



"THE BIRTH"
Luke 2:1-7
December 10, 2017

Sovereign omnipotence wrapped in swaddling cloths is perfect power to save helpless people.

I. The Decree

A. Caesar's Decree

B. God's Decree

Ephesians 1:4; Galatians 4:4; Luke 1:31-33; Micah 5:2

II. The 'Inconvenient' Journey

1. Nazareth

Isaiah 9:1-2

2. Bethlehem

Micah 5:2

3. Egypt

(Matthew 2:13-15) Hosea 11:1

III. The Birth (6-7)

A. Royal rights.

B. Swaddling cloths.

C. No place.

Jesus knew it would be like this, and He still came!

These are crazy humble circumstances

- for the One who stands, in Daniel 7,
before the Ancient of Days!

- for the One before whom earth
and sky flee in Revelation 20!

This is strong love, coming to save.

NEXT WEEK

"THE ANNOUNCEMENT"
Luke 2:8-21

Passage Overview:

Bethlehem was the birthplace of David. David began his life as a shepherd before being anointed king. He battled lions and bears as he protected his father's flocks before becoming a mighty warrior, used by God to protect the people of God.

Jesus, the son of David and of God, would be born in the ancestral home of David, and would serve as the Good Shepherd. He would save His people by laying down his own life. He too would be a mighty warrior, defeating death itself through his victory on the cross and by rising from the dead. Jesus also came as King, the King of all kings. The son of David, He was also David's Lord and High King.

Significantly, the first to be told of the arrival of this long awaited son of David and Messiah, would be shepherds near Bethlehem. Society considered them to be ignorant, crude, and poor. Yet it was for such as these that the Good Shepherd Himself had come.

The shepherds were overcome with fear at the sight of the angels and the glory of God. But their fear was replaced by great joy and unrestrained praise of God as they found Jesus and then told others about Him.

In contrast, Mary, who had faced so much ridicule for her pregnancy outside of marriage, treasured all that was happening in her heart. She too had heard from an angel. Now a multitude of angels had appeared in worship and praise of God at the birth of this child. The treasure she held in her arms had already penetrated deep into her heart.

Reading for Next Week: Luke 2:8-21

How does this apply to me?