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THE WORSHIP, ADORATION AND CELEBRATION OF THE ADVENT OF JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE AND AS WITNESSED BY MANKIND

Matthew 1:18-25 KJV

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

BEYOND

Jesus Christ, The Message of God, The Son of God & The Gospel of God.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Christmas, Salvation, Prophecy, Redemption, Forgiveness

The Reading of Our Text

Matthews 1:18-25 KJV

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. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. 20 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. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet (Isaiah) saying, 23 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. 24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: 25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called His name JESUS.

Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary of the English Language in American

BEYOND

1) to see beyond what was anticipated. The furthest side of the greater distance. that which is and always will be beyond the horizon. 2) that which is out of reach, surpassing in all possible forms of measurement and scope. that which is greater than our ability to comprehension. 3) that which lies outside the scope of ordinary experience.

Robert Nathan American Novelist and Poet

"There's a beyond that the mind can't see, and that is where the answers are."

I think it's all summed up in the words of that great philosopher, Buzz Lightyear – who boldly proclaimed "To Infinity and Beyond"

But the biblical definition of BEYOND, is of course,

the most important because it is God's Word the Bible that bears witness of the Lord Jesus Christ in all of His splendor.

Beyond grk: ek

without end, never ending, ceaseless, continuing-continuously.

Mark 7:37

And they (the people) were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Christmas Revelation Was

1.) Beyond Chance

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1a.) Beyond Chance because of Biblical Prophecy

Micah 5:2

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,

Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting."

Matthew 1:22

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying...

Matthew 2:15a

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying...

Matthew 2:17

Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying...

Matthew 4:14

that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying...

Matthew 8:17a

that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying...

Matthew 12:17

that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying...

Matthew 13:35a

that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying...

Matthew 21:4

All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying...

Matthew 27:9a

Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying...

Luke 3:4

As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying...

The Christmas Revelation Was Beyond Chance

1b.) Beyond Chance by virtue of controversy

Let's be honest the Gospel message is controversial.

The truth is always controversial. Lies & stories & exaggerations are not so controversial – in fact sometimes it's more entertaining than the truth.

But Truth Is – Truth Always Wins in The End!

(The New Testament narrative is a legal document)

1 John 1:1-3

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us - 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 9:6-7

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was Manifested in the flesh,

Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles,

Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

The Christmas Revelation Was Beyond Chance

1c.) Beyond Chance in the Gospel

I have always been impressed that the very first Bible prophecy recorded in scripture is none other than the prophecy regarding the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you (satan) and the woman, and between your seed (satan) and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

The Christmas Revelation Is

2.) Beyond Enough

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2a.) Beyond enough through forgivness

Sin is the Ultimate Pandemic

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 10:14

For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Revelation 5:9b

For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood

The Christmas Revelation Is Beyond Enough

2b.) Beyond enough by His power to renew

Guilt is the Ultimate Mind-Killer

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Romans 12:1-2 ESV

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Psalm 119:11

Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

The Christmas Revelation Is Beyond Enough

2c.) Beyond enough for Him to transform us.

Philippians 4:19

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Not Only by Becoming His Child,

But His power to transform our Status in Life.

But Also Making Us His Sons & Daughters,

By His power to transform our Status in Life.

John 14:25-26

"These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all

things that I said to you.

John 16:7-14

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you.

The Christmas Revelation Will Be

3.) Beyond This Life

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3a.) Beyond this life and into the now

John 14:15-18

"If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

In Matthew Chapter 10 Jesus said to His disciples,

'I send you out as sheep among the wolves" (Excuse me Jesus – but do you think that's a good idea?)

The Christmas Revelation Will Be Beyond This Life

3b.) Beyond this life and into eternity

"I just wanna get outta here"

God came down to provide for us the way out of here

John 11:20-26

Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. 21 Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

The Christmas Revelation Will Be Beyond This Life

3c.) Beyond this life and into His arms

John 14:1-6

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know." 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

End of Study

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