00:44:04,710 --> 00:44:02,480

hard to say we don't know exactly how

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00:44:06,710 --> 00:44:04,720

long

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00:44:08,710 --> 00:44:06,720

they were in egypt i think it was a

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00:44:10,470 --> 00:44:08,720

matter of no more than about six monthss

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00:44:12,630 --> 00:44:10,480

months to a year although the

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00:44:14,230 --> 00:44:12,640

traditional version of the story

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00:44:15,750 --> 00:44:14,240

suggests it was longer the traditional

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00:44:20,950 --> 00:44:15,760

version suggests

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00:44:23,109 --> 00:44:20,960

they were there for maybe a couple three

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00:44:24,150 --> 00:44:23,119

years i think it's more likely six

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00:44:26,710 --> 00:44:24,160

months to a year

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00:44:28,150 --> 00:44:26,720

before they came back because in the

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00:44:31,270 --> 00:44:28,160

story

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00:44:32,390 --> 00:44:31,280

in the bible it says that when they came

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00:44:37,030 --> 00:44:32,400

back

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00:44:40,790 --> 00:44:37,040

they realized that herod's son

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00:44:42,710 --> 00:44:40,800

was ruling in judea in his place

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00:44:45,430 --> 00:44:42,720

and that that's why because i think they

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00:44:46,790 --> 00:44:45,440

planned on going back to judea

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00:44:48,710 --> 00:44:46,800

but when they discovered that herod's

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00:44:50,150 --> 00:44:48,720

son was ruling in his place

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00:44:52,470 --> 00:44:50,160

that's when they said well let's go back

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00:44:54,950 --> 00:44:52,480

to nazareth

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00:44:56,069 --> 00:44:54,960

and is there any because you you've done

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00:44:59,109 --> 00:44:56,079

you know an amazing

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00:44:59,990 --> 00:44:59,119

historical analysis of all this uh is

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00:45:03,030 --> 00:45:00,000

there anything

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00:45:04,950 --> 00:45:03,040

in all of your historical analysis

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00:45:07,270 --> 00:45:04,960

that you found that's in the new

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00:45:09,589 --> 00:45:07,280

testament that is just

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00:45:11,270 --> 00:45:09,599

actually that doesn't really pan out

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00:45:12,710 --> 00:45:11,280

that part of the new testament is not

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00:45:15,910 --> 00:45:12,720

correct

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00:45:17,910 --> 00:45:15,920

i've never found any such thing yeah

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00:45:20,390 --> 00:45:17,920

so i found something that i think that

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00:45:21,829 --> 00:45:20,400

looked differently than we have assumed

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00:45:23,510 --> 00:45:21,839

people people have just incorporated

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00:45:24,470 --> 00:45:23,520

people misinterpreted things do you

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00:45:26,390 --> 00:45:24,480

think sure yeah

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00:45:27,990 --> 00:45:26,400

well i think this whole story is

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00:45:29,910 --> 00:45:28,000

significantly interpret

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00:45:31,670 --> 00:45:29,920

misinterpreted because that's that's the

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00:45:33,750 --> 00:45:31,680

whole point of my project

1301
00:45:35,030 --> 00:45:33,760
you know god save the king.org is the

1302
00:45:37,349 --> 00:45:35,040
fact that

1303
00:45:38,710 --> 00:45:37,359
there is this traditional traditional

1304
00:45:41,190 --> 00:45:38,720
nativity story

1305
00:45:41,990 --> 00:45:41,200
that everybody thinks is how it happened

1306
00:45:45,750 --> 00:45:42,000
and it has been

1307
00:45:47,829 --> 00:45:45,760
entrenched in our collective psyche for

1308
00:45:49,589 --> 00:45:47,839
hundreds if not thousands of years

1309
00:45:51,430 --> 00:45:49,599
and i think that story is largely

1310
00:45:53,990 --> 00:45:51,440
incorrect and that the true

1311
00:45:55,030 --> 00:45:54,000
biblical story okay and i say that as an

1312
00:45:57,030 --> 00:45:55,040
orthodox

1313
00:45:59,430 --> 00:45:57,040

believer i think that the true biblical

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00:46:02,470 --> 00:45:59,440

story is really quite different

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00:46:03,430 --> 00:46:02,480

and actually a better story and even

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00:46:06,950 --> 00:46:03,440

more amazing

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00:46:09,990 --> 00:46:06,960

and to be into be more specific i mean

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00:46:12,470 --> 00:46:10,000

what it what is the the particular

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00:46:13,750 --> 00:46:12,480

phrase or clause or paragraph or what

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00:46:15,750 --> 00:46:13,760

have you in the new testament

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00:46:17,270 --> 00:46:15,760

that people are misinterpreting well

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00:46:17,990 --> 00:46:17,280

it's it's it's a lot of things i mean

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00:46:19,109 --> 00:46:18,000

for example

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00:46:21,750 --> 00:46:19,119

you didn't get a chance to talk about

1325

00:46:24,309 --> 00:46:21,760

this uh the whole

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00:46:25,270 --> 00:46:24,319

no room in the in thing right it says

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00:46:27,030 --> 00:46:25,280

there was

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00:46:30,790 --> 00:46:27,040

you know the a lot of people think that

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00:46:33,910 --> 00:46:30,800

mary and joseph were a type of refugee

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00:46:35,589 --> 00:46:33,920

to use a term because there was no room

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00:46:36,790 --> 00:46:35,599

in the end there was no room in the

1332

00:46:39,430 --> 00:46:36,800

motel

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00:46:41,589 --> 00:46:39,440

but when you go to the greek it's not

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00:46:42,390 --> 00:46:41,599

the greek word for a traveler's in or a

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00:46:44,950 --> 00:46:42,400

motel

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00:46:46,470 --> 00:46:44,960

it's the greek word for a guest room

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00:46:47,990 --> 00:46:46,480

because they're going to their ancestral

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00:46:50,150 --> 00:46:48,000

hometown

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00:46:52,630 --> 00:46:50,160

and they're descended from david and

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00:46:54,069 --> 00:46:52,640

it's a it's a hospitality culture

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00:46:56,710 --> 00:46:54,079

all they would have had to have done was

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00:46:58,230 --> 00:46:56,720

walk into the town square sit down

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00:47:00,230 --> 00:46:58,240

and all joseph would have had to have

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00:47:01,510 --> 00:47:00,240

done was say my name is joseph i'm the

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00:47:03,829 --> 00:47:01,520

son of so-and-so who saw

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00:47:05,030 --> 00:47:03,839

so-and-so so-and-so and listed back to

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00:47:09,190 --> 00:47:05,040

david and they would have been

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00:47:11,349 --> 00:47:09,200

welcomed into any home in bethlehem

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00:47:13,109 --> 00:47:11,359

so jesus was born in a traditional

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00:47:15,670 --> 00:47:13,119

judean home

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00:47:17,030 --> 00:47:15,680
in bethlehem where there was simply no

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00:47:20,549 --> 00:47:17,040
room in the guest

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00:47:23,270 --> 00:47:20,559
room so this is one example

1354
00:47:25,030 --> 00:47:23,280
i can keep going for hours yeah so you

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00:47:27,430 --> 00:47:25,040
have two

1356
00:47:29,030 --> 00:47:27,440
important elements uh just to keep it

1357
00:47:31,270 --> 00:47:29,040
simple of jesus's life

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00:47:33,270 --> 00:47:31,280
you you've got this the birth and then

1359
00:47:37,190 --> 00:47:33,280
ultimately what he ends up

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00:47:38,390 --> 00:47:37,200
becoming which is um you know this

1361
00:47:40,470 --> 00:47:38,400
this i don't know what you call him a

1362
00:47:43,190 --> 00:47:40,480
preacher or teacher of men

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00:47:44,390 --> 00:47:43,200

um and so forth but with you know very

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00:47:47,190 --> 00:47:44,400

profound

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00:47:48,870 --> 00:47:47,200

teachings correct that he right very

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00:47:49,910 --> 00:47:48,880

profound teachings and then ultimately

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00:47:52,630 --> 00:47:49,920

of course he's

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00:47:54,309 --> 00:47:52,640

killed but from a historical perspective

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00:47:57,990 --> 00:47:54,319

it was it's always easy for me

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00:48:02,790 --> 00:47:58,000

to believe that yes clearly this is a

1371

00:48:06,950 --> 00:48:05,510

and then as far as the birth goes for me

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00:48:07,829 --> 00:48:06,960

looking at it as a skeptic kind of like

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00:48:10,069 --> 00:48:07,839

ah

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00:48:11,270 --> 00:48:10,079

that story sounds a little made up but

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00:48:13,109 --> 00:48:11,280

i'm certainly willing to believe that

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00:48:15,109 --> 00:48:13,119

there was a guy who in his 20s and 30s

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00:48:17,190 --> 00:48:15,119

had quite a following and had some very

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00:48:20,150 --> 00:48:17,200

profound things to say in fact i always

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00:48:23,270 --> 00:48:20,160

say that you know the teachings of jesus

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00:48:24,790 --> 00:48:23,280

sometimes get lost in some of the more

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00:48:28,549 --> 00:48:24,800

cultish elements of

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00:48:29,030 --> 00:48:28,559

of christianity um which is unfortunate

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00:48:30,870 --> 00:48:29,040

because

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00:48:32,870 --> 00:48:30,880

right i wouldn't necessarily disagree

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00:48:34,549 --> 00:48:32,880

with you yeah the the teachings are so

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00:48:37,670 --> 00:48:34,559

amazing that i'd love to see

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00:48:41,670 --> 00:48:37,680

more um more focus

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00:48:45,030 --> 00:48:41,680

on that but in your view as a historian

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00:48:47,270 --> 00:48:45,040

you believe the evidence historical

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00:48:49,030 --> 00:48:47,280

evidence of his birth

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00:48:50,870 --> 00:48:49,040

and a bit being this kind of special

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00:48:52,309 --> 00:48:50,880

thing is is just as strong as the

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00:48:55,190 --> 00:48:52,319

evidence of his later

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00:48:57,190 --> 00:48:55,200

teachings yes i do yeah yeah as a matter

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00:48:59,510 --> 00:48:57,200

of fact in a significant way

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00:49:01,030 --> 00:48:59,520

that is part of the reason behind this

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00:49:02,950 --> 00:49:01,040

project is because

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00:49:05,190 --> 00:49:02,960

uh christian apologists have already

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00:49:08,230 --> 00:49:05,200

handled his death and resurrection

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00:49:09,270 --> 00:49:08,240

you can buy books libraries full of

1401
00:49:11,510 --> 00:49:09,280
books

1402
00:49:13,190 --> 00:49:11,520
that handle the resurrection from an

1403
00:49:16,390 --> 00:49:13,200
apologetics point of view

1404
00:49:18,309 --> 00:49:16,400
to demonstrate that as we just said um

1405
00:49:19,670 --> 00:49:18,319
jesus was a legitimate historical figure

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00:49:21,829 --> 00:49:19,680
he actually lived

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00:49:23,990 --> 00:49:21,839
he did you know he did what everybody

1408
00:49:25,030 --> 00:49:24,000
said he did and then he died now then

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00:49:27,430 --> 00:49:25,040
you get into the question of the

1410
00:49:30,470 --> 00:49:27,440
resurrection and the whole

1411
00:49:31,990 --> 00:49:30,480
point of these apologetic treatments of

1412
00:49:35,109 --> 00:49:32,000
his death and resurrection

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00:49:36,790 --> 00:49:35,119

is to prove that he was resurrected

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00:49:38,470 --> 00:49:36,800

well frankly part of what i'm doing is

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00:49:40,390 --> 00:49:38,480

i'm doing the same kind of thing

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00:49:41,589 --> 00:49:40,400

i'm just doing it with his birth instead

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00:49:44,630 --> 00:49:41,599

because this

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00:49:47,109 --> 00:49:44,640

is largely uncharted territory

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00:49:48,790 --> 00:49:47,119

in light of the fact that the story is

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00:49:50,870 --> 00:49:48,800

so much different than we think

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00:49:52,230 --> 00:49:50,880

there's been tons of research done about

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00:49:54,870 --> 00:49:52,240

the astronomy about

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00:49:56,470 --> 00:49:54,880

what was it the magi saw and i mean what

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00:49:58,069 --> 00:49:56,480

date was he really born

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00:50:00,069 --> 00:49:58,079

i mean that's all over the place but

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00:50:03,510 --> 00:50:00,079

when i originally

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00:50:04,230 --> 00:50:03,520

encountered the hypothesis now 30 years

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00:50:07,349 --> 00:50:04,240

ago

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00:50:10,790 --> 00:50:07,359

that he was not born on december 25th

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00:50:13,750 --> 00:50:10,800

although that didn't shock me i think

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00:50:15,109 --> 00:50:13,760

what happened at the time was i went oh

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00:50:18,790 --> 00:50:15,119

well

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00:50:20,150 --> 00:50:18,800

so he wasn't born on that date but

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00:50:22,069 --> 00:50:20,160

okay so the rest of the story doesn't

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00:50:23,349 --> 00:50:22,079

really change much does it and then over

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00:50:25,030 --> 00:50:23,359

30 years of research

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00:50:27,270 --> 00:50:25,040

it just took me totally by surprise and

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00:50:29,030 --> 00:50:27,280

went oh no that changes everything

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00:50:30,630 --> 00:50:29,040

it just changes absolutely everything

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00:50:31,109 --> 00:50:30,640

the story just doesn't look like we

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00:50:34,230 --> 00:50:31,119

thought

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00:50:35,990 --> 00:50:34,240

at all and remind me this as far as any

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00:50:39,510 --> 00:50:36,000

prophecies in the old testament that

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00:50:42,309 --> 00:50:39,520

there would be a messiah that would come

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00:50:42,710 --> 00:50:42,319

was it understood that the messiah was

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00:50:45,829 --> 00:50:42,720

the

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00:50:48,870 --> 00:50:45,839

son of god well that's that's a good

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00:50:50,870 --> 00:50:48,880

that's a very good question because

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00:50:53,030 --> 00:50:50,880

when you talk about all the prophetic

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00:50:55,750 --> 00:50:53,040

elements in the old testament

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00:50:56,790 --> 00:50:55,760
about when jesus would come one of the

1452
00:50:59,430 --> 00:50:56,800
key components is

1453
00:51:01,589 --> 00:50:59,440
is that you know a lot of the jews quote

1454
00:51:04,230 --> 00:51:01,599
unquote did not recognize

1455
00:51:05,030 --> 00:51:04,240
their own messiah right we we understand

1456
00:51:07,190 --> 00:51:05,040
that as

1457
00:51:09,030 --> 00:51:07,200
as christians as believers it's like

1458
00:51:10,549 --> 00:51:09,040
okay well i recognize he's the messiah

1459
00:51:13,109 --> 00:51:10,559
but how come the jews

1460
00:51:14,549 --> 00:51:13,119
missed it right well jesus to be clear

1461
00:51:18,150 --> 00:51:14,559
jews to this day

1462
00:51:19,910 --> 00:51:18,160
but if you read the gospels

1463
00:51:21,589 --> 00:51:19,920

you know you read all the gospel records

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00:51:24,950 --> 00:51:21,599

matthew mark luke john and you

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00:51:28,549 --> 00:51:24,960

you read all those records it's filled

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00:51:32,069 --> 00:51:28,559

with the jews going yeah you're not him

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00:51:35,589 --> 00:51:32,079

right a big part of that is because

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00:51:35,990 --> 00:51:35,599

how he is described in the prophecies in

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00:51:38,150 --> 00:51:36,000

the old

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00:51:39,510 --> 00:51:38,160

testament is he's described two

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00:51:42,549 --> 00:51:39,520

different ways

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00:51:46,069 --> 00:51:42,559

on one hand he is described as this

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00:51:47,030 --> 00:51:46,079

warrior king who is going to destroy his

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00:51:49,270 --> 00:51:47,040

enemies

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00:51:50,309 --> 00:51:49,280

right but on the other hand he's also

1476
00:51:53,349 --> 00:51:50,319
portrayed

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00:51:56,549 --> 00:51:53,359
as the suffering servant okay

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00:51:58,230 --> 00:51:56,559
so if the expectation

1479
00:52:00,790 --> 00:51:58,240
and i understand this from personal

1480
00:52:01,750 --> 00:52:00,800
experience if you're expecting a certain

1481
00:52:07,109 --> 00:52:01,760
thing

1482
00:52:08,309 --> 00:52:07,119
that can really throw you for a loop

1483
00:52:09,750 --> 00:52:08,319
that you don't wreck

1484
00:52:11,349 --> 00:52:09,760
here you have this and you're just you

1485
00:52:14,549 --> 00:52:11,359
just got blinders on

1486
00:52:18,950 --> 00:52:14,559
because of your specific expectations

1487
00:52:21,829 --> 00:52:18,960
you know so the question was

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00:52:22,710 --> 00:52:21,839

was he uh prophesied to be the son of

1489

00:52:25,430 --> 00:52:22,720

god

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00:52:27,910 --> 00:52:25,440

and the answer is yes but that falls

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00:52:30,790 --> 00:52:27,920

mostly under that category of

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00:52:32,230 --> 00:52:30,800

the suffering servant angle whereas the

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00:52:33,910 --> 00:52:32,240

jews were really looking for this

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00:52:35,990 --> 00:52:33,920

warrior king

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00:52:37,670 --> 00:52:36,000

and what about virgin birth was that

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00:52:40,710 --> 00:52:37,680

part of any prophecy

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00:52:42,470 --> 00:52:40,720

it's it's it's it's a subject subject

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00:52:44,549 --> 00:52:42,480

to debate i believe that it is that it's

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00:52:45,990 --> 00:52:44,559

in isaiah that it's really pretty clear

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00:52:49,109 --> 00:52:46,000

that it's prophesied to be a virgin

1501
00:52:52,870 --> 00:52:49,119
birth you know uh in isaiah yes

1502
00:52:55,910 --> 00:52:52,880
and the jews would say the mere fact

1503
00:52:59,510 --> 00:52:55,920
that jesus failed in returning

1504
00:53:01,589 --> 00:52:59,520
israel to its greatness and so on that

1505
00:53:03,190 --> 00:53:01,599
that it's a circular argument a bit but

1506
00:53:05,430 --> 00:53:03,200
that inherently

1507
00:53:07,030 --> 00:53:05,440
tells you that this was not the messiah

1508
00:53:08,230 --> 00:53:07,040
right well it is a circular argument

1509
00:53:11,430 --> 00:53:08,240
because you have to

1510
00:53:13,990 --> 00:53:11,440
define failure right you know

1511
00:53:15,990 --> 00:53:14,000
because because he died but then if you

1512
00:53:18,230 --> 00:53:16,000
believe in the resurrection

1513
00:53:19,589 --> 00:53:18,240

so that does that make his death a

1514

00:53:22,470 --> 00:53:19,599

defeat or a victory

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00:53:22,950 --> 00:53:22,480

yeah right but but for jews victory

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00:53:26,630 --> 00:53:22,960

meant

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00:53:27,990 --> 00:53:26,640

restoring corrupt to its prior glory and

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00:53:31,109 --> 00:53:28,000

certainly not being under

1519

00:53:32,390 --> 00:53:31,119

the the subjects of rome right which

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00:53:35,589 --> 00:53:32,400

certainly did not happen

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00:53:37,109 --> 00:53:35,599

at that time yep right so how do you

1522

00:53:42,470 --> 00:53:37,119

reconcile

1523

00:53:44,710 --> 00:53:42,480

that it's called the second coming

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00:53:46,309 --> 00:53:44,720

that those prophecies see because those

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00:53:48,470 --> 00:53:46,319

are legitimate prophecies

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00:53:50,069 --> 00:53:48,480

when you consider all the prophecies in

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00:53:53,270 --> 00:53:50,079

the old covenant

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00:53:56,470 --> 00:53:53,280

about the mashiach the messiah the king

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00:53:57,349 --> 00:53:56,480

right he is described both ways not one

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00:54:00,470 --> 00:53:57,359

or the other

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00:54:02,069 --> 00:54:00,480

both right it's just that when he showed

1532

00:54:04,870 --> 00:54:02,079

up at his first coming

1533

00:54:07,190 --> 00:54:04,880

he showed up as the suffering servant

1534

00:54:10,309 --> 00:54:07,200

when what the jews expected

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00:54:12,230 --> 00:54:10,319

was the warrior king the whole issue of

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00:54:14,230 --> 00:54:12,240

the second coming

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00:54:16,390 --> 00:54:14,240

from a christian perspective is that

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00:54:20,630 --> 00:54:16,400

when he returns the second time

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00:54:22,309 --> 00:54:20,640

it is as the warrior king

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00:54:24,870 --> 00:54:22,319

and so ultimately i said that we would

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00:54:27,510 --> 00:54:24,880

we would get there which is

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00:54:28,390 --> 00:54:27,520

you know what causes you to believe that

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00:54:30,470 --> 00:54:28,400

he's truly

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00:54:31,910 --> 00:54:30,480

a the messiah or more importantly the

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00:54:34,549 --> 00:54:31,920

son of god and

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00:54:34,950 --> 00:54:34,559

was resurrected in all those things you

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00:54:38,630 --> 00:54:34,960

know

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00:54:41,750 --> 00:54:38,640

again a historical figure yes

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00:54:46,069 --> 00:54:41,760

great uh philosopher and

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00:54:48,789 --> 00:54:46,079

uh you know brilliant teachings in in

1551
00:54:49,589 --> 00:54:48,799
things to to live by but what is it that

1552
00:54:52,789 --> 00:54:49,599
causes you

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00:54:53,670 --> 00:54:52,799
to go the extra step right this is the

1554
00:54:56,390 --> 00:54:53,680
son of god

1555
00:54:57,750 --> 00:54:56,400
well the extra step is a combination of

1556
00:55:01,430 --> 00:54:57,760
being scriptural

1557
00:55:05,109 --> 00:55:01,440
and experiential right there's a story

1558
00:55:06,150 --> 00:55:05,119
in the gospels where jesus asks his

1559
00:55:08,950 --> 00:55:06,160
followers

1560
00:55:11,270 --> 00:55:08,960
who do you say that i am in other words

1561
00:55:11,589 --> 00:55:11,280
when people ask you who i am what do you

1562
00:55:13,829 --> 00:55:11,599
say

1563
00:55:14,789 --> 00:55:13,839

right or what i actually let me rephrase

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00:55:17,109 --> 00:55:14,799

that he says

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00:55:18,390 --> 00:55:17,119

who do the people say that i am he says

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00:55:19,910 --> 00:55:18,400

that first

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00:55:21,510 --> 00:55:19,920

uh who do the people say i am so the

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00:55:22,470 --> 00:55:21,520

people are some people say well you're

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00:55:25,829 --> 00:55:22,480

moses

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00:55:27,829 --> 00:55:25,839

say you're a prophet

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00:55:30,789 --> 00:55:27,839

and then jesus repeats the question and

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00:55:33,430 --> 00:55:30,799

he says okay so who do you

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00:55:33,990 --> 00:55:33,440

say that i am and the apostle peter

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00:55:37,349 --> 00:55:34,000

pipes up

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00:55:39,030 --> 00:55:37,359

and he says thou art the christ the son

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00:55:42,150 --> 00:55:39,040
of the living god

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00:55:44,390 --> 00:55:42,160
and jesus responds by saying well done

1578
00:55:45,589 --> 00:55:44,400
well said simon barjona simon son of

1579
00:55:48,230 --> 00:55:45,599
jonah

1580
00:55:49,510 --> 00:55:48,240
for flesh and blood has not revealed

1581
00:55:51,910 --> 00:55:49,520
this to you

1582
00:55:52,630 --> 00:55:51,920
but my father who is in heaven so in

1583
00:55:55,670 --> 00:55:52,640
other words

1584
00:55:57,510 --> 00:55:55,680
peter's recognition of jesus as the

1585
00:55:59,430 --> 00:55:57,520
messiah was experiential

1586
00:56:00,549 --> 00:55:59,440
it's because it wasn't simply because he

1587
00:56:01,750 --> 00:56:00,559
met him in the flesh

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00:56:04,150 --> 00:56:01,760

which you would think that would be

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00:56:06,150 --> 00:56:04,160

amazing oh my god i met him in the flesh

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00:56:07,990 --> 00:56:06,160

i've got to be convinced right and yet

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00:56:09,270 --> 00:56:08,000

this is the same peter who denied him at

1592

00:56:12,309 --> 00:56:09,280

his resurrection

1593

00:56:14,549 --> 00:56:12,319

but it was the revelation experience

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00:56:16,549 --> 00:56:14,559

being revealed to him by god in heaven

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00:56:19,750 --> 00:56:16,559

that said this is my son

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00:56:22,150 --> 00:56:19,760

and for me it's the same

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00:56:24,390 --> 00:56:22,160

so it's a combination of the fact that

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00:56:27,750 --> 00:56:24,400

i've studied the scriptures for 30 years

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00:56:28,549 --> 00:56:27,760

i am overwhelmed by the truth that i've

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00:56:31,430 --> 00:56:28,559

discovered

1601
00:56:33,349 --> 00:56:31,440
but then that has been combined with the

1602
00:56:36,069 --> 00:56:33,359
revelation experience

1603
00:56:37,109 --> 00:56:36,079
of god speaking to me himself thank you

1604
00:56:40,309 --> 00:56:37,119
again to tim

1605
00:56:41,589 --> 00:56:40,319
keys the documentary is called god save

1606
00:56:43,109 --> 00:56:41,599
the king

1607
00:56:45,190 --> 00:56:43,119
and you'll see our producer michael

1608
00:56:46,950 --> 00:56:45,200
parker as the host

1609
00:56:48,309 --> 00:56:46,960
again merry christmas happy holidays to

1610
00:56:50,130 --> 00:56:48,319
all we'll be back soon with another

1611
00:56:55,109 --> 00:56:50,140
episode of the hidden truth show

1612
00:56:58,309 --> 00:56:56,549
thank you for listening to the truth

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00:57:01,910 --> 00:56:58,319

show with jim breslow

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