

A starburst of light shines down from the top center of the frame, illuminating a manger containing a baby. The background is a dark, starry night sky. The text "GREAT EXPECTATIONS" is written in a large, white, serif font across the middle of the image.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

“Discovering His Name”

Matt 1:21-23, Isaiah 7:10-14

1. ***Does the “name of Jesus” have any real, tangible, or personal effects on your expectations in life? Consider how Joseph’s expectations still impact believers in Jesus today.***

- V 21 – “... she will bear a Son and you shall ***call his name Jesus***, for it is he who shall ***save his people from their sins.***”
 - 1 Cor 6:11

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- ***Defined Power, Promise, and Authority of the Name of Jesus.***

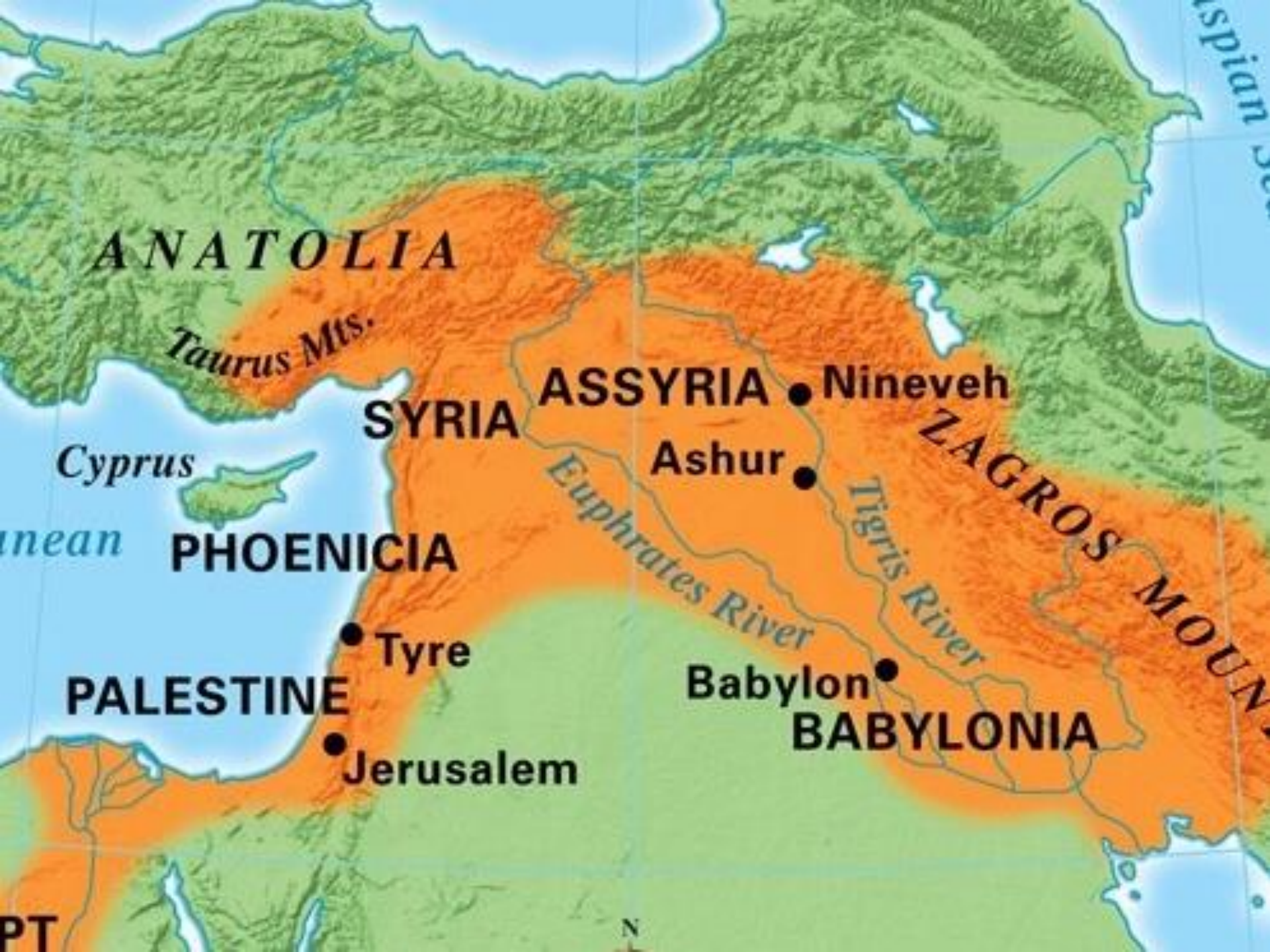
1. To save us from our sins. 1 Cor 6:18	5. To be present when we gather. Mt 18:20
2. To answer our prayers. Jn 14:13	6. To intercede for us. Rom 8:27
3. To work through us. Jn 14:12-14	7. To judge the world. Phil 2:9-11
4. To destroy the works of the devil. 1 Jn 3:8	8. To give us life to the full. Jn 10:10
	9. To provide a helper – HS. Jn 14:16-18

2. *Two men in Scripture received an identical message. Their individual expectations of God defined their next steps. Christmas is a time to be reminded that His name shall be called “Immanuel”!*

- **Isaiah 7:14** “The Lord Himself will give you a sign...”
- **Matt 1:23** "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and *they* shall **call his name Immanuel**" (which means, **God with us**).
- **Heb 11:6, Isaiah 43:2, 41:10, Ps 27:3, Matt 28:20**

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ANATOLIA

Taurus Mts.

SYRIA

ASSYRIA

● Nineveh

● Ashur

ZAGROS MOUNTAINS

Euphrates River

Tigris River

PHOENICIA

● Tyre

PALESTINE

● Jerusalem

● Babylon

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3. What great expectations does Jesus have for you and me this Christmas? How can we reveal Jesus by our actions this Christmas?

- **V24** When Joseph woke from sleep, he *did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him*; he took his wife but *knew her not* until she gave birth to a son. **And he called his name Jesus.**
- Colossians 3:17, John 10:25

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A manger with a baby Jesus wrapped in blue cloth, set against a starry night sky.

Next Steps:

1. What we are doing in the “name of Jesus” this Christmas matters to Howard County. Will you be an “Immanuel” to someone this Christmas by inviting them to church? By sharing what God is doing and has done in your life? Will you be a “light” to those around you in a real and tangible way?
2. Give of your time, \$, attention, or helps to someone who is in need? Ask God to bring someone across your path who can share the love of God with.

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