

THE PROPHESIED ADVENT OF JESUS

### REALITY: THE LONGER THE WAIT, THE HARDER IT IS TO BELIEVE THE PROMISE IS STILL GOOD.

#### PROMSE DELIVERED. HOPE RESTOREDILL

#### "THIS CHANGES EXERYTHINGE"

UKE 2:1-13 NUT AT THAT TIME THE ROMAN EMPEROR, AUGUSTUS, DECREED THAT A CENSUS SHOULD BE TAKEN THROUGHOUT THE ROMAN EMPIRE. 2 CTHIS WAS THE FIRST CENSUS TAKEN WHEN QUIRINIUS WAS GOVERNOR OF SYRIAD 3 ALL RETURNED TO THEIR OWN ANCESTRAL TOWNS TO REGISTER FOR THIS

<sup>4</sup> AND BECAUSE JOSEPH WAS A DESCENDANT OF KING DAVID, HE HAD TO GO TO BETHLEHEM IN JUDEA, DAVID'S ANCIENT HOME. HE TRAVELED THERE FROM THE VILLAGE OF NAZARETH IN GALILEE. 5 HE TOOK WITH HIM MARY, TO WHOM HE WAS ENGAGED, WHO WAS NOW EXPECTING A CHILD.

<sup>6</sup> AND WHILE THEY WERE THERE, THE TIME CAME FOR HER BABY TO BE BORN. <sup>7</sup> SHE GAVE BIRTH TO HER FIRSTBORN SON. SHE WRAPPED HIM SNUGLY IN STRIPS OF CLOTH AND LAID HIM IN A MANGER, BECAUSE THERE WAS NO LODGING AVAILABLE FORTHEM

8 THAT NIGHT THERE WERE SHEPHERDS STAYING IN THE FIELDS NEARBY, GUARDING THEIR FLOCKS OF SHEEP. 9 SUDDENLY, AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED AMONG THEM, AND THE RADIANCE OF THE LORD'S GLORY SURROUNDED THEM. THEY WERE TERRIFIED, 10 BUT THE ANGEL REASSURED THEM. "DON'T BE AFRAID!" HE SAID. "I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS THAT WILL BRING GREAT JOY TO ALL PEOPLE.

11 THE SAVIOR—YES, THE MESSIAH, THE LORD—HAS BEEN BORN TODAY IN BETHLEHEM, THE CITY OF DAVID! 12 AND YOU WILL RECOGNIZE HIM BY THIS SIGN: YOU WILL FIND A BABY WRAPPED SNUGLY IN STRIPS OF CLOTH, LYING IN A MANGER."

### SAVIOR: Σωτήρ - SŌTĒR (SOH-TAIR) "SAVIOR, RESCUER, DELIVERER"

THE MESSIAH: Χριστὸς CHRISTOS (KHRIS-TOSS)

"THE ANOINTED ONE"

THE LORD: Κύριος KYRIOS (KOO-REE-OSS)

"LORD, MASTER, RULER"

# TRUTH: FEAR IS THE FIRST THING HEAVEN BREAKS, AND JOY IS THE FIRST THING HEAVEN GIVES!

# LUKE 2:10 NLT BUT THE ANGEL REASSURED THEM. "DON'T BE AFRAID!" HE SAID. "I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS THAT WILL BRING GREAT JOY TO ALL PEOPLE."

### "DON'T BE AFRAID... JOY IS COMING, AND IT'S FOR EVERYONE."

# THE PROMISE HAS FINALLY ARRIVED! HOPE HAS BEEN RESTORED! THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING!!!

## WHEN GOD MAKES A PROMISE, HE KEEPS IT!!!

## GENESIS 3:15 NLT AND I WILL CAUSE HOSTILITY BETWEEN YOU AND THE WOMAN... HE WILL STRIKE YOUR HEAD, AND YOU WILL STRIKE HIS HEEL.

### GENESIS 12:2 NLT "I WILL MAKE YOU INTO A GREAT NATION..."

### REALITY: GOD'S PROMISES OFTEN BEGIN IN SEASONS THAT LOOK LIKE DEFEAT.

### WHATGOSPEAKSINYOUR BREAKDOWN BEGOMES THE HOPE THAT FUELS YOUR BREAKTHROUGH

## GOD KEPT THE PROMISE... AND HOPE KEPT MOVING.

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SAIAH 9:6-7 NLT FOR A CHILD IS BORN TO US, A SON IS GIVEN TO US. THE GOVERNMENT WILL REST ON HIS SHOULDERS. AND HE WILL BE CALLED: WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE. 7 HIS GOVERNMENT AND ITS PEACE WILL NEVER END.

#### SAIA 9:6-7 NLT HE WILL RULE WITH FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE FROM THE THRONE OF HIS ANCESTOR DAVID FOR ALL ETERNITY. THE PASSIONATE COMMITMENT OF THE LORD OF HEAVEN'S ARMES WILL MAKE THIS HAPPENI

## MICAH 5:2 NLT BUT YOU, O BETHLEHEM... FROM YOU WILL COME A RULER WHOSE ORIGINS ARE IN THE DISTANT PAST.

## REALITY: EVEN WHEN GOD FEELS SILENT, HE ISN'T ABSENT!

### HE WAS, IS, AND WILLAWAYS BE WRIGHBEALFOF THEMINITERINA

# ROMANS 8:28 NLT AND WE KNOW THAT GOD CAUSES EVERYTHING TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE GOD AND ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE FOR THEM.

### WE CARRY THE PROMISE OF GOD AND HERRISIS TOTEWARDARUND

# 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 NLT THIS MEANS THAT ANYONE WHO BELONGS TO CHRIST HAS BECOME A NEW PERSON, THE OLD LIFE IS GONE AND A NEW LIFE HAS BEGUN.

## ROMANS 15:13 NLT I PRAY THAT GOD, THE SOURCE OF HOPE, WILL FILL YOU COMPLETELY WITH JOY AND PEACE BECAUSE YOU TRUST IN HIM.

## GOD DELIVERED HIS PROMISE TO YOU... NOW CARRY HIS HOPE THROUGH YOU.

# BECAUSE THE PROMISE HAS BEEN DELIVERED! HOPE HAS BEEN RESTORED! JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING!!!



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