

“Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, A Virgin shall be with *child*, and shall bring forth a *son*, and they shall call his name **Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, **God With Us**.

“Then *Joseph* being raised from sleep did as the *angel* of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

And knew her not *till* she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name **JESUS**.

Luke 2:7-39

“And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country **shepherds** abiding in the field, **keeping watch** over their flock by night. And, lo, **the angel** of the Lord came upon them, and **the glory of the Lord shone round about them**: and they were sore afraid. And **the angel** said unto them,

Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is *born* this day in the city of David **A Saviour, Which is Christ** the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

“And suddenly there was with **the angel** a multitude of the heavenly host praising *God*, and saying,

Glorify to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

“And it came to pass, as **the angels** were gone away from them into heaven, **The Shepherds** said one to another,

Let us now go even unto *Bethlehem*, and see this thing, which is come to pass, which the *Lord* hath made known unto us.

“And **They Came With Haste**, and found *Mary*, and *Joseph*, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, **they made known abroad** the saying which was told them **concerning this child**. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But *Mary* kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. And **The Shepherds Returned, Glorifying, and Praising God** for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of **The Child, His Name Was Called Jesus**, which was so named of the *angel* before he was conceived in the womb. And when the days of her purification according to the law of *Moses* were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord.

(As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord.)

And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord,

A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

“And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was *Simeon*; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the *Holy Ghost* was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the *Holy Ghost*, that he should not see death, before he had seen **THE LORD'S CHRIST**. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child *Jesus*, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed *God*, and said,

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: **For mine eyes** have seen **Thy Salvation**, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A *light* to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

“And *Joseph* and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And *Simeon* blessed them, and said unto *Mary* his mother,

Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,)

That the thoughts of many Hearts May be Revealed.

“And there was one *Anna*, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day.



And she, coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and **spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.**

“And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into *Galilee*, to their own city *Nazareth*.”

Matthew 2:1-23

“Now when *Jesus* was born in *Bethlehem* of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came *wise men* from the east to *Jerusalem*, saying,

Where is **He that is Born King** of the Jews? For we have seen his *star* in the east and are come to **Worship Him**.

“When *Herod* the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all *Jerusalem* with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where *Christ* should be born. And they said unto him,

In *Bethlehem* of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou *Bethlehem*, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for Out of thee shall come a *Governor*, that shall rule my people Israel.

“Then *Herod*, when he had privily called the *wise men*, enquired of them diligently what time the *star* appeared. And he sent them to *Bethlehem*, and said,

Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that *I* may come and worship him also.

“When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the *star*, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the *star*, **They Rejoiced with Exceeding Great Joy**. And when they were come into the *house*, they saw the young child with *Mary* his mother, and fell down, **And Worshipped Him**: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of *God* in a dream that they should not return to *Herod*, they departed into their own country another way. And when they were departed, behold, the *angel* of the Lord appeareth to *Joseph* in a dream, saying,



Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into *Egypt*, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for *Herod* will seek the young child to destroy him.

“**When he arose**, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into *Egypt*: And was there until the death of *Herod*: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Out of Egypt have I called my son.

“**Then Herod**, when he saw that he was mocked of the *wise men*, was exceeding wrath, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in *Bethlehem*, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the *wise men*. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by *Jeremy* (*Jeremiah*) the prophet, saying,

In *Rama* was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, *Rachel* weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

“**But when Herod** was dead, behold, an *angel* of the Lord appeareth in a dream to *Joseph* in *Egypt*, Saying,

Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of *Israel*: for They are dead which sought the young child's life.

“**And he arose**, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of *Israel*. But when he heard that *Archelaus* did reign in *Judaea* in the room of his father *Herod*, he was afraid to go thither:

“**Notwithstanding**, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of *Galilee*:

And he came and dwelt in a city called *Nazareth*: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a *Nazarene*.”

Luke 1:80

“**And the child grew**, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto *Israel*.”

John 1:2-17, 29-37

“**The same** was in the beginning with *God*. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. **IN HIM WAS LIFE; AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.** And the *light* shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was *John*. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the *Light*, that all men through him might believe. He was not that *Light* but was sent to bear witness of that *Light*. That was the true *Light*, which *lighteth* every man that cometh into the world. He was in the *world*, and the *world* was made by him, and the *world* knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own (*Israel*) *received* him not.

But as many (*Jew* and *Gentile*) as *received* him, to them gave he power to **become the Sons of God**, even to them that **believe on his Name**: Which were *born*, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of *God*.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of *grace* and *truth*. *John* bare witness of him, and cried, saying,

This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

For the law was given by *Moses*, but **Grace and Truth Came by Jesus Christ.”**

Thoughts shared by a family member gleaned from the devotional “*Our Daily Bread*” titled “**Celebrating Jesus.**” “A line from a familiar Christmas carol keeps ringing in my mind: ‘The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.’ Dreams and grief are crucial themes of the Christmas story found in the Gospel of *Matthew*. In a literal dream, an angel explained the miraculous conception of *Jesus* to *Joseph* (1:20). Another dream warned the *Magi* to avoid the murderous *Herod* (2:12). And an *angel* told *Joseph* in a dream to flee to *Egypt* with the baby *Jesus* (2:13). We welcome the dreams of Christmas. The sadness, however, intrudes like a rude guest. *Rachel* weeps is representing *Israel*—*Jeremiah* 31:16, for soon after the first Christmas a paranoid king, (*Herod*) would slaughter many helpless children. It’s a scene we yearn to see deleted from the story. Why must there be so much sadness in this, the greatest of all stories? *JESUS*, himself is the only satisfying answer to that question. The Baby who escaped the *Bethlehem* tragedy grew up to conquer all such tragedies, even death itself, dying and rising for all of us. Again, **‘The Hopes And Fears Of All The Years Are Met In Thee Tonight.’”**

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PART 2 TWO

“**There shall come a Star** out of *Jacob*, and a Sceptre shall rise out of *Israel*.” (*Num.* 24:17)

Matthew 1:18-25

“**Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise:** When as his mother *Mary* was espoused to *Joseph*, before they came together, she was found with child of the *Holy Ghost*. Then *Joseph* her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, **the angel** of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying,



Joseph, thou son of *David*, fear not to take unto thee *Mary* thy wife: for that which is *conceived* in her is of the *Holy Ghost*. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for he shall **SAVE** his people **FROM** their **SINS**.”

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