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JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS

"And she will bring forth a Son, and
you shall call His name Jesus, for He
will save His people from their sins."

– Matthew 1:21 (NKJV)

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Introduction

"It is possible to be caught up in so much merrymaking that you will forget about Christ and how God became a man to save us." -- Pastor Mensa Otabil, General Overseer of ICGC

This eBook was a simple idea I had one morning whilst preparing for work. I thought about sharing write-ups on various Scriptures that speak to the birth of Christ in the gospels.

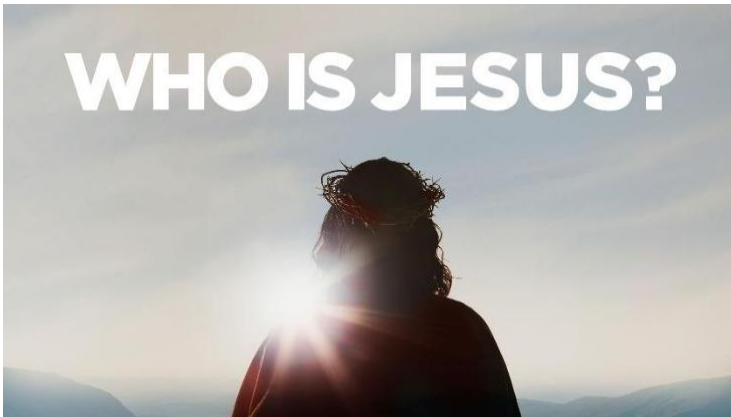
When I published the first work on Facebook, it was well received. By the time I was doing the second and the third, I realized three broad areas regarding the birth of Christ.

I discovered the nature of Jesus Christ as divine and human and then the prophecies of the Old Testament were fulfilled in the New Testament.

You will surely be edified interacting with this material.

Enjoy the reading.

PART 1: THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST



*"And He is before all things, and in Him
all things consist."*
-- Colossians 1:17 (NKJV)

#1. "In the Form of God"

Our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ was born for the sole purpose of saving His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).

Some people contest the actual date for the birth of Christ but that's not the focus of this write-up. There is no problem in heaven or under the sun if we even devote the whole year to celebrate our King of Glory. He is the reason why we are called Christians.

Today, we will consider the divinity of Jesus Christ. Philippians 2:5-7 (NKJV) says that,

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men."

There are two important truths we can pick from the first part of the text above:

A. "In the Form of God"

Jesus Christ is "in the form of God". That's profound because we learn in Genesis 1:26 that man is in the image of God but here we are taught that Jesus is in the form of God. He is just as God is. He is One with the Father (John 10:30). He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning, and the end (Revelation 1:8). Seeing Jesus is seeing God.

B. "Equal with God"

The second important truth to learn is that Jesus Christ is "equal with God". That is, being in the form of God also means being equal with God in function. If you are equal with someone, it stands to reason that you can do what the person does. In John 1, we are told that without Jesus nothing was made. The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit created everything (Genesis 1:1-3).

In our first text on our *"Journey to Christmas"*, we discover that Jesus Christ who is the Person of Christmas is "in the form of God" and "equal with God". No wonder Paul said that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself (2 Cor. 5:19). It can ONLY take God to save man. That's why He came to be born and die for our sins.

#2. "In the Likeness of Men"

Christmas is a full display of God's love for humanity. It shows the extent to which our Maker went to redeem fallen man. If we reduce Christmas to sharing items and having fun, we will miss the important investment of God towards us.

Paul writing in Philippians 2:5-7 (NKJV) says that;

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men."

There are three important truths we can glean from the second part of the text above (2:7):

A. "Made Himself of No Reputation"

Imagine the son of the greatest kingdom on earth forgoing His title for the sake of his subjects. That's what Christ did. Although He had chariots of fire to ride on, He rode on a donkey. Although He could have been praised by legions of angels, mere

men sung His praises when He entered Jerusalem. He showed the way of humility.

B. "Taking the Form of a Bondservant"

The next important truth we identify is that Jesus took on the form of a bondservant. He became a slave of Yahweh (Isaiah 52:13). He served His subjects by washing their feet (John 13:1-17). Even though He was our Master, He showed us the way of kingdom service (Mark 10:45).

C. "Coming in the Likeness of Men"

Jesus also came in the likeness of men. Jesus did not come like an angel, but He came like His brethren to redeem them (Hebrews 2:17). Thus, the writer of Hebrews says He can identify with our weakness and strengthen us when needed (Hebrews 4:12). He felt our pains and suffering to comfort us when we are troubled. He showed us how to live as humans.

In our earlier discussion, we learnt that JESUS IS FULLY GOD. In this discussion, we have also found that JESUS WAS FULLY MAN. These two ingredients of His nature qualified Him to be our Saviour. Share this good news with any man of any status in life.

#3. "All Things Were Made Through Him"

Our Scripture in Philippians 2 taught us that Jesus was in the form of God and made Himself in the likeness of men. If He was equal with God, what was He able to do like God did? The Scriptures are clear that He made everything.

In John 1:1-3 (NKJV), the Apostle John, the beloved apostle, wrote the following concerning what Jesus did,

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."

There are two crucial things John helps us to understand in the text on what Jesus has done:

A. Jesus Is Creator

"All things were made through Him"

The first thing we can learn is that the heavens and the earth and everything in it was made through

Jesus Christ. Paul, writing to the church in Colosse, said that everything was made by Him and through and for Him. Jesus was not only equal with God, but did what God did. Jesus made all things because the Trinity made all things as seen in Genesis 1.

B. Jesus Is Indispensable

"And without Him nothing was made that was made." Jesus is like our big thumb, without it, we cannot tie any meaningful thread with our other fingers. The Scripture says that without Him, nothing was made. He is so indispensable that we cannot do anything without Him. In John 15, Jesus said for without Him, we can do nothing. Meaning, with Him, all things are possible.

In this text, we have learnt that Jesus is an indispensable creator of everything. We may think life is possible without Him but that is an illusion. Those who have put their trust in Him are complete in all things but those who do not have Him are heading for a life of vanity.

#4. "In Him Was life"

In this discussion, we will consider Jesus as a life-giver. The work of Adam brought sin and death, but the work of Christ brings life to 'dead' people. Matthew 3 says that the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light.

John 1:4-5 (NKJV) says;

"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."

Let's consider three lessons from the Scripture:

A. Jesus Gives Life

"In Him was life"

Jesus gives life to people who were previously dead in trespasses and sins. In Ephesians 2, the Bible says God made us alive together with Christ Jesus. The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy but Jesus comes to give abundant life (John 10:10). Anyone who believes in Him has eternal life.

B. Jesus Gives Light

"And the life was the light of men"

Jesus brings light. He is the light of the world who grants those who believe in Him light to become light of the world. In Christ, we have a different perspective of life. We live from above and not below. We are hidden in Christ. We are blessed with every blessing in Christ. These are truths only believers in Christ know and can appropriate.

C. Jesus Dispels Darkness

"And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it"

Jesus' light dispels every form of darkness in the world. Ignorance is a function of the darkness of Satan, but the light of Christ empowers us. The Bible says we shall know the truth and it will set us free. In Christ, we are in the kingdom of light.

Jesus Christ is the source of true life and light that dispels every satanic agenda. The more we let in the light of His word, the more we are free from any entanglement of darkness. We must walk in the newness of life and be the light of the world. The entrance of His word brings light.

#5. "Head of all Principality and Power"

Jesus is not only God, creator of all things and giver of life, He is also the head of all principalities and power on earth, in the heavens, under the earth, and even things to come. Jesus is powerful than every force of darkness ever to appear on earth or yet to come. There is therefore no need for any believer in Christ to fear the devil.

In Colossians 2:9-10 (NKJV), Paul taught the following;

"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power."

Three things are important in the text above:

A. Jesus is Like the Father

"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily"

The Scriptures say that if you see Jesus, you have seen the Father. He is the express image of the invisible God; therefore, He is the fullness of the

Godhead. He is the embodiment of the Father and the Holy Spirit.

B. Jesus has all Power

"And you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power"

In Matthew 28, before going to heaven, Jesus declared that all authority in heaven and on earth had been given to Him. God has given Jesus power to execute judgment on the earth therefore Matthew 24 says He will come with His Holy Angels and dispense reward and retribution accordingly. He is powerful over Satan and all His cohorts.

We learn here that Jesus is the head or is supreme over all powers on earth and in heaven. In the Gospels, when demons saw Him, they trembled because they understood the person, nature, and power of Jesus Christ.

PART 2: PROPHECIES ABOUT THE BIRTH OF CHRIST



*"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you
a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive
and bear a Son, and shall call His name
Immanuel."*

-- Isaiah 7:14 (NKJV)

#6. The Seed of the Woman

Christmas is a divine prophetic fulfillment. It is a time for us to reflect over the sure promises of God. What He says comes to pass and nothing can hinder it.

In Genesis 3:15 (NKJV), God declared the following words to man and Satan after the fall,

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

God is not arbitrary. Whatever He says comes to pass. The text above shows us that the birth of Christ was conceived by God and He declared it before events worked together to make it happen. Indeed, God can do anything.

What can we learn?

A. The Birth of Christ Was Prophesied

We can learn that on the journey to Christmas, the birth of Christ was first prophesied by God before any inspired declaration or prophecy by man.

Isaiah, Micah, and other prophets revealed the birth of Christ but God Himself took the lead to make it known to man that He will send the Seed of the woman. This event we call “Christmas” was so important to God that He declared it long before it happened.

B. The Birth of Christ Was Manifested

Now, the question we want to answer is this: did what God speak about the birth of Christ really come to pass? Yes, it did! Matthew 1 & 2 and Luke 2 reveal to us that Christ was born of the virgin Mary just as God declared in Genesis 3:15. Paul writing in Galatians 4:4 said that, “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law.”

We can doubt men when they speak of what they will do in the future but we cannot doubt God because whatever He says, He is capable of bringing it to pass. He declared the coming of His Son through a woman and it was done.

May His will for our lives be established just as that of the Son was done.

#7. "Unto Us a Son is Given"

An event of extreme importance comes with multiple advance notices. For example, in Genesis 12:1-3, God promised Abraham to make him a great nation, give him many people, and be a source of blessing to all people on earth. As important as it was, He repeated this to Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, and the whole of Israel many times before it was fulfilled in due time.

In the Old Testament, God used many prophets to declare about the coming of His Son. The Prophet Isaiah wrote in Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV) that,

"For 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."

There are two important prophetic utterances we can learn from the first part of the text above by the great Major Prophet:

A. "Unto Us a Child is Born"

Isaiah revealed by the Spirit of God that a Child will be born of a woman just as God declared in Genesis 3:15. He was affirming what God said that He will be the Seed of the woman. Paul reinforced this in Philippians 2 that He came in the likeness of men. Isaiah prophesied that He will be born like any normal child through a woman. Very important!

B. "Unto Us a Son is Given"

According to Luke 1:35, the Child "to be born will be called the Son of God". Even though His earthly parents were Mary and Joseph, His heavenly Father was God (Matthew 3:17). John 3:16 says that God's love for the world led Him to send His ONLY BELOVED SON TO REDEEM US FROM SIN. He is the Son of God.

Did what Isaiah say come to pass? Yes, it did! In Matthew 1:25, Mary gave birth to her firstborn Son called JESUS. In Luke 2:25-35, Simeon saw and testified that the Child was the Son of God given for the salvation of the world. Christmas is a manifestation of God's prophecies. We have every reason to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

#8. "Out of You Shall Come Forth"

The Bible is not just another ordinary work of man. It is a living and powerful book inspired by God to reveal His redemptive work on the earth. Writers of the Old Testament predicted with accuracy the coming events in the New Testament years before they happened. We have looked at God's prediction and that of Isaiah. We will take note of another exact prediction concerning the place of birth of Jesus Christ.

The Old Testament book of Micah 5:2 (NKJV) says the following;

"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."

This is a crucial text that gives us details of His place of birth and divinity. No one could have known this unless the Lord revealed it.

A. The Place of His Birth

The Minor Prophet Micah accurately predicted that the birth of Jesus Christ would happen in Bethlehem Ephrathah. It was an insignificant place as compared with other places, but God Almighty chose it to be the place of birth for the Saviour of the world. Indeed, God chooses insignificant things to make something meaningful out of it.

B. The Person of Christ

The prophet of God said that out of this small unknown place will come the Messiah of mankind. Importantly, He will be the ruler of Israel and there shall be no end to His reign. As the maker of the heavens and the earth, He can choose to use anywhere for His purpose to be established. We don't have to let our background limit our trust in God.

Just as the prophet declared many years before it happened, the birth of Christ manifested in Bethlehem Ephrathah. Authentic prophets of God speak by divine inspiration with clear and accurate results. God's word on the lips of His chosen prophet is as accurate as God's word spoken by Himself.

#9. "The Virgin Shall Conceive and Bear a Son"

The greatest mystery ever to happen was for a virgin who did not know any man to conceive a Child and deliver in nine months. The human mind cannot explain this mystery. Many who have attempted explaining this act of the Holy Spirit with their carnal mind end up downplaying the virgin birth and the divinity of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

In Isaiah 7:14 (NKJV), the Major Prophet said;

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

There are two main important thoughts we can pick from the text above:

A. "The Virgin Shall Conceive and Bear a Son"

What a paradox! How is it possible for a virgin, a woman who has not known a man, to conceive and bear a Son? Like Ezekiel in the valley of dry bones, all we can say is that **ONLY GOD KNOWS**. It is humanly impossible, but God made it happen.

Since the Child to be born was to be without sin and still be human, the only way was to be supernaturally conceived and brought forth. There is indeed no limit to what God can do to make His purpose real on earth.

B. "And Shall Call His Name Immanuel"

The Son to be born to Mary will be called "Immanuel" meaning, God with us. Major religions of the world ascribe to the supreme nature of God with all power, but it is only Christianity that goes further to teach that God came in the likeness of men to save them from our sins. In Matthew 28, Jesus said even though He was leaving physically, yet He will still be with us. Hence, the coming of the Spirit of God. Ours is a wonderful relational Saviour who abides with us and in us.

This Christmas, be convinced and let someone also know that the Son whom Isaiah spoke about was born in the fullness of time and He came to dwell with us till now. If they want to experience His authentic relationship, they can ask Him to forgive them their sins and believe in His finished works on the cross. He will never cast away anyone who comes to Him. May He alone be praised.

#10. "Out of Egypt I Called My Son"

Hosea was an "unusual" prophet of the living God. His demonstrable prophecies would leave your mouth ajar. Think of the fact that God asked him to marry a harlot and name his children according to the sinful deeds of Israel. It was all to show His people how far away they were separated from Him.

I want us to consider one of his prophecies concerning the birth of the Messiah. In Hosea 11:1 (NKJV) he stated;

*"When Israel was a child, I loved him,
And out of Egypt I called My son."*

No matter how severe the wrath of God was towards His people, He still showed them mercy. In the text above, we learn one important lesson:

This prophecy was played out in Matthew 1 when Herod threatened to kill baby Jesus, but God directed the parents to take cover in Egypt until the king died. It wasn't that God could not have faced Herod, but divine wisdom is another strategy to defeat your enemies.

It was the same Egypt, a type of the world, that God delivered His chosen people from in the book of Exodus. The sovereign God, who made everything, can use any place for the safety of His people. He called His Son from Egypt. Just like we are in the world but not of the world, the Lord can use any geographical location to keep His people from any devices of the devil. Those who perpetually dwell in Egypt do not have any guarantee of the Lord's safety. You can only be safe, like the people in Noah's Ark, if you put your trust in the Son of God.

Esteemed Bible devotional commentator, Matthew Henry wrote in his commentary on Hosea 11 that, "The calling of Christ out of Egypt was a figure of the calling of all that are His, through Him, out of spiritual slavery." The believer is in safety when he or she hides in the secret place of the Most High God. Hosea was a true prophet who spoke, and it came to pass.

PART 3: THE MANIFESTATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST



*"But when the fullness of the time had
come, God sent forth His Son, born[a] of
a woman, born under the law."*

-- Galatians 4:4 (NKJV)

#11. "Let It Be to Me According to Your Word"

Christmas is the fulfillment of divine prophecies. I want us to consider the actual fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament. This goes a long way to testify that the Bible is not a human made book, but a God inspired book.

The virgin birth was announced to Mary by the angel in Luke 1:38 (NKJV) and this is what she said,

"Then Mary said, 'Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.' And the angel departed from her."

There are two important lessons we can pick from this text:

A. "Behold the Maidservant of the Lord!"

When the angel visited and announced the plan of God to Mary, she responded by saying that she is a 'servant of the Lord'. That's a noble and humble self-assessment. She didn't think of herself more highly than others. She saw herself as a vessel ready to be filled with the Holy Ghost to do the will of the

Master. That must be our attitude as believers. The apostles of Jesus Christ saw themselves as *'bondservants of the Lord Jesus'*.

B. "Let It Be to Me According to Your Word"

Mary's next line of statement affirmed her faith and trust in the Lord to do what He wants to do with her. She didn't doubt what God can do but trusted that whatever He says, He can do. Knowing what her great ancestors experienced in the Old Testament, she had grounds to believe what God can do through her. Mary also knew that God's word is capable of being fulfilled irrespective of the prevailing conditions. She only had to believe it and it is as good as done. We must speak like Mary, "Lord, do what you want to in my life."

We realize in the Scripture above that the prophecy of Isaiah that the virgin shall conceive and give birth to a Son was being fulfilled. Mary was not born with the knowledge that she was the one to give birth to the Saviour of the world, but when the news came to her, she did not doubt but embraced what God said - trusting that it shall be done. We must behave like Mary, when we hear God speak, we must trust Him that He can do it.

#12. "Do Not Be Afraid"

After the birth of Christ had been announced to Mary, there was the need to announce to the troubled father, Joseph. In every sense, he had grounds to let go of the intended marriage due to the pregnancy. But God was about to intervene before Joseph would take any action. What was happening was far beyond the realm of Joseph.

In a pensive mode trying to make sense of what Mary had told him about the pregnancy, Matthew 1:20 (NKJV) says that this happened,

"But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."

Two things are of prime importance here as we carefully study this text above:

A. The Messenger

The Bible says "an angel of the Lord" appeared to Joseph in a dream. God sent His angel to explain

what was happening to Joseph so that he will make sense of the unfolding events. The ministry of angels is all over the Bible. They are ministering spirits sent to help the elect (Hebrews 1:14). *When the going gets tough, we can trust that God will use His own chosen means to make His plans clear to us.*

B. The Message

What did the angel tell Joseph? There are two aspects of the message from the angel by the Lord: One, he encouraged him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife. He needed to allay his fears. *When fear enters our heart, we operate in doubt.* Two, he told him that which is conceived is of the Holy Spirit. Only the Spirit of the Lord could cause a virgin to conceive a Child. The message is clear that *there is nothing impossible for our God to do.*

Even though the virgin birth was a supernatural activity, it also appeared natural. God dealt with all the parties involved to know and understand what was going on. The kingdom of God operates in light and not darkness. It operates in faith and not fear. It certainly operates in knowledge and not ignorance. Whereas the enemy wants to inject fear, God counters it with knowledge and light.

#13. She Brought Forth Her Firstborn Son

After the series of prophecies by God Himself and His prophets and the announcements by angels, Mary finally gave birth to Baby Jesus. Though it may tarry, what God has declared will come to pass. What He says cannot be hindered by Satan nor man.

After nine months of carrying the Spirit conceived Child, this is what happened in Luke 2:7 (NKJV).

The Bible said that;

*"And she brought forth her firstborn Son,
and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths,
and laid Him in a manger, because there
was no room for them in the inn."*

There are three significant ideas we can glean from the text above:

A. Prophetic Fulfillment

Just as the angel declared to Mary and Joseph, the Baby boy Jesus was born to Mary. Just like the Old Testament prophets predicted. God's word does not fail. What He says comes to pass. His promises are forever sure. He told Abraham that his wife

would conceive at an old age and give birth to a Son and so happened. This is to tell us today that His word does not fail.

B. Human Limitation

Do you remember our initial text in Philippians 2 where Paul said that though Christ was God, He came in the likeness of men? Of course, as human, Jesus was subjected to all the human limitations from conception to ascension. Indeed, the Scriptures tell us that He was at all points tempted but never sinned. The writer of Hebrews said that He went through our weaknesses so that He can strengthen us when we are in such conditions. Whatever limitations Christ went through from this time forward was to teach us that irrespective of what we go through, God can do what He plans to do.

In our text for today, we learn that the prophecies concerning the birth of Christ happened. God's word does not fail. If He promises to bless you, you are rest assured that it will happen. If He says that He will turn your life around, be sure He will do it. Our main job is to trust His word and see the performance of His will in our lives.

#14. "Good Tidings of Great Joy"

Aside from Mary and Joseph, God announced the birth of His Son to shepherds in the fields. In fact, according to Matthew 2:3, when the Jews heard about it, they were *troubled*. Herod feared his kingdom was threatened, hence he massacred innocent babies to get to Jesus. The prophet Malachi had said that in all the world God's name will be magnified. He announced to the shepherds and said it was joy to "all people" in the world.

Luke 2:10-11 (NKJV) says that;

"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. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

There are two important lessons we can pick from the text:

A. The Angelic Visitation

God's angel visited the shepherds. These were ordinary people minding their own business, but God was sending a very important message that

His redemption was staged from the Jews to the rest of humanity. It was not only for Jews. Since the sin of Adam ravaged humanity, salvation was meant for humanity as well. He visited them and allayed their fears. When angels visit, they come in the name of the Lord.

B. The Angelic Message

The angel's message was clear and concise: *salvation has come to humanity and it's a source of great joy.* Whereas sin and disobedience bring death, salvation brings joy and life. Just as I noted above, salvation through Jesus Christ is for the whole human race and not only for Jews. Therefore, the angel said, this great joy is to *all people*. Salvation is for those who are far and near.

The angel declared to Mary that the Son to be born *will save His people from their sins.* We see here that the Son born was the Saviour. How does He save us? Well, if we repent of our sins, He will not cast us away but will grant us eternal life. *The best news on earth is salvation for sinners who cannot save themselves.*

#15. "Destined For the Fall And Rising of Many in Israel"

When baby Jesus was taken to the temple to fulfill the customs of the law, Simeon, led by the Spirit, spoke concerning the significance of His birth. He was described as "just and devout".

When Jesus was taken to the temple, Luke 2:34 (NKJV) recorded this as happening:

"Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against."

There are two thoughts in the words of Simeon we want to dissect and glean lessons for our lives:

A. JUDGMENT: The Fall of Many in Israel

Christ was born to crash the 'wise' and 'rich' system of religious belief of Israel. Herod the king saw the birth of Christ as a threat to his throne (Matthew 2). Christ was the Messiah born of the seed of David to be the legitimate heir of the throne (Matthew 1). Ultimately, He crashed and caused the fall of Satan

(Colossians 2:15). Jesus was born to cause the fall of Satan and His false religious system (Luke 10:18).

B. SALVATION: The Rising of Many in Israel

Child Jesus was destined for the rising of many in Israel. Rising of the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:3). Apostle James said that the humble will be exalted (James 4:10). The God-Man causes ordinary people and even the mighty who put their faith in Him to be elevated. Thus, He chose ordinary men to be His disciples (1 Corinthians 1:26-31). He used women to proclaim the gospel (Matthew 20:1-9). He who comes to Him is not cast away but used for His glory.

Jesus was born to cause the fall and rising of many. If you do not know the Son of man, you are doomed for fall. You are bound for hell. But if you know Him, you are bound for rising and receiving eternal life (John 3:16). Why was the Child born? Jesus answers for Himself in John 9:39 (NKJV): And Jesus said,

"For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."

Conclusion

The birth of the most important Person in heaven and on earth was a prophetic fulfillment.

In this systematic teaching, we have discovered that Jesus Christ was all powerful but made Himself in the likeness of men to enter our realm to save us.

Without Jesus life is meaningless. We can achieve our goals and count our successes, but it will amount to destruction. Proverbs 14:12 says that “There is a way that seems right to a man.” But he who has joined the Son of God has eternal life and will dwell with God in the life to come.

It is obvious that His purpose for the first coming and the Second Coming are intersected in the sense that He will save the saints and crash sinners.

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