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And It Came To Pass

The Gospel Story of the First Christmas

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 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.

The Visit Of the Angels

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men.

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The Visit Of the Wise Men

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and are come to worship Him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young Child; and when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the East, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

The Flight Into Egypt

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young Child and His mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him. When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night, and departed into Egypt: and was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my Son. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked by the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise, and take the young Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young Child's life. And he arose, and took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

WE SEND SINCERE GREETINGS TO YOU



W. W. HARRIS, Publisher

To Our Friends and Patrons:

Christmas this year comes to a confused world. The false prophets who guide the destinies of dictator nations have brought untold suffering to a sorely tried world.

As we look at the world picture today we see a contrast between what ought to be, and heavy, distressing days that test the faith of mankind.

But despite the haunting shadows of war, the deep abiding joy of Christmas is felt throughout the world. The Star of Bethlehem shines as brightly as it did two thousand years ago, its rays reaching bravely through the dread darkness of ignorance and fear. What Christmas stands for is as indestructible as God Himself.

There are those who say there should be no Christmas this year because of the deep shadows of a world in turmoil. They are entirely wrong, we think. There has never been a period when the world needed Christmas as at the present time. It is needed to lift men and women from common things to the vision of the living Christ, it lifts man's mind to the knowledge of God's love, it helps us understand the truth that love and tenderness and kindness are as enduring as immortality.

Twenty centuries ago a guiding star . . . a star of hope promising much to mankind . . . led three wise men to a lonely stable in the little town of Bethlehem.

Twenty centuries later—today—we consider Christmas an institution serving an inner need of men, women and children, as well adapted to the present needs as it was on the quiet hills outside that little town, an institution capable of fulfilling an old-age requirement—that of joy and happiness to mankind.

Christmas, more than any other celebration, is a family day. This year in hundreds of homes in this community, and in thousands of others throughout America, there will be empty chairs because many of our sons, relatives and friends are in the service, scattered over all parts of the earth. We will all be thinking of them on Christmas Day and the soldier's soul will be "back home" with loved ones around the Christmas tree and table. To all of these young men THE CHRONICLE sends sincere greetings and best wishes.

For 26 years under its present management THE CHRONICLE has been privileged to bring you the tidings of the community, the news of your relatives, your neighbors, your friends, news of the everyday life of the men, women and children who make up this community. We strive to bring you clean news, constructive news, hopeful news, wholesome news—we are doing our best under difficult conditions, to produce the kind of newspaper that will be a welcome visitor in the inner circles of your homes from week to week.

And so, as this year now draws to a close, the publisher and members of our loyal and appreciated staff send our sincere Christmas Greetings. We rededicate this newspaper to those we are privileged to serve and will strive to be of increasing usefulness and service in the community.

To our large family of subscribers, advertisers, patrons and friends, we are indebted for your good-will, patronage and friendships. THE CHRONICLE extends the compliments and felicitations of the season as we wish for you and those dear to you a Happy Christmas and a Joyous and Prosperous New Year.

And above all else, may the dream of prophets, the hope of mankind and the song of angels soon be fulfilled, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth, Peace, Good-will Toward Men."

W. W. HARRIS, Publisher.

WISHING YOU A ★ MERRY CHRISTMAS



We send you sincere and hearty greetings, full of good cheer for each of you. And may the coming twelve months find you happy and contented in your every undertaking.

AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

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