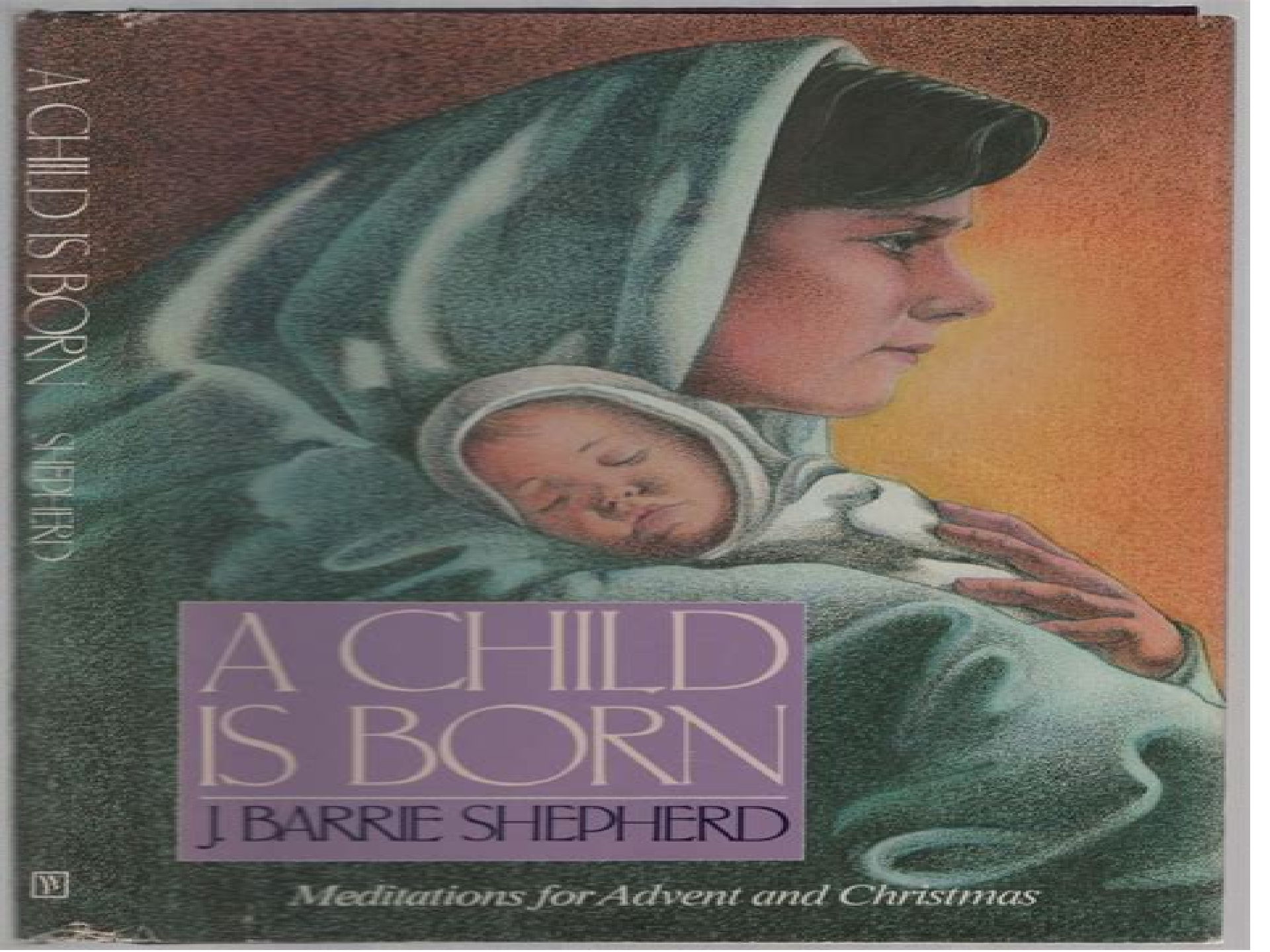




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Evangelical Dictionary of Theology Walter A. Elwell, 2001-05 This thoroughly updated edition of a standard reference tool covers systematic, historical, and philosophical theology, as well as theological ethics.

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