

Christmas 2009

Intro: 4th Teaching in Series, “The Gifts of God”;

(1) Wed, 16th – The Gift of The Word”; (2) Last Sun – “The Gift of Grace”; (3) Eve – “The Gift of His Son”; (4) Today – “The Gift of the Messiah”; (5) 1st Wed/Jan – The Gift of the Holy Spirit”

The “Christ” to be Born in Bethlehem

Matt 2:1-6 – The Christ is to be born in Bethlehem

John 7:42 ⁴²“Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?”

* Prophet both referring to?

Micah 5:2 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.”

V2

1. Bethlehem, Ephrathah – Same city/(Gen 35:19) Place Rachel died

2. Little among thousands of Judah

* Bethlehem – Little city in Judah – Compared to Jerusalem (Chief)

* Bethlehem = House of Bread; Jerusalem = Teaching of Peace

3. among the thousands of Judah – But it had to be Judah!

Luke 2:1-4 ¹And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. ³So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. ⁴Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David(1 Sam 16:1), (Judea = Roman province)

* Bethlehem made it Tribe/Judah vs. Ephraim/Dan/Benjamin/Simeon

4. Out of you shall come forth The One to be Ruler in Israel

Genesis 49:10 ¹⁰The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people. (Only place in Bible used!)

* Scepter – tribe/140 times, rod/34 times, scepter/10 times, staff/twice

* Shiloh - he whose it is, that which belongs to him, tranquility

Isaiah 9:6-7 ⁶For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

5. Whose goings forth are from of old/From everlasting

Psalms 90:2 ²Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

John 1:1 ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

V3 – Until Jesus is born - **Matthew 1:22-23** ²²So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ²³“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

V4

* He shall stand/feed his flock...in strength/Lord...name Lord/God

John 10:11-16 = Good Shepherd

V5 – This One shall be peace

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Luke 2:14 ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

Colossians 1:19-20 ¹⁹For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.(Jn 14:27,16:33, 20:19; Col 3:15)