

God with Us

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TITLE: THE ARRIVAL OF GOD INCARNATE

“And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. ² (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) ³ And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:); ⁵ To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. ⁶ And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.”
(Luke 2:1-7)

INTRODUCTION _____

“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”
(Matthew 1:23)

1. A _____ Presence

A. He _____ History

HIS PLAN FORETOLD

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)

“But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me

that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” (Micah 5:2)

HIS PLAN PERFORMED

“Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.¹⁰ Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:¹¹ Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.” (1 Peter 1:9-11)

B. He _____ History

Quote: “History is *His story*.”—A.T. Pierson

Quote: “History is the unrolled scroll of prophecy.”
—President James Garfield

HE MOVES THE NATIONS

“The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.” (Proverbs 21:1)

“For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.¹⁰ The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.¹¹ The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.” (Psalm 33:9-11)

HE MOBILIZES A FAMILY

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

2. A _____ Presence

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)

A. The _____ of His Birth

“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,” (Galatians 4:4)

B. The _____ of His Birth

C. The _____ of His Birth

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷ But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: ⁸ And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” (Philippians 2:5-8)

Quote: “Christ was content with a stable when He was born so that we could have a mansion when we die.”

Quote:

“Rise, the woman’s conqu’ring Seed,
Bruise in us the serpent’s head.
Now display Thy saving power,
Ruined nature now restore.”

—Charles Wesley

3. A _____ Presence

A. He Provides _____

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: ¹⁵ Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:” (Colossians 1:14-15)

“In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.” (1 John 4:9)

B. He Provides a _____ with God

SALVATION IS PROVIDED

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; ⁶ Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.” (1 Timothy 2:5-6)

SALVATION MUST BE RECEIVED

“He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. ¹¹ He came unto his own, and his own received him not. ¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.” (John 1:10-12)

CONCLUSION _____

