

Introduction

- I. The text teaches us how God controlled all things so that our Savior was born in Bethlehem.
- II. This points us to the decree of God – this did not happen by chance and not an accident.

Born in Bethlehem

(1) Accomplished by a Sovereign Decree

I. *Caesar's Decree*

- A. God used one of the most powerful men that ever lived on this earth, to accomplish His purpose.

- B. This taxation was carried out in two ways we learn from the text.

II. *God's Purpose*

- A. The text teaches us all these events were governed by God's decree.

- B. What was God's purpose in this decree of God? Why Caesar's decree and the taxation? It was all to bring Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem so that Jesus could be born there.

III. *Christ's Rule*

- A. In Bethlehem was born a King greater than Caesar Augustus.

- B. We celebrate the birth of our King, the Son of David.