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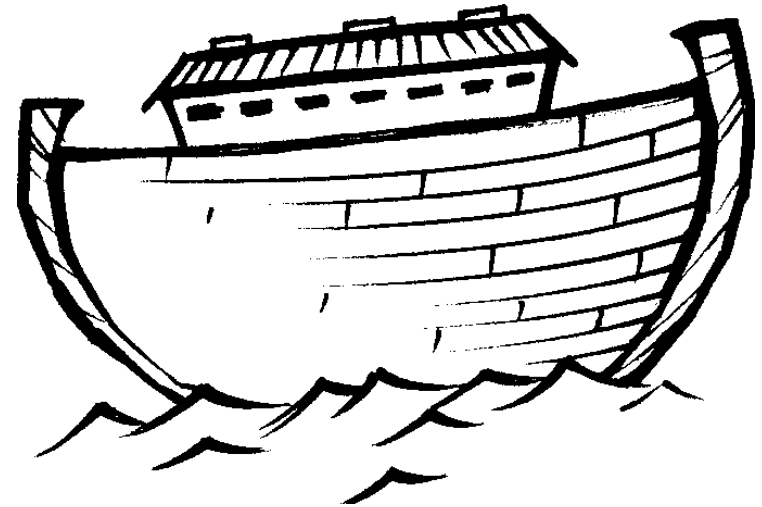
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# Great Events



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Ask God to help you memorize in order these  
great events in the history of His people.

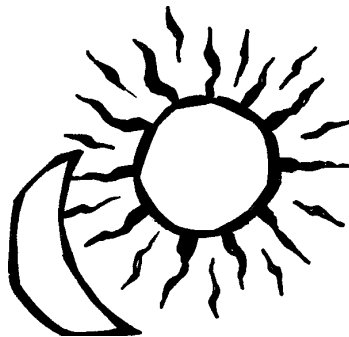
Over the centuries, God has used great historical events to form a  
people willing to worship and serve Him with all their heart.

The first event is found in Genesis 1.

## CREATION

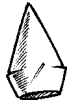
(Genesis 1 and 2)

In the beginning God created the  
heavens and the earth. He also  
created all plants, birds, animals  
and mankind.



All things were very good. But  
man sinned, and everything was  
corrupted by his fall.

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## PRACTICAL WORK

- Memorize the list of events in order, and teach their meaning to your people.

# THE FALL

(Genesis 3)

Satan took the form of a serpent to deceive man, and tempted him.

Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit. They disobeyed God. This was man's first sin (original sin).



Adam's descendants became more and more wicked and corrupted the world. All the world was corrupted. God decided to destroy all of sinful mankind with a flood.

Who brought sin and corruption into the world (besides Adam and Eve)? S\_\_\_\_\_.

# THE FLOOD

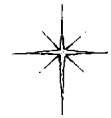
(Genesis 7)

God destroyed all on earth through a flood. But He saved Noah and his family.

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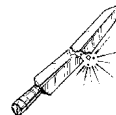
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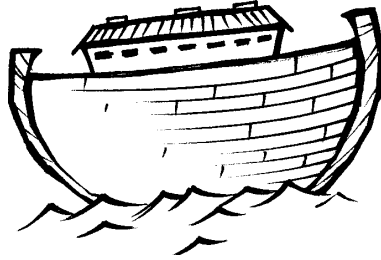
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This was a new opportunity. But Noah's descendants became corrupt as before and many turned to idols. They all forgot God. This is why God chose from among all peoples on earth, one man who



would obey Him. From this man God promised to make a holy nation, a people of God. God made this covenant (agreement) with Abraham, the Hebrew (descendant of Heber).

## THE COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

(Genesis 12,15)

God promised Abraham a great number of descendants, as many as the stars. They would become a great nation. He also promised him a land for this nation. The Jews are



all descendants of Abraham. This is why they call him "father." All believers receive spiritual blessings, through the promise given to Abraham. We are his sons, because we have the same faith as Abraham. (Romans 4:16-18)

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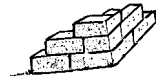
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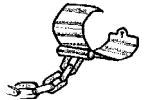
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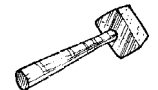
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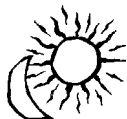
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Abraham believed God. God blessed Abraham with a son, Isaac.  
Isaac's son was Jacob.

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God also promised to bless all the nations of the world, through  
Abraham's offspring. This was fulfilled in the coming of Christ, the  
Son of God, and descendant of Abraham.

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Whom did God choose to be the father of the new nation of Israel?

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Through what descendent of Abraham did God finally fulfill His  
promise to bless all nations of the world?

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God gave Jacob (grandson of Abraham) the name of "Israel." This is  
why his descendants are called "Sons of Israel" or Israelites.

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God told Abraham that his descendants would be slaves in Egypt for  
400 years. This was fulfilled when, because of famine, Jacob (son of  
Isaac and grandson of Abraham), went to live in Egypt. We find the  
history of Abraham and his family in Genesis.

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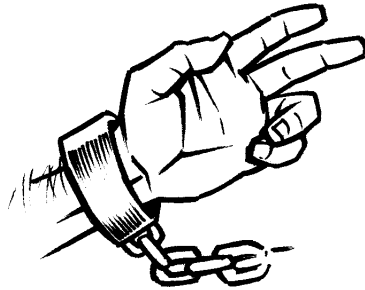
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## SLAVERY IN EGYPT

(Genesis 46, Exodus 1)

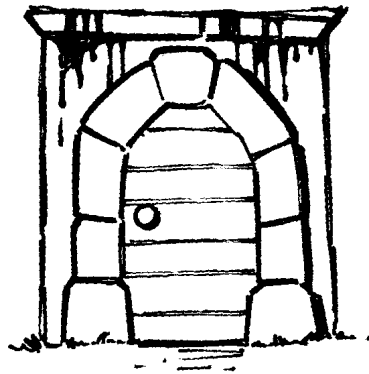
Jacob had twelve sons. They went to Egypt to survive a famine. They multiplied there, forming twelve tribes. Later the Egyptians made them slaves. Their lives were hard and they cried to God for help.



## THE MIRACULOUS DELIVERANCE

(Exodus 12)

Then God raised up Moses to deliver them. God punished the Egyptians with ten plagues. Then He passed over them at midnight and killed all the firstborn of the Egyptians.



## THE EXTENSION OF CHURCH

We are in this period now. The Church is extending to all nations of the world. The Lord has promised that when all nations have heard the Gospel, the end of the present age will come.

(Matthew 24:14)



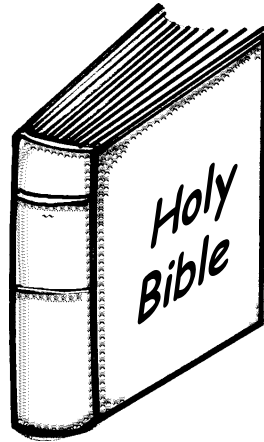
God is forming a people who worship and serve Him with all their heart. This people, the Church, saved by the Lord Jesus Christ, will enter the new creation that God will make. (2 Peter 3:13)

## SUMMARY TEST

In the next section, write down what each drawing symbolizes. If you do not remember, look at the previous pages.

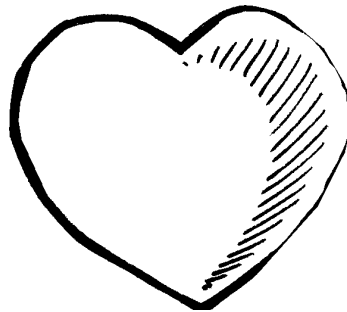
# THE REFORMATION

Martin Luther started the reformation of the church in Germany, beginning in the year 1517. The Protestants acknowledged the Holy Bible, the Word of God, and not the Pope, as the supreme authority for Christians. They emphasized that we are saved by faith, not by works.



# THE EVANGELICAL AWAKENING

Two hundred years ago, the evangelicals emphasized that it was not enough to know the doctrine of the Bible. People needed to know Jesus Christ personally, being born again through the Holy Spirit.



But the Lord passed over, without harming, the firstborn of those Israelites who had marked the tops and the sides of their door frames with blood.

Whom did God use to deliver Israel from Egypt?

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Punished by the plagues and deaths, the ruler of the Egyptians allowed the Israelites to leave Egypt. But soon he changed his mind. His soldiers pursued the Israelites.

God parted the waters of the Red Sea for the Israelites to cross on dry ground. But when the Egyptians soldiers tried to cross, God drowned them in the sea.

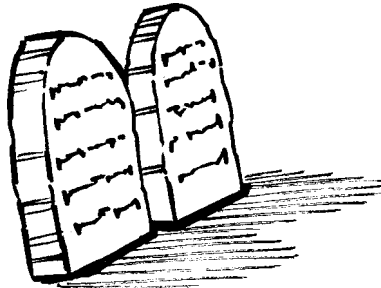
After this, the people of God traveled in the desert. Through Moses as mediator, God gave them His law.

## THE LAW

(Exodus 20)

God engraved His law on two stone tablets on Mount Sinai.

God wanted to take them to the land He had promised to Abraham. But the people disobeyed God; so they had to wander in the desert for 40 years.

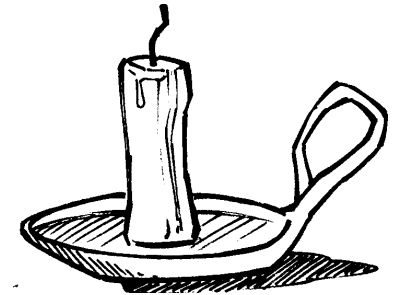


When those who were disobedient had died, God guided His people to the Promised Land. However, the land was inhabited by nations who did not know God. The Israelites had to defeat them.

The exodus from Egypt, the experiences in the desert and Moses' law are written in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

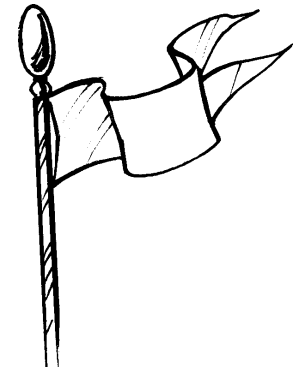
## THE DARK AGES

During the period from 500AD to 1000 A.D. the governments of the nations were weak. There was little education or art. The church suffered through ignorance.



## THE CRUSADES

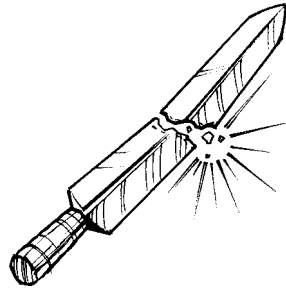
The Crusades were military expeditions from Western Europe against the Muslim conquerers. Mistakenly, they tried to conquer the Holy Land of Israel (Palestine) by force, motivated by greed. They also attacked and looted Christian cities along the way.





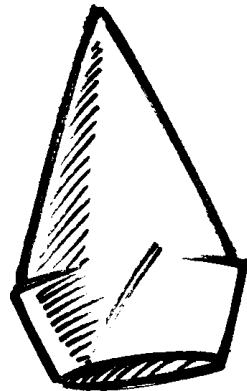
## FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

The Roman Empire had been declining for many years. In the year 476 A.D. the Empire fell. A time of lawlessness followed in Western Europe.



## RISE OF THE BISHOP OF ROME

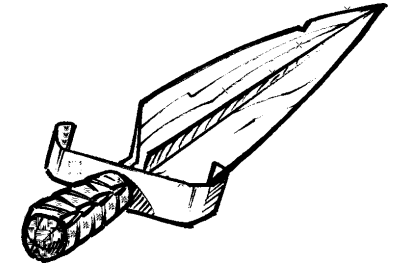
The Roman Emperor supported the bishop of Rome. He began to assume more and more power over other pastors and bishops. He was called “Pope.” The church no longer simply obeyed Christ, its head. It imitated the Roman system of government.



## CONQUEST OF THE LAND

(Joshua)

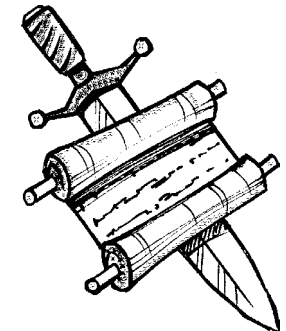
Joshua led God’s army. They invaded the Promised Land and conquered the idolaters who lived there. Once they were safe, the Israelites forgot God. He raised up foreign nations to punish them. When they repented, He sent Judges to establish order.



## GOVERNMENT OF JUDGES

(Judges)

When the Israelites began to worship other gods, the Lord punished them with invasion by foreign nations.



When they repented, God freed them from their enemies through a judge, and they had peace, until they sinned again. This process was repeated several times.

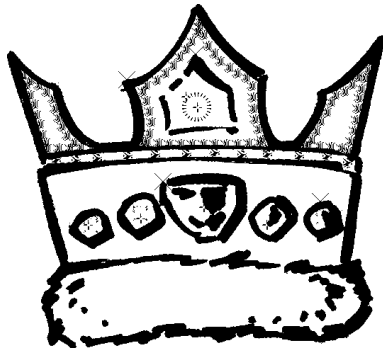
The rule of the judges is found in Judges, Ruth and 1 Samuel. Later on, the Israelites rejected their judges, and asked for a king. God gave them Saul to reign over them.

## THE BEGINNING OF THE KINGDOM

(1 Samuel 9)

The first kings were Saul, David and Solomon. David conquered much territory and brought order and prosperity to the kingdom.

God made a covenant with David. He promised to raise up a special king from his offspring whose kingdom would be established forever. Mary, the mother of the Lord Jesus Christ, and Joseph, His adoptive father, both descended from David.



All the prophecies about David's offspring who would reign forever are fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ.

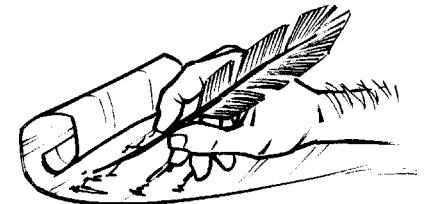
Constantine was the first Roman emperor to become a Christian. In the year 313 A.D., he proclaimed the Edict of Milan, which protected the Church. The Church, a holy fellowship, became an institution supported by the Roman government. It lost its purity.

Who was the first emperor to become a Christian, at least in name?

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## DEVELOPMENT OF THE CREEDS

Gradually the Christians, as they encountered heresies, developed the "creeds" (from the Latin "credo" which means "I believe"), which are summaries of the Christian faith.



The "Apostles" creed, the "Nicene" creed, and the "Chalcedonian" creed, are the most important.

The Holy Spirit came first to the believing Jews on the day of Pentecost. Then He came to the non-Jews when Peter preached in Cornelius' house in Cesarea.

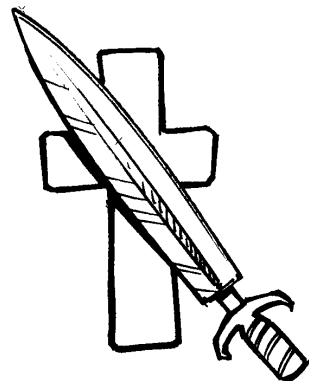
The early church evangelized. It grew rapidly. They followed the Apostles' example. Christ sent the Holy Spirit so that all the disciples would have the power to witness for Him.

Who gives us the strength and authority to witness? \_\_\_\_\_

**From here on, the history of the church is not in the Bible, but in ancient historical documents.**

## THE CONVERSION OF CONSTANTINE

The Roman emperors persecuted the Christians and many of them died. In spite of this, the Church grew rapidly in all the Empire, and also outside it (in parts of Asia, Europe and Northern Africa).



God made a covenant with David, that one of his descendants would reign forever. In whom did God fulfill this promise?

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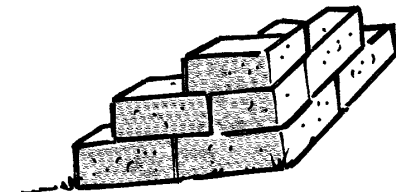
The third king Solomon, David's wise son, built the first temple.

## THE BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE

(1 Kings 6)

The temple was beautiful, and famous in all the earth. It represented God's presence among His people. The Israelites sacrificed animals there, foreshadowing Christ's death for us.

Sadly, when Solomon grew old, he turned away from the Lord, and served idols. As a punishment, God determined that Solomon's descendants would rule only one tribe, Judah. The other tribes would form another kingdom.

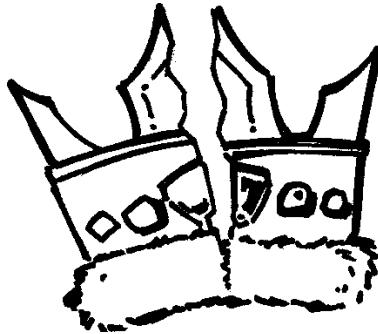


## DIVISION OF THE KINGDOM

(1 Kings 12)

The twelve tribes of Israel separated; ten tribes of the north formed the kingdom of Israel. The tribes in the south became the kingdom of Judah. (This is the origin of the name “Jew.” Today, all the descendants of Israel are called Jews, even if they are from other tribes.)

After the division, the two kingdoms, Israel and Judah, became weaker. They often disobeyed God, and worshipped idols. God’s prophets warned them, but the people paid no attention. God had to punish them.



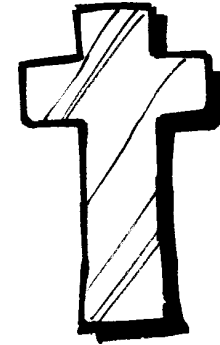
What were the names of the two kingdoms after the division?

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The account of the kings is found in the books of 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings and 1 and 2 Chronicles. The warnings of the prophets are found in Isaiah, Jeremiah and other prophetic books.

## DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ, God’s Son is the sacrificial Lamb who died for us. Through faith in Him we receive forgiveness of sins.

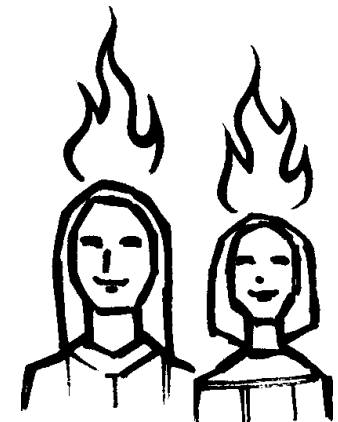


After His resurrection, Jesus Christ commanded His disciples to take the gospel into all the world. Then He ascended to heaven. Now, by believing in Him, everyone, whether Jews or not, can belong to God’s people.

## THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH

(Acts and the Epistles)

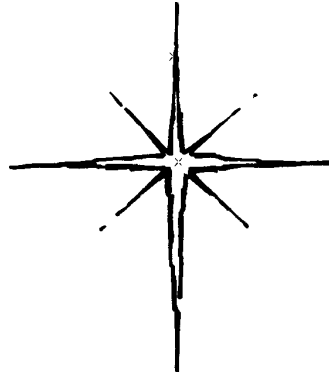
Christ sent all His disciples to evangelize the nations. He commanded them to preach repentance and forgiveness in His name, in the power of the Holy Spirit. (Luke 24:46-49, Acts 1:8)



## The New Testament Begins:

### BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

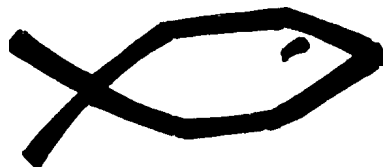
(Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)  
When Jesus Christ was born, the Roman Empire ruled over the Mediterranean world. Our Lord began his public ministry at the age of 30.



### JESUS CHRIST'S MINISTRY

(The fish has been a Christian symbol for many centuries, because in the Greek language the letters of the word "fish" form an acrostic: "Jesus, Christ, Son of God, Savior.")

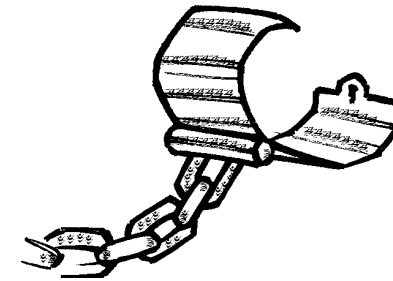
Jesus Christ's public ministry on earth lasted about three years. He went about preaching the Gospel, teaching, and training His disciples. In the Gospels we have the account of the Lord's life and teaching.



God allowed the king of Assyria to take the kingdom of Israel into exile. More than a hundred years later, the king of Babylon destroyed Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, and took that nation into captivity.

### CAPTIVITY IN BABYLON

(2 Kings 25)



The Jews were exiled in Babylon. There they repented of their idolatry and disobedience to God. Once again they called on God for help, asking for release. God allowed them to return to their land.

## THE RETURN

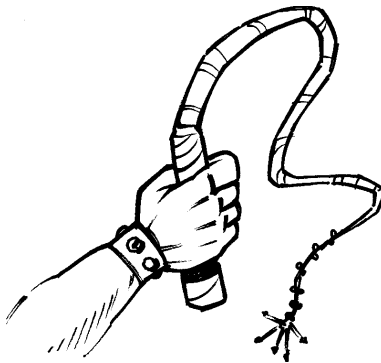
(Ezra 1)

The Persians defeated the Babylonian Empire. The Persians permitted the Jews to return to their land. The leaders in the rebuilding of Jerusalem were Ezra and Nehemiah. Nevertheless, when the Jews returned, they were not completely free. They were under the domination of different foreign powers.



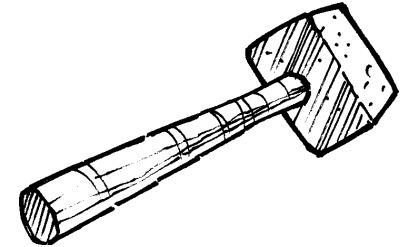
## DOMINATION BY FOREIGNERS

Persia, Greece and Syria dominated Israel after its restoration. The Jews were restless under the domination of the foreigners. Several times, they tried to rebel. For a short time they were liberated by the “Maccabees.”



## FREEDOM THROUGH THE MACCABEES

This brief period of freedom was won by Judas Maccabaeus (called “the hammer”). The books of the Old Testament do not contain this account. It happened during the period between the Old and the New Testaments, before the birth of Christ. During this period the Romans began their conquest of the world.



## THE ROMAN EMPIRE BEGINS

The Romans dominated the world for over 500 years. They governed the land of the Jews (formerly called Palestine), when the Lord Jesus Christ was born.

