

The Night the King Came
Luke 2:1-20

I. God the Father arranged the details regarding the birth of His Son.

- A. God appointed the time for Jesus to be born.
- B. God arranged the events for the birth of Jesus.
- C. God selected Bethlehem to be the place that Jesus would be born.
- D. God chose to reveal the birth of Jesus to common people.

(1 Samuel 17:12, 58; Micah 5:5; Matthew 24:29-30; Galatians 4:4-5; 1 Thessalonians 5:2)

II. In His arrangement of Jesus' birth, God the Father reveals to us some important truths.

- 1. We see the character of God.
- 2. We see that God wants us to discover what He has revealed to us.
- 3. We see confirmation that Jesus really is the Messiah.
- 4. We see the right response is worship.

(Isaiah 57:15; 66:1-2; Jeremiah 29:13-14; Luke 24:27; 1 Corinthians 14:33a; 2 Timothy 3:14-15; 1 Peter 5:5-6)

Scripture References and Notes

Galatians 4:4

⁴But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

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."

1 Samuel 17:12, 58

¹² Now David *was* the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem Judah, whose name *was* Jesse, and who had eight sons. And the man was old, advanced *in years*, in the days of Saul.

⁵⁸ And Saul said to him, "Whose son *are* you, young man?" So David answered, "*I am* the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

Matthew 24:29-30

²⁹ "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

1 Corinthians 14:33a

For God is not *the author* of confusion but of peace...

Isaiah 66:1-2

¹ Thus says the LORD: "Heaven *is* My throne, And earth *is* My footstool. Where *is* the house that you will build Me? And where *is* the place of My rest? ² For all those *things* My hand has made, And all those *things* exist," Says the LORD. "But on this *one* will I look: On *him who is* poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.

Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name *is* Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy *place*, With him *who* has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

1 Peter 5:5-6

⁵ Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "*God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.*" ⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time...

Jeremiah 29:13-14

¹³ And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.

2 Timothy 3:14-15

¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Luke 24:27

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

*All Scriptures are taken from the New King James Version.

