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Matthew 1:17-2:12 NKJV

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The Reading of Our Text

Matthew 1:17-2:12

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. 18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 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. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." 24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS. 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the

people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' " 7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." 9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen 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 exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

Now Hear This "Merry Christmas Greeting" from the Old Man Peter – Peter the Apostle.

2 Peter 1:19-21

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

The Christ of Christmas

1.) Is Beyond Life

Since when does a baby being born require a genealogical - 23 & Me search?

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God is all about LIFE.

1. There is our - love for life.
2. There is our - pursuit to live our lives.
3. There is our - determination to preserve life.
4. There is our - fight to stay alive.

Since when does a baby being born fulfill the Bible's ancient prophecies.

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2.) Is Beyond Hope

Since when does a young lady (Mary) being pregnant out-of -marriage create such a scandal.

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What I mean is – without Jesus Christ there is no hope. Thus, Jesus Christ is beyond all hope because He is greater than hope itself – He is the Author of it.

Our Human Psyche;

Only Works Right Based on Hope.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. 23
They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

Our Human Existence;

Is 100% Dependent Upon Hope.

But what is hope?

This is not easily answered because it demands a broad-spectrum of consideration

"If I could just... catch a brake"

"If I could just... have someone give me a chance"

The Loss of Hope Can Be Dangerous.

Acts 27:20

Now when neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest beat on us,
all hope that we would be saved was finally given up.

Even the slogan;

"Make America Great Again"

It's effective because it appeals to our desire for hope.

Psalm 42:11a

Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God;

Luke 24:13-21,25-32

Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. 17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation *is* this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" 18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" 19 And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word

before God and all the people, 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. 21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened... Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!... 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself... 30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. 32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

The Christ of Christmas

3.) Is Beyond Truth

The Magi

Since when do the most elite scholars, astronomers and cosmologist of the known world at the time - - care about a baby being born?

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There is no greater pursuit in life then finding the Truth.

There's a Warning Needed Here.

According to the experts and media and all those who study our social issues as a nation - - They tell us that we are in a crisis of unity.

Meaning that we are no longer the UNITED States of America but rather the divided states of America. They say that the remedy is for us to "Get along and reconnect and agree with one another.

**Unity is Not Always a Good Thing.
Sometimes We Healthy Divisions.**

John 8:32

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 18:33-34,37-38a

33 Then Pontius Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?" 37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." 38a Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"

Telling the Truth / Posting the Truth / Reporting the Truth
"We Just Learned The Truth About What Happened."

The Christ of Christmas

4.) Is Beyond Love

And Wait Just a Minute. Since when does a baby being born
Catch the eye of an Empire? – Answer;
"Where The Christ, The Messiah was to be born"

5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'" 7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

In the words of the immortal philosopher, Tina Turner

'What's Love Got To Do With It?'

The answer is everything!

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The Christ of Christmas

5.) Is Beyond Faith

9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen 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 exceedingly great joy. (WHY? BECAUSE) 11 And when they had come into the house, (they) saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and (they) fell down and (they) worshiped Him. And when (they) had opened their treasures, (they) presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

Star grk: aster; from a prim. root ster; *a star*: —star(11), stars(13).

Numbers 24:17a

“I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel,

Star heb: Ko'kab

luminaries of varying origins, types or appearances. (1) angels are described as being stars who sang God's praises at the physical creation of time, space & matter. (2) There are the celestial stars or celestial bodies or orbs in the visual heavens. (3) the revealed light or glory of God known as the shekinah brilliance of God. in the exodus God reveal His glory in a protective, thick cloud by day and by Firey column or pillar at night.

Revelation 22:16

“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I Am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”

**Did You Know That Jesus Has
an Appointment with You Today**

**So, if you were to ever lose faith in Life
it could be Fatal.**

**If you were to lose faith in Hope
you could lose all Purpose.**

**If you were to lose faith in the Truth
you could fall for any Lie.**

**And if you were to lose faith in Love
you could tragically be Lost Forever!**

Every Time God Keeps An Appointment –

Life - Hope - Truth - Love – Faith = Expands and Enlarges.

God Kept His Appointment

with a little stall and manger in the village of Bethlehem of Israel.

God Kept His Appointment

God kept His Word At Wedding in Cana, of Israel.

God Kept His Appointment

with a crippled man alongside the pools at Bethesda, of Israel.

God Kept His Appointment

with a woman with the issue of blood from Magdala, Israel.

God Kept His Appointment

with the centurion's servant at the Capernaum, Israel

God Kept His Appointment

with the promiscuous woman in Samaria, of Israel.

God Kept His Appointment

with a man named Nicodemus, the teacher of Israel.

God Kept His Appointment

with a cross atop Mount Moriah, Israel

God Kept His Appointment

At an emptied-out tomb in Jerusalem, Israel

God Has Kept His Appointment with You Today

If you're in the Sanctuary, Courtyard, Overflow, TV, On-Line, Radio...

2 Corinthians 6:2

For He says (Isaiah 49:8): *"In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*

1st A Rededication Call

2nd A Call To Come.

End of Study

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