

GLORY FOR ALL GENERATIONS 4 - TO YOU IS BORN A SAVIOR

I. IT'S A SEASON FOR MIRACLES - SHEPHERDS AND GLORY

Luke 2:8 NKJV Now there were in the same country (The same region around Bethlehem, about 6 miles south of Jerusalem) shepherds **living out in the fields**, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And behold, **an angel of the Lord stood before them**, and the **glory of the Lord shone around them**, and they were greatly afraid.

Luke 2:9-11 TPT

[9] Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared in **radiant splendor** before them, lighting up the field with **the blazing glory of God**, and the shepherds were terrified! [10] But the angel reassured them, saying, "Don't be afraid, for I have **come to bring you good news, the most joyous news the world has ever heard!** And it is **for everyone everywhere!** [11] For **TODAY in Bethlehem a Rescuer was born for you. He is the Lord YAHWEH, the Messiah.**

A. THE SHEPHERDS WERE SURROUNDED BY GLORY

1. **SHEPHERDS, as a class, were under the Rabbinic ban.** (THEY WERE ON THE NAUGHTY LIST) Their necessary isolation from religious practice (out in the fields 24/7) made **strict legal observance almost impossible.**
2. **SHEPHERDS** who kept the FLOCKS around Jerusalem raised the lambs to be used in Temple sacrifice. **IMPORTANT JOB.**

THE SHEPHERDS, THE PRIESTS, THE PEOPLE, THE TEMPLE - EVERYONE WAS WAITING FOR MESSIAH

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."

Micah 4:8 As for you, **watchtower of the flock (MIGDAL EDER)**, stronghold of Daughter Zion, the former **dominion will be restored to you; kingship will come** to Daughter Jerusalem."

3. **THESE SHEPHERDS VERY LIKELY NEAR MIGDAL EDER**
 - **AT LOWER FLOOR OF WATCHTOWER (Migdal Eder) that**

the birthing of the **Passover lambs** would take place. Selected ewes that were about to give birth would be brought there.

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

- **BRIAN SIMMONS** (Passion Translation) notes that after the birth of the lambs, the priestly shepherds would wrap the lambs in cloth and lay them in a manger lined with soft hay to prevent them from hurting themselves, for PASSOVER LAMBS MUST BE UNBLEMISHED with no bruise or broken bone.

LUKE 2:12 TPT You will recognize him by **this miraculous sign**: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in the feeding trough (a manger)!”

- **JESUS OUR PASSOVER LAMB - CRUCIFIED AT PASSOVER**

1 PETER 1:18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, **19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20** He indeed was **foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21** who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

- **SHEPHERD’S WOULD RECOGNIZE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A BABY PREPARED LIKE THE PASSOVER LAMB**
- **THIS WAS THE NEWS EVERYONE WAITED FOR! THAT’S WHY THEY WOULD RUSH TO BETHLEHEM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT!**

II. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:10NKJV 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.”

A. THE ANGEL BRINGS INCREDIBLY GOOD NEWS

- 1. TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY - NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF JOY. JOY SHIFTS EVERYTHING.**

Prov. 13:12 *Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.*

- **OUR MESSAGE IS JOY!**
 - **JOY IS LIFE. Joy is Strength. Joy is our DEFAULT SETTING. JOY IS HEALTH. *OUR MESSAGE RELEASES JOY***
 - **GOOD NEWS PRODUCES GREAT JOY SPONTANEOUSLY - FALL DOWN LAUGHING, TEARS STREAMING, HEART POUNDING, CAN'T-STAND-STILL, CAN'T-SHUT-UP, CAN'T-STOP-SMILING JOY!**
- 2. TO EVERYONE EVERYWHERE - THERE IS BORN TO YOU - FOR YOU - BECAUSE OF YOU AND FOR YOUR BENEFIT A SAVIOR!**
 - 3. YOUR RESCUER IS BORN TODAY**
 - 4. YAWEH HIMSELF IS YOUR SAVIOR. CHRIST THE LORD - THE LORD GOD. THE UNSPEAKABLE NAME - YAWEH COME IN PERSON**
 - 5. GOD HIMSELF IS OUR PASSOVER LAMB**

1Cor. 5:7 ... For indeed Christ, our **Passover**, was sacrificed for us.

THE HEAVENLY HOST CAN'T HOLD BACK ANY LONGER!!

Luke 2:13 *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!”*

- ## **B. HEAVEN'S WARRIOR ANGELS SING GLORY! - Have you noticed that when you have good news, it just wants to burst out of you?**

- 1. WARRIOR ANGELS ARE MEANT FOR BATTLE NOT CHOIRS**

YET HERE THEY ARE SINGING LIKE A CHURCH CHOIR

Josh. 5:13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, **a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand.** And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, “Are You for us or for our adversaries?” **14** So He said, “No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.” **And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped,** and said to Him, “What does my Lord say to His servant?” **15** Then the Commander of the LORD’S army said to Joshua, **“Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy.”** And Joshua did so.

- **WHEN GOD SAYS “TAKE YOUR SHOES OFF,” YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS...**
- 2. **THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS REVELATION REQUIRES GREAT CELEBRATION! IT STILL DOES!**
- **Can you imagine** everyone just walking quietly off the field after the Super Bowl? Good game. IMPOSSIBLE!
- 3. **IF YOU WANT TO BE CLOSE TO GOD YOU MUST GET COMFORTABLE WITH GLORY**

Luke 2:14 NIV “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his FAVOR rests (not just goodwill).”

III. THE ANGELS DECLARED FAVOR!

- **FAVOR IS THE FOCUSED ATTENTION OF GOD** - *It’s more than well-wishing, it’s an agenda to bless!*
- **FAVOR MAKES US A TARGET** for strategic blessing and advancement within the purposes of God
- **FAVOR COMES TO US SO WE CAN RELEASE BLESSING and benefit to everyone around us.** Others are blessed because I am blessed.
- **HIS FAVOR IS OUR PEACE - NO MORE CHAOS! VICTORY OVER ENEMIES! DELIVERANCE FROM TROUBLE! DEATH PASSES OVER US BECAUSE HE IS OUR PASSOVER LAMB!**
- **HIS FAVOR IS OUR SALVATION**