

To truly appreciate Christmas, one must understand the state of humanity and the deliverance and gift that was given to us by God.

Christmas is more than a mere baby being born in Bethlehem...

### **Humanity was in CAPTIVITY to Darkness**

Isaiah 60:1-3

(1) Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

(2) For behold, **the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD** will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

(3) The **Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.**

John 1:4-5

(4) In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

(5) And the **light shines in the darkness**, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 3:19

(19) And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**

Isaiah 59:9-10

(9) Therefore justice is far from us, Nor does righteousness overtake us; **We look for light, but there is darkness!** For brightness, **but we walk in blackness!**

(10) We grope for the wall like the blind, And we grope as if we had no eyes; **We stumble at noonday as at twilight; We are as dead men in desolate places.**

### **Humanity was Captive to THE DEMONIC**

1 John 5:19

(19) We know that we are of God, and **the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.**

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

(3) But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

(4) whose minds the **god of this age has blinded,** who **do not believe**, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Ephesians 2:1-2

(1) And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

(2) in which you once walked according to the course of this world, **according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works** in the sons of **disobedience,**

Hebrews 2:14-15

(14) Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death **He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,**

(15) and release those who through **fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**

A) The world is enslaved by darkness.

B) The world is enslaved by the demonic works.

C) The enemy rules through deception, fear, and death.

D) There is a hope that God give to all of humanity.

## **THE PROMISE**

Isaiah 9:6-7

(6) 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.**

Micah 5:2

(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."**

Malachi 4:1-2

(1) "For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch. (2) **But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings;** And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves.

Even in darkness, God is already writing the rescue.

Hope is prophesied long before delivery arrives.

## **THE DELIVERANCE**

### **TO MARY**

Luke 1:31-33

(31) And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall **call His name JESUS.**

(32) **He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest;** and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

(33) And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of **His kingdom there will be no end."**

### **TO JOSEPH**

Matthew 1:20-21

(20) But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that **which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.**

(21) And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, **for He will save His people from their sins."**

### **TO THE SHEPHERDS**

Luke 2:10-14

(10) Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

(11) For there is born to you this day in the city of David **a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**

(12) And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

(13) And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

(14) "Glory to God in the highest, **And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"**

### **Apostle Paul Declared**

Galatians 4:3-5

(3) Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. (4) But when the fullness of the time had come, **God sent forth His Son**, born of a woman, born under the law, (5) **to redeem those who were under the law**, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

MARY – Son of the Most Highest and Kingdom No End

JOSEPH – Save His people from their Sins

SHEPHERDS – Savior is Born the Christ

APOSTLE – Sent Forth The Son to Redeem those under the law.

### **JESUS DECLARATION**

Luke 4:18-19

(18) "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,  
BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO

**PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR**; (Public  
Mendicancy – Living by Begging)

HE HAS SENT ME TO **HEAL THE  
BROKENHEARTED**, (Shattered to Pieces – Broken to  
Shivers)

TO PROCLAIM **LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES**  
**AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND**,

TO SET AT LIBERTY **THOSE WHO ARE  
OPPRESSED;** (Crushed)

(19) TO PROCLAIM

kay-roos'-so - to herald (as a public crier), especially  
divine truth (the gospel).

THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."