

The Revelation of Christmas

December 25, 2022 – Luke 2:8-20

Read and Pray Luke 2:8-20

In New York's Hayden Planetarium a special Christmas holiday show was enhanced by an added feature. (Tree of candy, presents of various colors, a jolly Santa, and then the STAR)

Shepherds were over the top amazed and joyful... full of joy!

Angles desire to look into...

Story vs. Account

Shepherds marveled and left glorifying and praising God.

Consider the manger

Would you rather have a wonderfully wrapped present with coal inside or a mangled package with the gift of your dreams hidden under the not-so-neatly wrapped gift?

Names have meanings

John: God is gracious or God is merciful

Charlie: A free man (English or German)

Janett: God's Gift, (Scottish)

Ella: Sympathy or Compassion

Jesus: Jehovah (GOD) is Salvation

Immanuel: God with us

Matthew 1:21-23 “And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.” **So all this was done** that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: “*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,*” which is translated, “God with us.”

Isaiah 9:6

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.

WONDERFUL

Extraordinary, beyond comprehension
Separate from what is ordinary or normal

Often relates to things that are miraculous in nature

Isaiah. 25:1 O LORD, You *are* my God. I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, for You have done wonderful *things*; Your counsels of old *are* faithfulness *and* truth.

COUNSELOR

One who gives counsel, purpose, and direction.

Not just a description of what someone did but the position someone had.

A wise advisor to kings. Royal advisor.

Psalm. 32:8-9 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. Do not be like the horse *or* like the mule, *which* have no understanding, *which* must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you.

Can also mean; Planned, or purposed... good works to walk in.

MIGHTY GOD

A mixture of strength and bravery

Deut. 10:17 "For the LORD your God *is* God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.

- ***You will not sway the heart of God with good works***
- ***You will not bribe the mind of God into looking the other way***
- ***You will not temper tantrum your way into getting what you want from God***

Like granite

Isaiah 46:10b ...Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,'

NOTE: God = Messiah

EVERLASTING FATHER

Continues existence, never-ending

Father, don't think of just dad but patriarch.
The originator of a family, the ultimate authority.

Chief or ruler, Navajo

Father of modern medicine, engineering, or invention.

Everlasting Father vs. **Father of Eternity or Head of Eternity...**

1 Chronicles 16:36 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting!
And all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

If you want something that is eternal or everlasting, it must come from Jesus.

PRINCE OF PEACE

Captain or leader, commander of soldiers, ruler, noble official.
You can search high and low and never find rest for your soul.

- Money
- Education
- Possession
- Relationships
- Morality

Peace and joy only last as long as you have the thing that is giving you peace.

Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

He sent a Savior

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator;
If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist;
If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist;
If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer;
But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior.

Wright Brother – December 1903 Telegram

In December 1903, after many attempts, the Wright brothers were successful in getting their "flying machine" off the ground. Thrilled, they telegraphed this message to their sister Katherine: "We have actually flown 120 feet. We'll be home for Christmas." Katherine hurried to the editor of the local newspaper and showed him the message. He glanced at it and said, "How nice. The boys will be home for Christmas." He totally missed the big news--man had flown!

Colossians 2:8-10

Wrapped up in the swaddling cloth and laying in the feeding trough was all the power, wisdom, might, rule, eternal and timeless authority. All for one purpose, to take away the sins of the world.

Story vs. account.

Luke 2:20 Left praising and rejoicing because of WHO was in the manger.