

The Gospel of Luke: The Lord of Christmas

1. The Lord God of Israel (1:67-79)

A. Bless God, He has visited _____ (vs.67-68) **Malachi4:2 and Lk1:78-79*

1. He has visited us – God showed up! *Lk1:35,43, 54-55; 2:27-32 – notice the 2-fold plan*

2. He has accomplished redemption for Israel – *2:38;24:21*: rescue from bondage at a high cost

3. He has raised up a horn of salvation – *Ps18:1-3*; animal horn, represented power to conquer

**Messiah Redeemer is strong, powerful to bring salvation! Luke makes clear Jesus came to be a Redeemer to save people in bondage to sin, death and hell – not a King over people who think they are righteous*

**Luke19:10; 1Tim1:15; Luke4:18; 5:31-32 – He will come from house of David! Vs.69! Ps132:17!*

B. The Lord of Salvation – the One who will accomplish and fulfill the Covenants to Israel

1. The _____ Covenant (vs.69-71)- *2Sam7:8-12,16 – the Messiah – 1:31-33,35; Psalm2*
**This Sovereign King has come!*

2. The _____ Covenant (vs.72-75)– *Gen12:1-3 – God made this promise!*
**Abraham/Isaac – substitute; Jesus the substitute, blessing to nations to live in righteousness and holiness – salvation by faith – has come!*

3. The Prophets, the _____ Covenant (vs.76-79) – *Jer31:31-40* – forgiveness of sins so all will know Me – the propitiation, the atoning sacrifice to pay for our sins, has come!

2. The Sovereign Lord of All (2:1-7)

A. God is sovereign Lord over all people and circumstances: *2:1-3; Micah5:2 (700yrs earlier!)*

1. _____ *stage*: in those days – days of Herod; Caesar Augustus title – Gaius Octavius,
****8BC, then took over 2 years to happen, deadline dropped, so had to go, even though pregnant (90miles)*

2. _____ *stage: timing!* **2:4; 1:30,31,37*; been 9mos; coincided w/ above world ruler; Bethlehem where David was born, not city of David on Mt.Zion where he reigned; went because of their lineage and Scripture!

3. _____ *life stage*: Mary's time (perfect timing, no premature, or late) came to give birth to her 1st born; they were homeless **John1:14 – the One we looked at in Job last week, wrapped in cloths put in manger!*

B. God's Messiah, Yeshua – Yahweh saves has been born, a Savior for all peoples, even the lowly sinner! Each must repent and trust in Him!

3. The Sovereign Lord Keeps All of His Word!

A. What is missing? ... **Is9:6,7; Lk1:32-33, 71,74; Ezk36:24-38*

1. Zachariah would never have known Israel would reject and kill Messiah; yet this was part of God's plan to bring forth the New Covenant to the nations; the Pharisees and most Jews thought Messiah was just to defeat Rome like He did Egypt, even the Apostles after resurrection; *Acts1:6*

2. Messiah is coming back King of Kings to rule and reign! *Rev19:11-21; Zech.12:10; 14:4*

**Those who live only to be 100 will be thought to be cursed, dying so young! *Is.65*

**Over 100 verses in Isaiah alone about the nation of Israel in the future kingdom*