

FULFILLMENT

¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

Luke 2:1-11 (NIV)



⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. ⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

Luke 2:1-11 (NIV)



⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:1-11 (NIV)



FULFILLMENT TAKES PLACE
THROUGH HIS REACH



Fulfillment Takes Place Through His Reach

Providence: The care and superintendence which God exercises over His creatures.

- *Noah Webster's Dictionary*

Providence is the Reach of God to shape and steer us into the fulfillment of His plan for our lives.



God Reaches Through Acts of Power Which Are Seldom Noticeable

In those days **Caesar Augustus** issued a decree that a **census** should be taken of the entire Roman world.

Luke 2:1 (NIV)



God Reaches Through A Process Which Is Seldom Comfortable

⁴So Joseph also **went up** from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵**He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.**

Luke 2:4-5 (NIV)



God Reaches For A Purpose Which Is Seldom Understandable

¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹**Today in a town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.**

Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)

