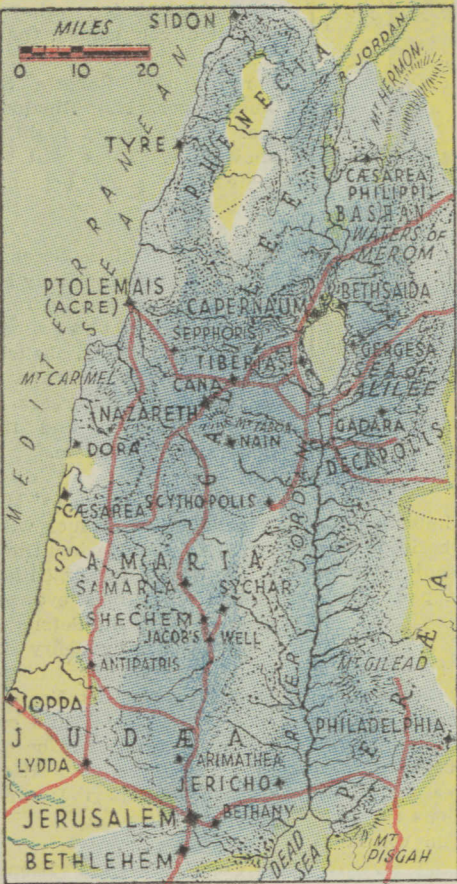
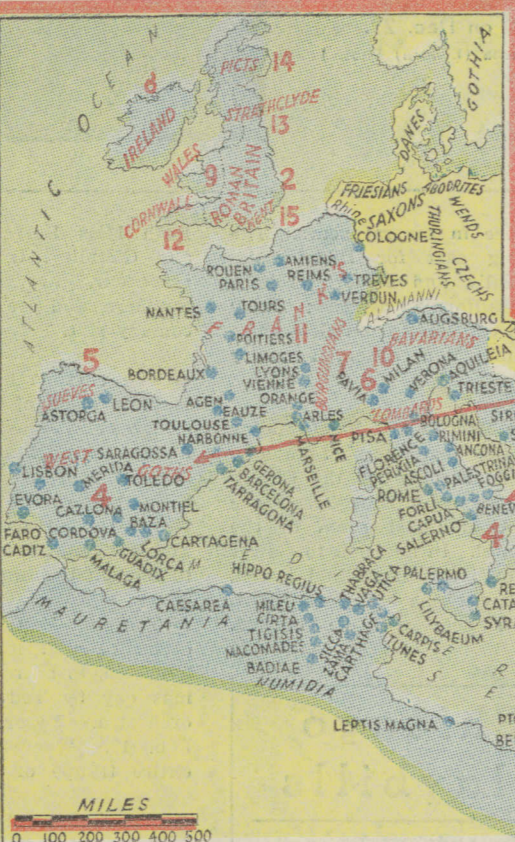


Christmas Star Lights the World



1 From 27 to 30 AD. Period of Christ's Ministry. Blue tints define these areas in Palestine and Syria... Red lines show highways...

2 To 100 AD. The Apostolic Period. Blue symbols = churches and missions. Red lines = journeys of the Apostle Paul about 45 to 60 Anno Domini...



3 The Development of Christianity from 100 to about 600. Post-Apostolic Period 100-311. Blue symbols = principal churches and mission centers... Red numerals indicate the approximate chronological order of the introduction of or conversion to Christianity...



4 From 600 to 1500. Muslim Conquests, Medieval Conversions, Dawn of the Age of Discovery and Exploration. Deep Blue = Christian in 600... Red numerals 1-22 show order of conversions to Christianity...



5 From 1500 to 1763. Era of Colonization. Blue tone = extent of Christianity. Blue shading = Christian areas. Blue dots and vertical lines = mission centers and outposts of settlement...



How Faithful Have Heeded His Word

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever things I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

By the Rev. John Evans

THIS mandate was made to eleven confused, even doubtful, men by One who had just finished uttering possibly the most audacious words ever heard by mankind:

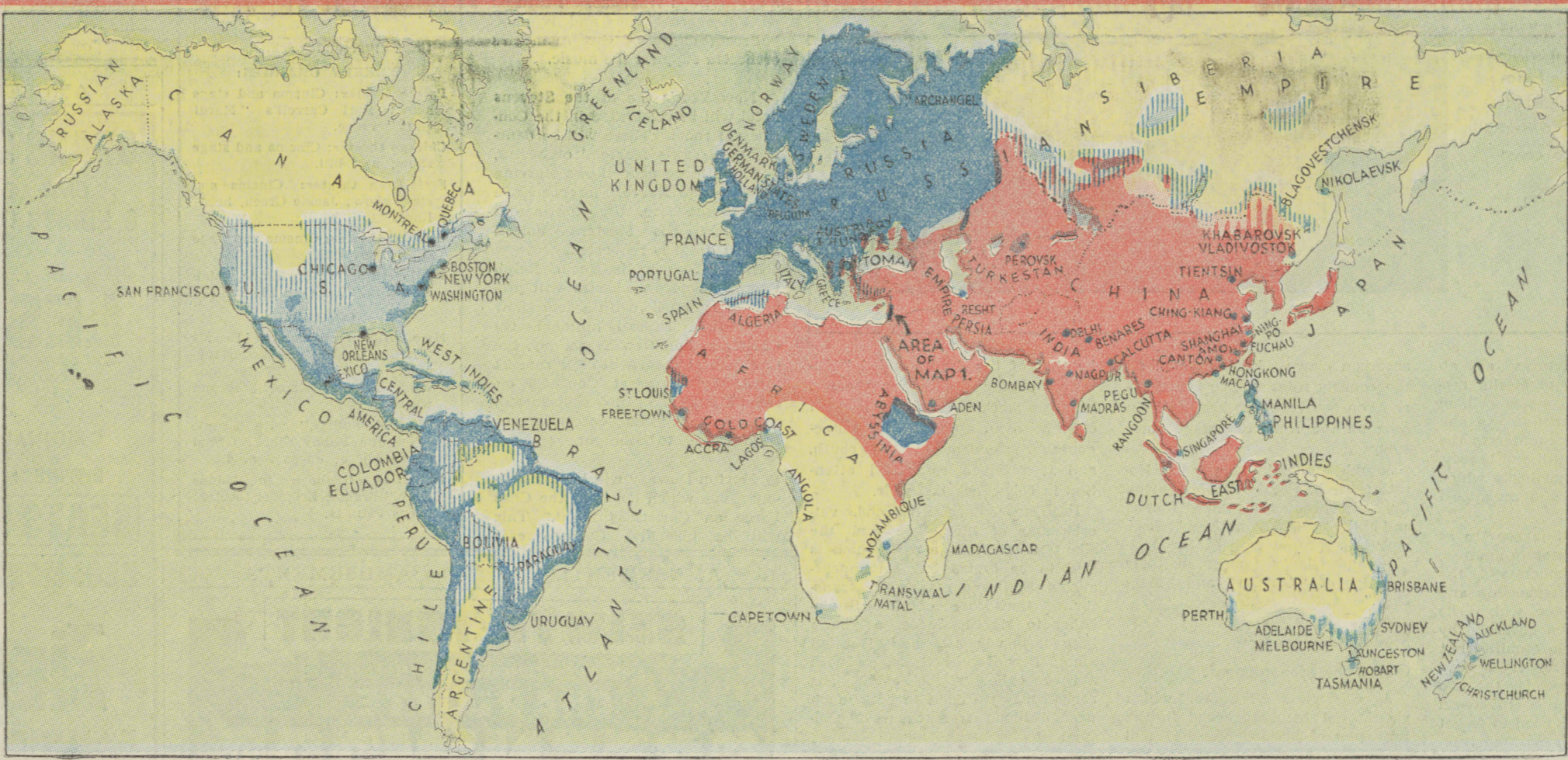
"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

Scarcely more than thirty years had passed since this Man of such superb daring had been a Babe in a manger over which a portentous star had shone and angels had sung of "peace on earth to men of good will." His mother and foster father, bewildered, awaited the dawn at the crude crèche, only to hear the proclamation of the birth of the Child King by Persian seers who had come to accept and adore him.

There are those—there always have been—who scoff the story as "Jewish old clothes" and as "cobwebs strung across the horns of the moon."

But gaze on the changing world during the Christian era as depicted in maps on this page and then cast the mind back nineteen centuries on those eleven obscure, unlettered men who in their doubt touched the nail prints in One's hands who claimed universal dominion for himself and who sent them forth without purse or scrip to conquer a world for Christ the King:

Historians and commentators may vary widely in their interpretations of swift-moving sequences which followed this command, but none may question even today that Christ the King is involved in every human issue, whether he be temporarily rejected or, by human will attuned to joyous Christmas song and laughter, be triumphantly accepted.



6 1763-1860. Missionary Activities During the Era of Commercial and Territorial Expansion. Blue shading = Christian areas. Blue dots and vertical lines = mission centers and outposts of settlement... Red tones = Mohammedan, Confucian, Buddhist and Brahman lands. Yellow tones = Heathen areas and unexplored or uninhabited lands.



7 To-Day Christianity. Lands whose populations are predominantly Christian. Christian peoples, tribes and settlements in non-Christian areas. Symbols denoting missionary activities in non-Christian territories. Other Creeds: Mohammedan, Buddhist, Confucian, Brahman, Heathen and unexplored or uninhabited areas. NOTE: The term "Christian" and its derivatives, as employed here, denote the faith of peoples—i.e., conversion to and acceptance or profession of Christian beliefs—without respect to governmental suppression of forms of worship or advocacy of non-Christian creeds...