



# Papyrus Census Order, 104 CE

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From Egypt, 104 CE, Ht. 22.2 cm. BL Papyrus 904.

A papyrus document containing a command in Greek from the Prefect Gaius Vibius Maximus for all those in his area of authority to return to their own homes for the purposes of a census (apogaphēs). This illustrates a situation in the time of Trajan analogous to that described by Luke at the time of the birth of Christ (Luke 2:1-4), when Augustus decreed that a census should be taken of the Roman world.

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