

## THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR, Lk. 2:1-20

WHEN WE THINK OF THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR, WE THINK OF:

## I. PROVIDENCE AND PROPHECY

## 1. THE DECREE OF CAESAR.

THE FACT THAT THE EMPEROR COULD ISSUE SUCH A DECREE FOR PALESTINE SHOWS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE OLD MESSIANIC PROMISES WAS NEAR AT HAND.

GEN. 49:10, THE SCEPTRE HAD DEPARTED FROM JUDAH,  
THE LAWGIVER FROM BETWEEN HIS FEET. \_\_\_\_\_  
IT WAS TIME FOR SHILOH TO COME.

## 2. MICAH'S PROPHECY OF BETHLEHEM.

A. MARY LIVED AT NAZARETH.

B. GOD SAW THAT SHE WENT TO BETHLEHEM BY THE TIME FOR THE HOLY BABE TO BE BORN.

## 3. HOW METICULOUSLY ACCURATE IS GOD'S WORD IN PROPHECY.

## 4. HOW ACCURATE IT WILL BE IN PROPHECYING THE RETURN OF CHRIST AND THE ULTIMATE VICTORY OF THE DIVINE PROGRAM IN THE WORLD.

*Kansas City "Bridge that waited for a River"*

## 5. THE PROVISION OF THE MANGER.

## 6. GOD ALWAYS PROVIDES FOR HIS OWN.

## II. LOWLINESS AND HUMILITY

## 1. JOSEPH THE CARPENTER

## 2. MARY AN UNKNOWN VILLAGE MAIDEN

3. HE WAS BORN IN A MANGER, NOT A MANSION, "NOT IN PALACE HALLS AND AMID PAGEANTS OF EARTHLY GRANDEUR, NOT WITH PRINCES LEADING THE INAUGURAL PROCESSION, BUT WITH A COMPANY OF SHEPHERDS AT THEIR NIGHTLY WATCHES AS THE FIRST WITNESSES.

4. SO THE SAVIOR OF SINNERS ENTERS UPON THE STAGE OF HUMAN SUFFERING AS OUR BROTHER AND OUR KINSMAN REDEEMER.

## III. REJOICING AND PEACE.

## 1. THE MESSAGE THAT CALMS OUR FEARS, V. 10.

## 2. THE SAVIOR WHO FORGIVES OUR SINS, V. 11.

A. THE ANNOINTED LORD

B. SALVATION IS THE OBJECT OF CHRISTMAS

## 3. THE SIGN THAT REASSURES OUR FAITH, V. 12.

## 4. THE SONG THAT THRELLS OUR HEART, 13-14.

5. THE PEACE THAT QUIETS OUR MINDS, V. 14 - *ophionian, a cheerless*

*frames of mind that evokes a tea kettle to sing even though it is just taken up to its necks.*

## 6. THE DISCOVERY THAT TRANSFORMS OUR LIFE, V. 16.

## 7. THE CONVICTION THAT CONTROLS OUR TONGUES, V. 17

## 8. THE PRAISE THAT GLORIFIES OUR GOD, V. 20

WHEN WE THINK OF THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR, WE THINK OF:

# I. PROVIDENCE AND PROPHECY

1. THE DEGREE OF CAESAR,

THE FACT THAT THE EMPEROR COULD HAVE SUCH A DEGREE FOR

TALESTINE SHOWS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

PROMISES WAS BEAR AT HAND.

1. THE FACT THAT THE SAVIOR HAD DEPARTED FROM JERUSALEM

THE SAVIOR FROM BETWEEN HIS FEET.

IT WAS TIME FOR SALVATION TO COME.

2. ISAIAH'S PROPHECY OF BETHLEHEM.

A BARRY LIVED AT BETHLEHEM.

3. GOD SAW THAT SHE WENT TO BETHLEHEM BY THE TIME FOR

THE HOLY BIRTH TO BE BORN.

3. HOW ACCURATELY ACCURATE IS GOD'S WORD IN PROPHECY.

4. HOW ACCURATE IT WILL BE IN PROPHECYING THE RETURN OF CHRIST

AND THE ULTIMATE VICTORY OF THE DIVINE PROGRAM IN THE WORLD.

2. THE PROMISE OF THE HARBOR.

5. GOD ALWAYS PROVIDES FOR HIS OWN.

# II. FOREKNOWLEDGE AND PROVIDENCE

1. DURING THE CHRISTMAS

2. A BARRY IN UNKNOWN VILLAGE HARBOR

3. HE WAS BORN IN A HARBOR, NOT A NAVY, NOT IN PALACE HALLS

AND HAND PAGEANTS OF BARRY LIVED, NOT WITH PRINCES

LEAVING THE INHABITANT PROTECTION, BUT WITH A COMPANY OF

SUPPLIES AT THEIR FEET, WATCHING AS THE FIRST WITNESSES.

4. SO THE SAVIOR OF SINNERS ENDED UPON THE STAGE OF HUMAN

SUFFERING AS OUR BROTHER AND OUR HUMAN REDEMPTOR.

# III. RESOLUTION AND PEACE

1. THE MESSAGE THAT CALMS OUR FEARS, V. 10.

2. THE SAVIOR WHO FORGIVES OUR SINS, V. 11.

3. THE ASSURED LORD

4. SALVATION IS THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

5. THE SONG THAT REASSURES OUR FAITH, V. 12.

6. THE SONG THAT REASSURES OUR HEART, V. 13.

7. THE MESSAGE THAT CALMS OUR FEARS, V. 14.

8. THE MESSAGE THAT TRANSFORMS OUR LIFE, V. 15.

9. THE CONVICTION THAT CONTROLS OUR FEARS, V. 17.

10. THE MESSAGE THAT CLARIFIES OUR GOD, V. 18.

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