

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 *INCREIBLY* 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 EVERWHERE - 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**