

Calvary Chapel of Greene – Greek New Testament (GNT) Study Helps

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Luke 2:1- ;

How To Use These Study Helps:

Each word entry contains the Greek word and a transliteration for pronouncing the word. It will have dictionary meanings (sometimes called 'glosses'). The actual meaning of the word is always derived from the context in which the word is used. That is why in most cases, all the references in the Greek New Testament are given for the Greek word under consideration. Also, if possible, part of each reference is included in the treatment of the word. The goal is for the user of this study help to read every place a certain Greek word is used in the New Testament, no matter how it is translated into English, so he or she can gain the sense of how the original word is used in its context. In summary: read each word in its context remembering that it is the same underlying Greek word. Pray and think about how its meaning in one context could help define the same word in another context.

The World – Luke 2:1; ἡ οἰκουμένη (hay oikoumenay): the inhabited world (from the viewpoint of the writer). In the times of the New Testament, the Roman Empire and sometimes the entire inhabited world. Here in Luke 2:1 'and it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered'. In Luke 4:5 'the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time'. 21:26, 'men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on earth'. The only other instance in the gospels is in Matthew 24:14., 'and the gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come'. By reading those contexts can you tell which of the two main meanings of the word applies to each context? The remaining references in the Greek New Testament are, Acts 11:28; 17:6; 17:31; 19:27; 24:5; Romans 10:18; Hebrews 1:6; 2:5; Revelation 3:10; 12:9; 16:14. When you have read all these references, you will have read every place in the New Testament this Greek word is used. You can see everything the Lord revealed in His Word about this Greek word.*

Registered – Luke 2:1; ἀπογράφω (apographo): to write out a copy, to enroll, register. It is used only 4 times in the Greek New Testament, 3 times in Luke and once in Hebrews; Luke 2:1, 3, 5; Hebrews 12:23. The noun, ἡ ἀπογραφὴ (apographay) register, enrollment, census is used only twice, Luke 2:2 and Acts 5:37.**

Decree – Luke 2:1; δόγμα (dogma): an opinion; a public decree: of Roman rulers, Luke 2:1, Acts 17:7; of the Apostles, Acts 16:4; of Jewish law, Ephesians 2:15, 'abolished in His flesh the enmity...in ordinances', Colossians 2:14, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements (in decrees) that was against us'.*

* All References in the Greek New Testament

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And the messenger said to them, Do not be afraid, for look, I bring good news to you, great joy which shall be to all the people, because to you was born this day in (the) city of David, a Saviour, who is Messiah, Lord **Luke 2:10-11**

καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς ὁ ἄγγελος· Μὴ φοβεῖσθε· ἰδοὺ γὰρ εὐαγγελίζομαι ὑμῖν χαρὰν μεγάλην ἣτις ἔσται παντὶ τῷ λαῷ, 11 ὅτι ἐτέχθη ὑμῖν σήμερον σωτὴρ ὃς ἔστιν Χριστὸς Κύριος ἐν πόλει Δαυὶδ. **KATA ΛΟΥΚΟΝ 2:10-11**
