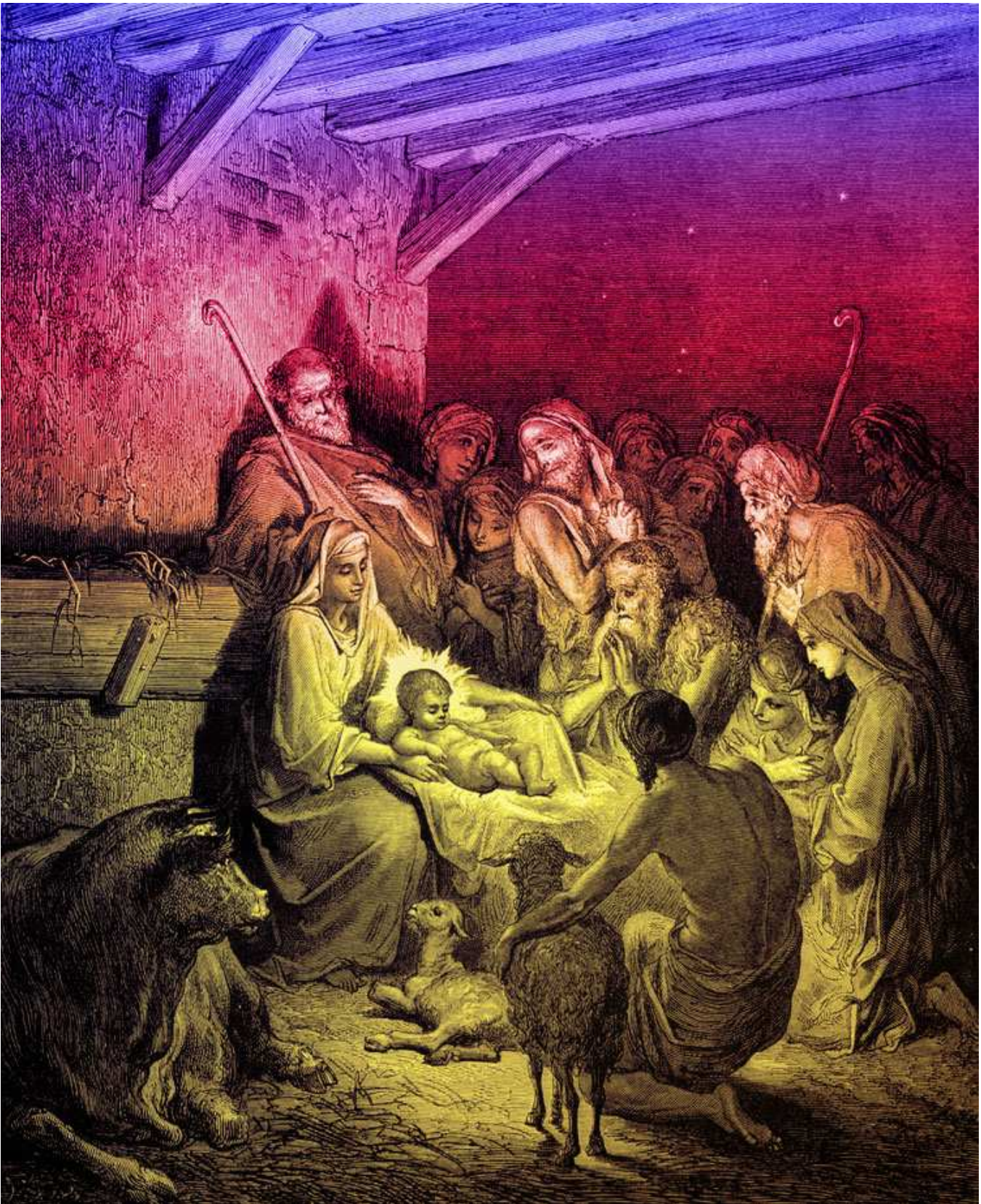
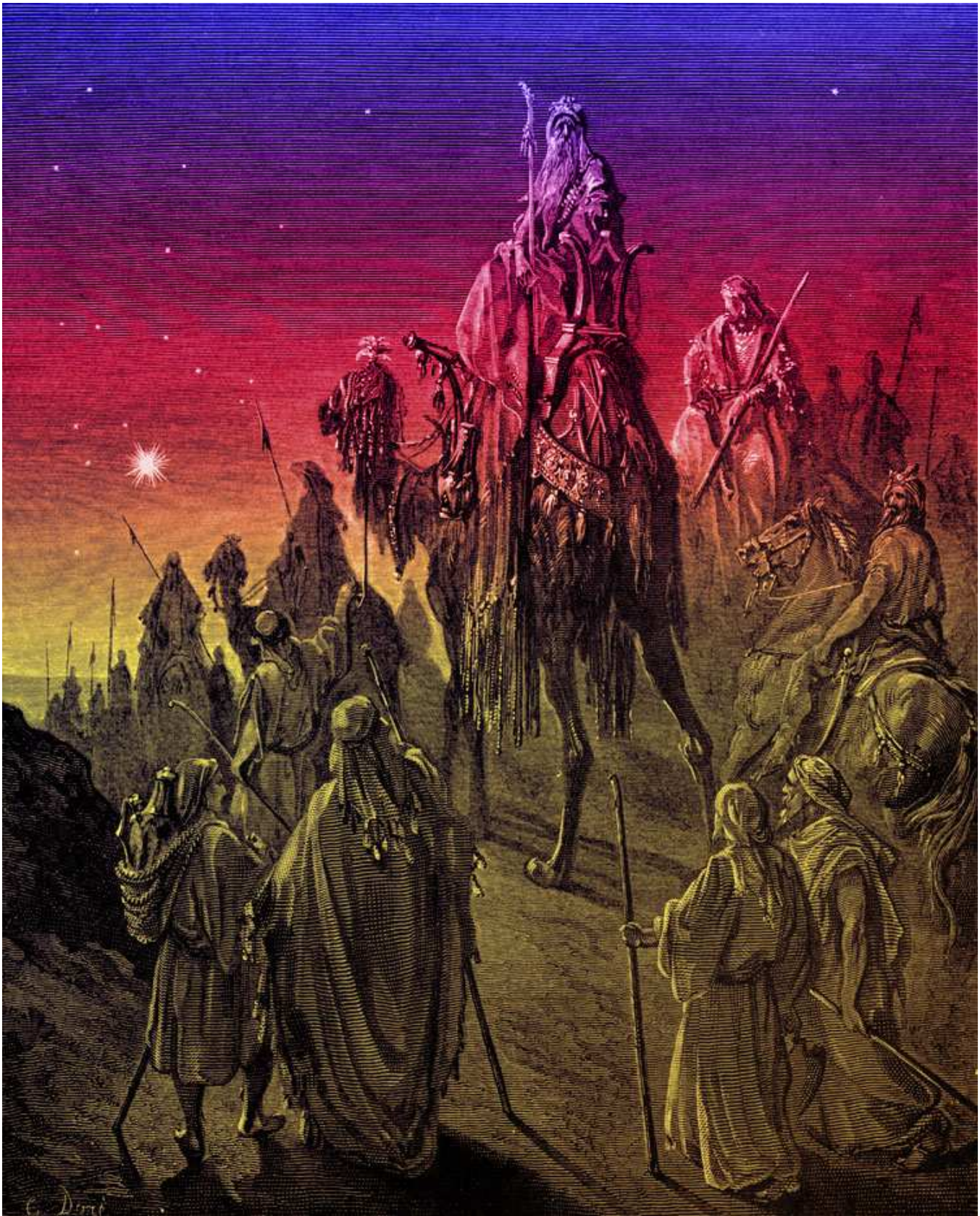


The Annunciation to Mary *Luke 1:26-38*



The Birth of Jesus *Luke 2:15-20*



The Magi from the East *Matthew 2:1-12*



The Church of the Nativity where they believe Jesus was born.



Matthew 2:1-12: Gustave Doré's drawing of the Magi following the star.



Matthew 2:13-15: The flight to Egypt. Painting by Joe Maniscalco.



Luke 2:1-7: Gustave Doré's drawing of the Nativity.



Luke 2:7-16: A stone manger still in place in the archaeological excavations at ancient Megiddo.





Luke 2:8-20: A shepherd's field near Bethlehem.



Luke 2:8-20: Angels appear to the shepherds in the Bethlehem fields.



Nativity image.



Adoration of the Magi by Murillo, 17th century



Angel Gabriel's Annunciation to Mary, by Murillo, c. 1655



The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and said, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High." (TNIV)

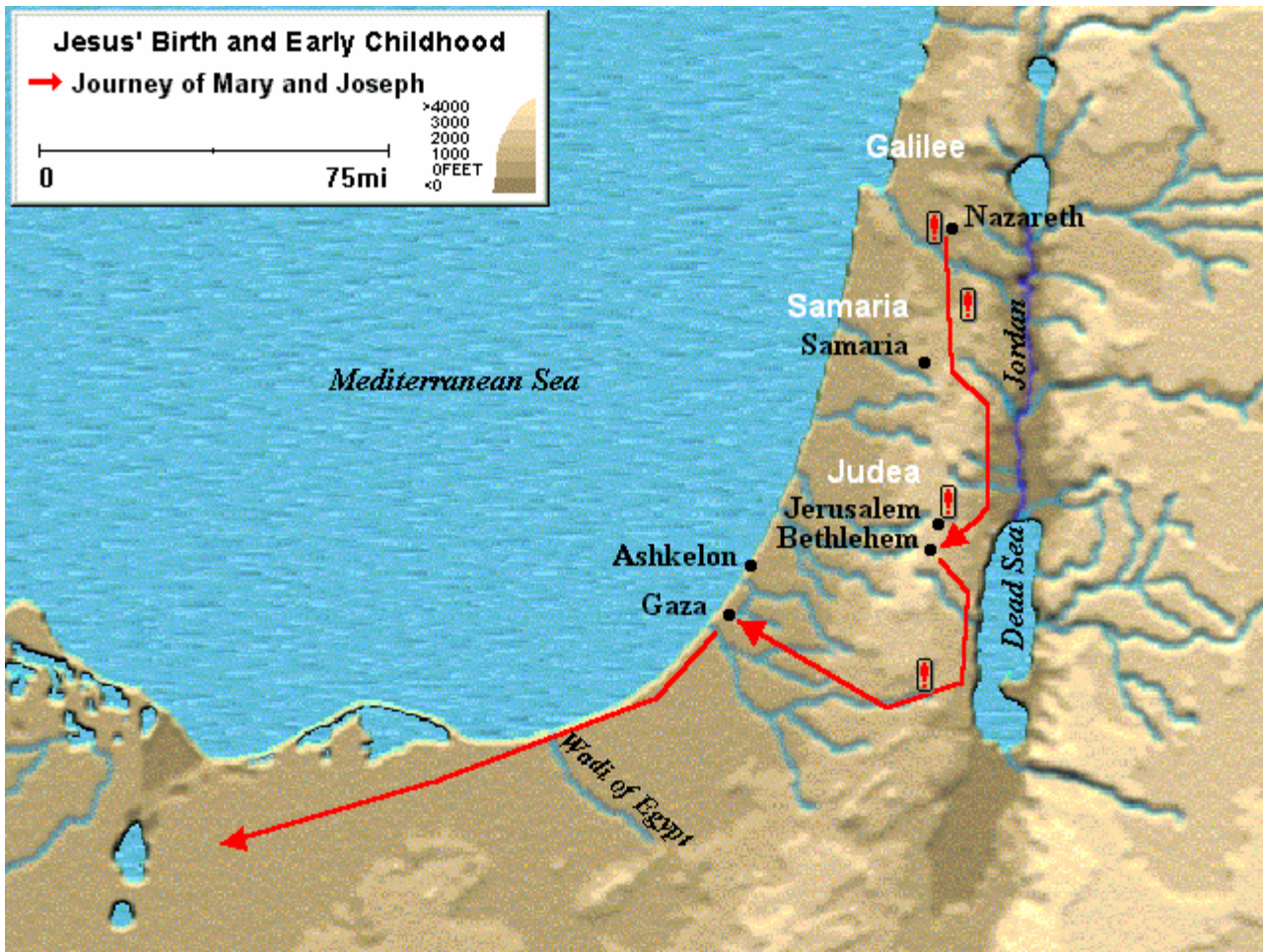


Jesus was born in a stable and laid to sleep in a manger. The shepherds came to see firsthand the things the angel had told them.



Wise men from the East came to worship Jesus, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.





Jesus' Birth and Early Childhood