

A Great Mystery



1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground; the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.
2. "Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind.
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.
3. "To you, in David's town, this day is born of David's line a Saviour,
who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign.
4. "The heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands, and in a manger laid.
5. Thus spake the seraph and forthwith appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God on high, who thus addressed their song,
6. "All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to earth begin and never cease!

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1Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: *There is no dispute here the Apostle Paul declares, the mystery of Godliness is still evident to the unbeliever, even though it has been revealed to the saints saved on earth and to those in the presence of Jesus now mentioned in heaven,*

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Revelation 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; V:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. *A great multitude beyond calculation, of those down through the ages, who have been saved from the punishment for their sin, by faith in the finished substitute sacrifice of Christ on the tree of Calvary, and who are named saints by God himself.* **1 Peter 2:24** "Who his own self bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." *There can be no doubt that these belong to God and the Lord Jesus Christ which is "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."* **Colosians 1:26** **Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:** *The word mystery, means that which had been hidden or concealed and is now revealed, such as, his conception and birth of a virgin, the union of the two natures, divine and human, in one person, the incarnation (birth) of Christ, This is a mystery, yet must be accepted as fact from the many references that attest to his ability to know the hearts and thoughts of man, and the ability to heal the body, and cleanse the soul from sin, which is an attribute of God only.*

THE PROMISED SAVIOUR

The birth of the Lord Jesus Christ was promised in detail by the Lord God of Hosts to Isaiah the prophet, around 740 years before Jesus was born in, **Isaiah 9:6** for unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

THE VICTORIOUS REDEEMER

But the first mention of a Saviour, redeemer to come is in, **Genesis 3:15** And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; (a child born of a virgin) it, (the seed of the woman) shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. And this was given soon after the creation of all things in the universe, and the fall into sin by Adam and Eve which triggered this enmity which is very evident and increasing in the world to-day, yet this enemy has been bruised, and will ultimately be destroyed as graphically as described in, **Revelation 20:10** And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

THE ANGEL GABRIEL

The record of the conception of the Christ child we find in the Gospel of, **Luke 1:26** ...the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, Nazareth is up in the north of Israel, a little to the west of the sea of Galilee, they both start with an N, and that helps to remember where it is. This important Angel is given the task of delivering a message that will change the history of all the world, a dispatch from the Jehovah God of Heaven, **Luke 1:27** To a virgin espoused (engaged) to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. This communication came to a young woman who though she was engaged to a man, she hadn't had any sexual contact with him, in other words they hadn't committed fornication, (sex outside of marriage,) which is an abomination to God, and she was also morally pure.

GOOD TIDINGS FROM GOD

Luke 1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. When Mary saw the angel she was troubled, (disturbed,) but not fearful as the soldiers that fell to the ground in great fear at the presence of the angel, at the tomb of our Lord. But Mary cast about in her mind why an angel would be coming to her, and though many women who expected the birth of the Messiah at any moment, wondered would it be them, yet it turned out to be this mild and unassuming young woman who hadn't looked for this sudden appearing.

THE CONCEPTION OF CHRIST

Luke 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. God is a God of order, everything in creation was done in such a way that everything would survive, and so here, first the conception, the declaring of the sex of the child, and then the birth, and the naming him JESUS, (which means Saviour) then the eighth day he was circumcised, when the child's immune system is at its strongest. **Luke 1:32** He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: He shall be great, that is, *exceeding great*, and mighty, because he is God the Son, and when born he will be the Son of God, or as he loved to call himself, the son of Man, which indicates his humility. Or as the scriptures call him "the son of David," or descendant of King David

THE SON OF ROYALTY

For as David was a type of the Messiah in his kingly office, so the Messiah is called "son of David," and his throne was typical of the Messiah's throne and kingdom. **Hosea 3:5** Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days. Sometime soon the Lord Jesus shall return, and rule from Mount Zion in Jerusalem, in his living church, which is his people, where he reigns by his Spirit and grace; and this, his throne and kingdom shall be established in Jerusalem, "given" by the Lord God of Heaven. **Luke 1:33** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. In these verses we have the future of the Lord Jesus beyond his crucifixion, death, and resurrection, and glorious return, and this is set out in scripture many times, for when he comes again it shall be as in, **2Thesalonians 1:7** When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, V:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: V:9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; **Revelation 2:27** And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

GOD THE SON BORN THE SON OF GOD

Luke 1:34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? **V:35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. *We must not think this impossible with God, did he not form Adam and Eve to have children in the first place. The Holy child that you shall bear shall be sinless, and morally blameless, because his father is Jehovah God in heaven. This is a wonderful thing to behold, and to meditate upon, and to accept as fact, that this was ordained from before the foundation of the world, a mystery of Godliness that was now being revealed to the sons of man.*

SPONTANIOUS PRAISE

Luke 1:46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, **V:47** And my spirit hath rejoiced in **God my Saviour**. *This is the work of the Holy Spirit on the soul of the person who has submitted themselves completely to their Saviour God. And here we have from the mouth of Mary herself, the irrefutable confession that the one she is soon to bear, is her Saviour from the punishment of eternal death, in the fires of hell forever. Nor does any person need a savior unless they are sinners, so when the Holy scriptures say "that all have sinned," there isn't any exceptions whatever.* **Luke 1:47** And my spirit hath rejoiced in **God my Saviour**. **V:69** And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; *This horn usually refers to the horns of the altar, and any person could flee in safety to it, and take hold of one of the horns, and be protected from the destroyer. Therefore Jesus Christ has been raised up of the house of David to be a refuge from the chief of destroyers, even Satan and his demons.*

THE DECREE OF CAESAR AUGUSTUS

Luke 2:4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) **V:5** To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. *We can see here again the power of God in human lives, first with Caesar, that he would decree at this precise time the taxing, so that Joseph and Mary would be in Bethlehem when the Christ Child would be born, to wonderfully fulfill scripture.*

THE FIRSTBORN SON

Luke 2:7 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. *These words could have been blazed across the night sky, or written with the stars, but God chose to reveal him to the shepherds.* **Luke 2:9** And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, (the shepherds) and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. **V:10** And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. **V:11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. *For God's way is higher than our way, and his thoughts above our thoughts, for he has come not to have his name blazed abroad, but for the Holy Spirit to speak to the hearts of his chosen people.*

THE WONDERFUL WISE MEN

Matthew 2:1 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, **v:2** 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. *Here is another example of the mighty power of God in the lives of men, bringing these few men a long wearying distance to worship the Christ Child. Doesn't this put you to shame, if you don't travel a short distance to worship him every Lord's Day, what a privilege and spiritual blessing is lost if you don't, and a terrible judgement is brought upon yourself for the last day, when the gavel of the righteous judge, Jesus Christ falls, all hope of Heaven is lost, and you are condemned to the eternal fire of Hell. Sin is a lethal force in your life, while you fail to recognize this you are in great danger. For the second person of the Godhead, Jehovah Tsidkenu has been born the Son of God, who is now the Lord our Righteousness to those who believe, and totally trust in him for their salvation. I pray God that you will worship our wonderful Saviour at this time when we remember his birth, life, and atoning (reconcile to God) by his death. Please drive carefully and enjoy this time with your families in the joy of the Lord.*

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