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We began laying a foundation to The Real Understanding,

to The Real Meaning of The Biblical Doctrine of the Real Christmas Event.

And we stressed the fact - that a story is not necessarily a fact.

The coming of Christ into the world, which is called Christmas, **is not a story**, but it was, is an actual historical fact with eternal consequences.

In Our Over Riding Theme We Learned...

John 1:1-3,14

In the beginning (at the physical creation) was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (one in essence and being) 2 He was in the beginning (at the physical creation) with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made., 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we (all those who physically saw Him) beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten (only honored, glorified, forerunner) of the Father, full of grace and truth.

In Part 1 to Our Christmas Foundation We Saw...

Genesis 3:15

And I (LORD) 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."

And Now in Part 2 to Our Christmas Foundation We See...

1 John 1:1-4

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life - 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us - 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

- 1.) The Promise of His Return
- 2.) The Purpose of His Return
- 3.) The Proclamation of His Return

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4.) The Environment of His Return

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

The "Predictive Nature" of God

Is a rarely talked about characteristic of God – as an example; God can never lie, God cannot do wrong, God cannot sin.

These are part of the "Predictive Nature" of God – Yes.

But it goes deeper

Romans 11:33-34 = "who has known the mind of the Lord?"

— not you. not me.

1 Corinthians 2:16 = "who has known the mind of God that can instruct Him"

— we cannot!

However, this is not what we're talking about here.

We're talking about what the Bible reveals regarding the history or past actions of God - meaning this, that the Bible shows us a predictive pattern from Genesis to the Book of Revelation that shows us that,

{1} when at the worst of times, and in {2} the most terrible moments, the God of the Bible enters into those times and moments with hope. (this is the environment we are speaking of here)

Into what conditions did Jesus come?

Matthew 4:13-16

And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, **14** that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: **15** "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: **16** The people who sat in darkness have seen a great Light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death – Light has dawned."

What is Matthew talking about & why did he say that?

Isaiah 9:1b-2

By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles.

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them Light has shined.

And the very next verse says...

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The very word "repent" is not a word intended to offend you, it's a word intended to rescue you – to rescue you from the world, from evil, and from yourself.

THE ENVIRONMENT OF HIS RETURN WILL BE...

4a.) Preempted by a Rise of Evil.

Isn't this world that we are in - qualified to see God intervene again?

To suddenly interrupt the evil in this world?

Please do not get me wrong. I am not predicting an economic recovery. I am not predicting an environmental miracle. I am not predicting world peace. But I am predicting that there is a high probability that God will act in a very powerful way, while evil is present. He has always come to man's rescue.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

Now the Spirit expressly says that in the Latter Times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, **2** speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.

2 Timothy 3:1-8

But know this, that in the Last Days perilous times will come: (but how can we tell) **2** For men will be (become exclusively focused on self-pleasures) lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, **4** traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **5** having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! **6** For of this sort are those who creep into households (homes, families, marriages) and make captives of gullible (unwise, lustful, longing, discontented) women loaded down with sins, led away by (their) various lusts (epithumia – burning lusts, giving themselves over to heated impulses, carnal desires and unholy thoughts..., **7** always learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. **8** Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men (and women), of

corrupt minds - disapproved concerning the faith.

As we see more and more of the rise of evil – at the same time

we can expect to see God beginning to move and to stir up His people.

The Darkest Hours prepare Us to Look for Hope

(it is impossible for the Christian to ever be the victim)

Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? **32** He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? **33** Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. **34** Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword....

...36 As it is written:

"For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. **38** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, **39** nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE ENVIRONMENT OF HIS RETURN WILL BE...

4b.) Preempted by an Increase of Sin.

When Jesus was Born into this world –

The Roman Empire, like all empires without God was a violent, decadent, Pleasure-obsessed; sexually deviant culture given over to vile passions.

Romans Chapter 1 is an Expose' and one of the most accurate and shocking insights into the Roman world and its way of life

Rome worshiped the human body. Rome worshiped its military prowess.

Rome worshipped materialism and idols.

Rome worshipped nature and the environment.

Rome worshipped the entertainment of death in Colosseum(s)

And above all - Rome worshiped all and any form of sexuality and gratification.

Romans 1:21-28

Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Professing to be wise, they became fools, **23** and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man - and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things **24** Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, **25** who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. **26** For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. **27** Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. **28** And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not (ka'the'ko = things that cannot fit together or that which is unable to combine, unusable, destructive unions, unholy acts) not fitting;

THE ENVIRONMENT OF HIS RETURN WILL BE...

4c.) Preempted by an Age of Deception.

False Religions are to be Assumed.

Paganism and Ancient Babylonianism has been the Birthplace of the Cults and of the Occult.

When I say environment, I also mean the atmospherics.

has always been charged by deception and falsehood. From the days of Adam and Eve fallen man has fallen for the lies of the wicked one.

If it wasn't bad enough for Adam to have encountered Satan personally on a level of deception no other human has yet experienced. But ever since that day the explosion of deception has continued on from that moment to now.

Evil was increasingly present – Before God gave His promise to redeem the descendants of Eve. **Evil was increasingly present** – Before Jesus Christ was born into the world. **Evil will be increasingly present** before Jesus Christ removes His church to heaven. **Evil will be increasingly present** before Christ's Second Coming to earth, to establish His kingdom.

Luke 17:26-30

And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all. 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Genesis 6:5-7

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And the LORD was sorry (mournful, sickened, broken-hearted) that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved (pained, injured, wounded, hurt) in His heart. 7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from off the face of the earth.

Matthew 24:10-12

Then many will be offended, they will betray one another, and will hate one another. **11** Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. **12** And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

Luke 12:52-56

For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. **53** Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." **54** Then He also said to the multitudes, "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is. **55** And when you see the south wind blow, you say, "There will be hot weather'; and there is. **56** (actors / fakers) Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how *is it* you do not discern this time?

"How Well You Know Your Bible - - is not a Luxury, nor is it an Option.

The Days of Deception are Upon Us and they will Increase. Without His Word Embedded in Your Heart and Mind, You will not Survive the Coming Storm."

Matthew 24:23-25

"Then if anyone says to you, "Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. **24** For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. **25** See, I have told you beforehand.

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5.) The Essence of His Return

The Essence Meaning, the Message. The Mission.

From His Confrontation with Evil in the Garden of Eden to His Bethlehem Birth – The Essence of His Coming was / is / will always be to deliver!

Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

HIS RETURN THERE IS THE ESSENCE OF HIS RETURN

5a.) Always Brings About The Conviction.

Mark 1:15

And Jesus said, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

1 John 4:14

We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

In Reality - The Conviction of God is a great Gift

Acts 2:36-40

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." **37** Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" **38** Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." **40** And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

(1)

When the Lord returned to walk in the garden of Eden His call to Adam was "Where are you?"

With the Intent to Invoke Conviction.

(2)

Even when the Lord appeared in a shepherd's feeding trough (manger) – the call was given to all of mankind "Come and See the Savior"

With the Intent to Invoke Conviction.

(3)

I believe that right now we are living at a time when Jesus Christ could suddenly and without warning – appear in the atmosphere to call His church, His bride up to Himself. That's why in our day the invitation is going out, "Repent of your sins and come to Me."

With the Intent to Invoke Conviction.

And when Christ returns as King of Kings and Lord of Lords to judge the Earth in His wrath, the Book of Revelation, declares that "He will send forth an Angel to announce the Gospel – to the ends of the Earth

With the Intent to Invoke Conviction.

HIS RETURN THERE IS THE ESSENCE OF HIS RETURN

5b.) Always Brings About The Consideration.

Jesus *is* the Christmas Consideration

Matthew 2:9-11

When they had heard Herod the king, the wise men 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. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. 11 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.

The elements of His Kingdom. The elements of His Priesthood.

The elements of His Sacrifice

5c.) Always Brings About The Challenge.

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Matthew 12:30

He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

The "Bad News" of The Good News

John 3:16-21

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. **18** "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** And this is the condemnation, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than Light, because their deeds were evil.

20 For everyone practicing evil hates the Light and does not come to the Light, lest his deeds should be exposed. **21** But he who does the truth comes to the Light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

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6.) The Effect of His Return.

"By "Effect" I mean that the Coming of Jesus Christ so "changed the world for the good - that His advent resulted in the single most powerful influence that the world has ever known or will ever know."

His influence Has such a Reality effect that;

- (1) Since creation billions of people have been effected by His influence.
- (2) His teachings are reproduced plagiarized to effect the world.
- (3) False religions must invent a false Jesus Christ to effect others.
- (4) We know that the world will be greatly effected by the Antichrist(s).

6a.) Results in a Cleansing from this World

1 John 3:1-3

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

6b.) Results in a Separation from this World

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

6c.) Results in an Embracing of this World

It is said of the great 18th Century evangelist, George Whitefield, that - "He loved the world that hated Him."

by "Embracing" I mean - - Now that the world has been taken out of you – you are now ready to go back into the world to reach the world.

We are now burdened by His love for a lost world around us. An unbelieving husband, an unbelieving wife or child or parent.

As followers of Jesus Christ – We've Been Commissioned

Acts 1:6-11

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** And Jesus said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." **9** Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. **10** And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them

in white apparel, **11** who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

_____End of Study _____

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