

### **Celebrating The Gift Of The SON**

Luke 2:9-14 [NKJV] proclaims the heavenly witness to the birth of JESUS [YESHUA] the MESSIAH, the SON, the Seed of David [Rom 1:3], the Root and Offspring of David [Rev 22:16], born in the city of David: < <sup>9</sup> **And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.**

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" >

This passage describes the heavenly witness of angels, as **the glory of the LORD shone around them.**

What is remarkable is that this heavenly witness is proclaimed over a Babe lying in a manger, who is declared to be MESSIAH the LORD. And, thereafter a multitude of the heavenly host appeared to proclaim what will be unfold in the future through the Babe lying in a manger: < **"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"**

While the date of the SON's birth seems to be deliberately omitted in Scripture, the fact of the SON's birth was attested to by angels - **surrounded by the glory of YHWH.**

The glory of YHWH attested to the **mission** of the MESSIAH to glorify GOD in the highest by manifesting on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

After eight days from His birth, it is written in Luke 2:21 that the Babe was circumcised under the Law and given the Name JESUS [YESHUA], the Name given by the angel Gabriel before He was conceived in the womb.

The incarnation by which the WORD became flesh in human form [John 1:14] was completed and, the heavenly host proclaimed the fact of this Babe in the manger bringing glory to GOD in the highest and, peace and goodwill to man through His Testimony. And, **YHWH shone His Glory** to proclaim this future as the outcome of history.

If YHWH celebrated the birth of His SON in human form with His Glory being manifested, why are so many in the Body of MESSIAH unwilling to declare His birth without being in conflict or in embarrassment; especially when there are so many attempts by the world to obliterate the birth of the MESSIAH from the season of Christmas.

Wasn't every day sanctified by the atoning power of the Blood in the Torah? So, what's the problem with December 25<sup>th</sup> or any other day for that matter?

Christmas gives us an opportunity to declare - unambiguously - that the WORD became flesh in the pages of history in order to manifest peace and goodwill through the Witness of His Blood being opened into the human state in salvation.

So have a blessed Christmas, for the birth of YESHUA MASHIAH [JESUS the MESSIAH] is worthy of celebration in the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. What we need to be concerned with is whether we are honoring the LORD worthily, not whether we got the date right or whether it coincides with a pagan festival.

The SON was born in the city of David and was declared in Scripture to be the Son of David [Matt 1:1] and the Seed of David [Rom 1:3].

In Psalm 103:1-5 [NKJV] David the psalmist gives meaning and context to our celebrations by declaring: < <sup>1</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, *ble*ss His holy name!** <sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:** <sup>3</sup> **Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,** <sup>4</sup> **Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,** <sup>5</sup> **Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*, so *that* your youth is renewed like the eagle's.** >

In Psalm 132:6-17 [NKJV], it is written: < **6 Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah** [Bethlehem is called 'Bethlehem Ephrathah', the 'Fruitful House of Bread']; **we found it in the fields of the woods.**

**7 Let us go into His tabernacle** [today we are His Tabernacle and Ps 29:9c declares: "And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"]; **let us worship at His footstool. 8 Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place** [Heb 4:9-10], **You and the ark of Your strength** [fulfilled in the Risen CHRIST].

**9 Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Your saints shout for joy. 10 For Your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of Your Anointed.**

**11 The LORD has sworn *in* truth to David; He will not turn from it: "I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body** [Rev 22:16c – the Body of MESSIAH called to be flesh of His Flesh and bone of His Bone (Eph 5:30, NKJV)]. **12 If your sons will keep My covenant and My testimony which I shall teach them, their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore."**

**13 For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired *it* for His dwelling place: 14 "This *is* My resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it. 15 I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread. 16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.**

**17 There** [in the fruitful House of Bread] **I will make the horn of David grow; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed** [Rev 21:22-26]. >

Have a Blessed and Joyous Christmas for there is much to celebrate in gratitude and, there is much to look forward to.

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