

Luke 2:1-20

The Birth of a King

# V1-3 God controls world events

V1- Caesar Augustus-nephew/adopted son of Julius Caesar

-44 BC Julius Caesar named Divus Julius

-29 BC Octavius defeated Marc Antony & Cleopatra at Actium

Declared Rome's 1st emperor

-27 BC given title "Augustus"

(exalted/venerated/worshipped one)

Whereas the Providence which has guided our whole existence and which has shown such care and liberality, has brought our life to the peak of perfection in giving to us Augustus Caesar, whom it filled with virtue for the welfare of mankind and who, being sent to us and to our descendants as a savior, has put an end to war and has set all things in order” Repeatedly called “the savior of the world”

Triumvirate- Gaius Octavius  
Marcus Lepidas, Mark Anthony  
Rome founded 750 BC  
Powerful state by 250 BC  
Julius killed 44 BC. Rome divided.  
Lepidas was exiled. Octavius beat  
Anthony/Cleo and Pax Romana began

# Galatians 4:4-5

When-When the fullness of the time had come,

Who-God sent forth His Son

How- born of a woman, born under the law,

Why- to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

# Micah 5:2

Where- But thou, Bethlehem  
Ephratah, though thou be little among  
the thousands of Judah, yet out of  
thee shall He come forth unto Me that  
is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings  
forth have been from of old, from  
everlasting.

# **V4-7 God controls individual events**

**V4- Joseph & Mary travel to Bethlehem**

**V5- Mary was 9 months pregnant**

**V6- Night like every night, but a baby son was born like no other baby son**

**V7a- Swaddling clothes-strips of cloth**

**Levitical Shepherds- cared for lambs**

**V7b- There was no room for them**

V8-14 An Angelic Announcement

V8- Shepherds keeping watch over their flock, at night

V9- The glory of The LORD shone  
Shekinah glory- burning bush, glory filled the temple, robed Jesus at transfiguration, blinded Saul

V10-Who gave the message- Angels

What was the message- Don't be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy for ALL people

V11- There is born....

Savior- True Savior of the world

Christ- The Anointed One

The Lord- Creator and ruler of the world

V12- A sign of a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes

When priestly robes were made or wore out, the strips of cloth were given to the Levitical shepherds to wrap perfect baby male lambs for sacrifice

V13- All heaven broke  
loose on earth

Angels praising God and saying:

**GLORY TO GOD  
IN THE HIGHEST**

V16- When they heard about Jesus, they came in a hurry.

V17- They told others

V20- Shepherds became worshippers

# Jesus is returning

John 14:2-3 "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also".

# Jesus is returning

Revelation 3:11 “I am returning soon.  
Hold on to what you have, so that no one  
will take your crown.”

Revelation 22:12

“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my  
reward with me, to repay each one for  
what he has done”

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