



CHRISTMAS, THE BEGINNING OF FULFILLMENT

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DAY 1 – CHRISTMAS, THE BEGINNING OF FULFILLMENT

Merry Christmas! All of Luke's writing, the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts, were written as a documentary to Theophilus. Mary was espoused to Joseph. Angels appeared to the shepherds. Mary pondered all these things in her heart. Joseph took Mary and Jesus to the Temple at Jerusalem, where Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day.

STUDY IT

- I. Merry Christmas!
 - We celebrate Jesus' birthday right here at the end of the year. It sets the tone for the coming year.
 - This is not just a holiday, it's a day of celebration. Begin to praise The LORD. The joy of The LORD is your strength.
 - We give ourselves to Jesus Christ as our LORD.
- II. All of Luke's writing, the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts were written as a documentary to Theophilus—most likely a believer.
 - Every time Spirit-led statements were made, it impacted the heavenly time clock. Everything God does is exactly on time.
 - When people realize the accuracy of God's WORD, they understand that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4).
- III. Mary was espoused to Joseph (Matthew 1:18). Being espoused was like being engaged except it was more binding.
 - It was 90 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where Mary and Joseph had to go to register with the Roman government.
 - Mary was almost ready to deliver the baby, so they had to go slowly.
 - To fulfill the prophecy, Mary had to be in Bethlehem before Jesus was born.
 - The godly character of Joseph was shown when he found out Mary was pregnant, and he didn't want her to be publicly shamed (Matthew 1:19). Joseph loved Mary.
 - When Jesus was born, He was wrapped in swaddling clothes (Luke 2:12).



- Those were little sacks or strips of cloth to take care of a baby lamb so he wouldn't hurt himself.
 - The lambs that were born there were the ones that would be sent to the Temple to be sacrificed.
 - Immediately after His birth, Jesus was laid in the same place the sacrificial lambs were usually laid.
 - Jesus was the Lamb of God who took away the sin of the world (John 1:29).
- IV. Angels appeared to the shepherds (Luke 2:9-11). They said, "The Messiah is born."
- The angels were there all the time; but they were suddenly revealed to the shepherds at that moment.
 - An angel was assigned to Jesus, just like an angel is assigned to every baby. Jesus said that every little child has an angel (Matthew 18:10).
 - In the beginning, God sent angels to watch over creation.
 - The angels are ministering spirits sent to minister to the heirs of salvation (Hebrews 1:14).
- V. Mary pondered all these things in her heart (Luke 2:51).
- We learn these things from Luke because he interviewed Mary.
 - Mary was filled with the Holy Spirit in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost. She had the Holy Spirit to remind her of the details so she could tell Luke.
 - Notice the detail God prepared for us. Notice how God protected His written WORD through the ages.
- VI. Joseph took Mary and Jesus to the Temple at Jerusalem where Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day.
- Simeon was in the Temple at that time. He took Jesus in his arms and BLESSED The LORD. "My eyes have seen Your salvation" (Luke 2:30).
 - Anna, a prophetess who was a widow, came in and recognized that Jesus was the Messiah. She gave thanks to God.
 - The pray-ers, Simeon and Anna, and the angels knew who Jesus was.
 - This is not only a word for us, but also a warning.
 - We must spend time in prayer—not just praying, but also listening.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

God's plan is always perfect and on time. Pray this prayer to receive God's plan for you.

Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me. Thank You for Your perfect plan for my life. Please reveal to me by Your WORD and the Holy Spirit how to fulfill the plan You have for my life. I receive Your will. In Jesus' Name. Amen.



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DAY 2 – WHY WAS THE VIRGIN BIRTH IMPORTANT?

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STUDY IT

- I. The lineage of Jesus is found in two places in the Bible.
 - Jesus' genealogy is found in Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38.
 - Luke told the story of the birth of Jesus. He focused on the humanity of Jesus.
 - Matthew told of Joseph and Jesus' legal right to the throne. He focused on the Messiahship of Jesus.
- II. Mary had an inheritance from her father, and this is how it happened.
 - In the wilderness, all Jewish men over 20 died.
 - At that time, a special provision was made for a man's inheritance if he died and had no sons, only daughters.
 - Moses asked The LORD what to do to keep the land and inheritance in the family.
 - The ruling was that if that were the case, if the daughters marry within the tribe (like if they are from Judah and they marry someone from Judah), they would have an inheritance from their father. That maintained the integrity of the inheritance, and the land stayed within the specific tribe.
 - Joseph was from the tribe of Judah. Mary was from Judah. If she married someone in her tribe, she would receive the full inheritance a son would have received.
 - Mary did marry within her tribe and received a full portion of inheritance.
 - Therefore, Jesus is legitimately a seed of David on Mary's side. He had blood DNA from His mother and could legally sit on the throne of David.
 - Jesus didn't have the DNA of Joseph; but still, Joseph was a descendant of David.
 - Jesus has legal right to the throne of David; legal right to be the Messiah. When people called out, "Jesus, Son of David," they were healed because they were calling on the Messiah.



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- We are born again. We are grafted into Abraham's lineage through Jesus. We are joint heirs with Jesus and there is no longer a curse on us.
- III. God went into so much detail in the description of the birth of Jesus.
- How much more is God watching over us! Our seed, our children, are BLESSED. When you plead the blood, you are breaking the curse over the situation.
 - You have a heavenly Father. You are a new creation with royal blood in your spiritual DNA. You have inherited THE BLESSING.
- IV. We have been redeemed from the curse of the Law.
- Brother Copeland ministered in various prisons.
 - The warden of one was called the "pastor of Angola." He made sure every inmate could see a church from his window to give these people hope.
 - Because of Jesus' sacrifice, we are forgiven.
 - "No condemnation." Paul knew he was forgiven in Christ Jesus; and we are forgiven also in our resurrected LORD.
 - Jesus did everything needed to destroy the curse.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

It was important that Jesus be born of an earthly mother and a heavenly Father. That was the promise—the seed of the woman would crush the enemy (Genesis 3:15). Man's seed had been corrupted by Adam's sin of disobedience. Therefore, anyone born from a human man was contaminated with sin. Jesus could die for the sin of the world because He was not born of an earthly man, and because He committed no sin.

Pray a thanksgiving prayer with us.

Heavenly Father, You are so good! You brought Your own Son into the world through a virgin so that He could later bear the sin of the world on the Cross. Thank You that Jesus bore my sin, and now, through faith, I am part of Your family. I am a new creature in Christ. It was all part of Your perfect plan. All praise and glory to You, Father, forever! In Jesus' Name. Amen.



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DAY 3 – WHO WAS JOSEPH OF NAZARETH?

Jesus is the resurrected Christ, the Messiah, seated at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Another Joseph, the son of Jacob in the Old Testament, was a man who followed God. Jesus grew up in a household of faith. Herod was against God and was a slave to his own passions in contrast to Joseph, Jesus' earthly father, who was a godly man.

STUDY IT

- I. Jesus is the resurrected Christ, the Messiah, seated at the right hand of the Majesty on high.
 - Jesus expressed His calling from Isaiah 61:1-2 (Luke 4:18-19).
 - Jesus had just come from almost six weeks of fasting. Starvation was setting in.
 - The devil came to Him and said, "Turn these stone into bread."
 - After the temptation, the devil left for a season.
 - Jesus went to Nazareth to preach in the synagogue. He read from Isaiah 61:1-2.
 - The listeners got mad. They were offended at Jesus (Mark 6:2-3).
 - Jesus was known in Nazareth as the carpenter's son.
 - The Greek word translated carpenter is *tekton* where we get our English word *technology*.
 - Joseph, Jesus' earthly father, was an expert artisan, a builder.
 - Joseph probably worked in Sepphoris, a large city only four miles from Nazareth. He was not a poor man.
- II. Another Joseph, the son of Jacob in the Old Testament, was a man who followed God.
 - The Spirit of The LORD was on Joseph, as he went through his early life as a slave running a ranch and later as a prisoner running a prison.
 - The LORD taught Joseph whatever he needed to know to fulfill his assigned tasks. THE BLESSING of The LORD taught him.
 - When Joseph was 30 years old, he was appointed the most powerful man in Egypt under the pharaoh.
- III. Jesus grew up in a household of faith.
 - Mary and Joseph began their life together in faith.



- The people of the town admired Jesus, but when He announced His calling, they were mad enough to kill Him (Luke 4:28-29).
 - That was the devil's plan: to kill Jesus.
 - The devil had been looking for the promised Seed ever since the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:15). That's why the devil killed the prophets.
 - The devil saw Simeon and Anna in the Temple a few days after Jesus' birth.
 - He was witness to all of this and couldn't do anything about it. He couldn't stop Jesus.
 - That's what's happening in our world today.
 - In the spirit realm, the demons are seeing what is happening in the world. They see THE BLESSING; they are angry and they are trying to stop it.
- IV. Herod was against God and he was a slave to his own passions.
- That was the man who was trying to kill Jesus. Judgment came on him.
 - Herod did good works; he built the Temple for the Jews in Jerusalem, still that didn't keep him from judgment.
 - Herod was a murderer; a demon-possessed, paranoid king.
- V. Joseph, Jesus' earthly father, was a godly man.
- When the Magi brought rich gifts to Jesus, Joseph knew how to use the gifts effectively to support his family as they escaped into Egypt.
 - Joseph was a man of great faith.
 - Everyone knew who Joseph was. They could point to things Joseph had constructed. He was an artisan, a profitable businessman and well-educated.
 - Joseph was tenderhearted, loving and merciful. He loved Mary.
 - This is the man the heavenly Father entrusted with His Son.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

As we look at Joseph's life, we see the kind of person God wants us to be: kind, godly, full of faith and love.

Write down your prayer of dedication to God to be the kind of person He can use to do great things.



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DAY 4 – CHOOSE LIFE, CHOOSE THE BLESSING

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STUDY IT

- I. Big decisions are going to be made in 2024, and you can influence them by prayer and voting.
 - If you don't vote, don't criticize. Our national liberty is based on voting.
 - Don't vote for unbelievers. Take a stand.
 - Nowadays, terrible things have been happening. Government leaders say, "We need to vote whether to kill babies or not." That should not be.
 - The United States is an important nation in the earth, second only to Israel.
- II. Jesus came to redeem us from the curse.
 - The majority of Christians don't know what the curse of the Law is (Galatians 3:10, 13).
 - We are redeemed from the curse. All sickness, disease and poverty are under the curse.
 - The Law was all anyone knew before Jesus came to guide their lives to be pleasing to God.
 - Jesus redeemed mankind from the curse of the Law.
 - THE BLESSING is spiritual life—the new birth, divine health and prosperity.
 - The moment Jesus was raised from the dead, we were free from the curse.
 - The promise of the Spirit through faith brings us individual BLESSING through Christ (Galatians 3:14-16).
 - We are the children of promise.
 - Jesus plus nothing equals everything.



- III. The Apostle Paul instructed us about spiritual enemies.
- “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Ephesians 6:12).
 - The former madman of Gadara had one unclean spirit—a ruler of the darkness. That spirit ruled over many demons.
 - Daniel was informed about spiritual wickedness in heavenly places when Gabriel told Daniel the answer to his prayers was hindered by the spirit of Persia (Daniel 10:12-13).
 - There are wicked spirits over nations.
- IV. There is a day of judgment coming.
- A description of satan is found in Ezekiel 28. The prince of Tyre was a man controlled by the devil. The king of Tyre is the devil himself.
 - The devil was created an archangel; but he got into pride which led to iniquity (Ezekiel 28:17-19). He started a war with God.
 - Judgment came in Noah’s time, but God saved His people in the Ark.
 - There were believers and unbelievers in the earth. The unbelievers were destroyed and the believers were saved.
 - That’s how it is now—believers and unbelievers.
 - One man, Enoch, walked with God, and he did not die. He was carried straight into heaven. He was raptured before the Flood.
 - On the positive side, many people are repenting and coming to Jesus.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

We know a day of judgment is coming. That’s why we are doing everything possible to tell everyone throughout the world about Jesus’ birth, sacrificial death and resurrection. We want everyone to receive Jesus as Savior and LORD, and none to perish.

Do your part. Be a witness for Jesus everywhere you go. Tell others about the wonderful life it’s possible to have here on earth; and, after we leave this life, the glorious future we have in heaven with God. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you in bringing this great last-days harvest of people into the kingdom of God.



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DAY 5 – JESUS, THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN

The fossil records don't lie. The devil's plan is to replace God. The spiritual demonic world is explained by Paul. Stand fast in faith.

STUDY IT

- I. The fossil records don't lie.
 - There was a pre-Adamic creation that included cave dwellers and dinosaurs. It was eventually destroyed by a flood.
 - Lucifer, who became the devil, was here ruling the planet.
 - He was beautiful and music of praise came from him.
 - However, iniquity was found in Lucifer, and his reign was destroyed by his own pride (for more information, read Ezekiel 28).
 - He built a civilization made up of people and nations. Then his greed, selfishness and pride corrupted the nations of the earth and destroyed everything.
 - The prophecy delivered to the prince of Tyre was to a man who was controlled by the devil (Ezekiel 28:2-10).
 - The prophecy spoken to the king of Tyre was spoken to the devil himself (Ezekiel 28:12-19).
 - God cast him down, and many of the angels went with him. The earth itself had to be cleansed of sin.
 - All these things happened before the Creation we read about in Genesis 1.
- II. The devil's plan is to replace God.
 - The devil's declaration is found in Isaiah 14:13-14. He planned to put himself on God's throne.
 - He will be cast into hell, and those who admired him will reject him (Isaiah 14:9-12, 15-20).
 - Everything the devil touches, he destroys. Even nations who align with him are destroyed.
 - The devil is an imitator. He tries to imitate everything Jesus is.



- III. The spiritual demonic world is explained by Paul (Ephesians 6:12).
- The devil has nothing new. He is a deceiver and a liar. He comes like an angel of light (John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 11:14).
 - The devil lost his authority when he came up against Jesus.
 - The earth had to be replenished after the judgment of Noah's Flood.
 - God gave the same BLESSING to Noah and his generation that He had spoken to Adam—replenish (Genesis 1:28, 9:1).
 - There will come a time in the future where there will be a new heaven and a new earth.
- IV. Stand fast in faith. The United States is not going down.
- As you pray for international affairs, remember Daniel, who was heard from the first day he started praying (Daniel 10:12). Don't quit. Don't give up.
 - Israel will not be defeated.
 - All God needs is one person to stand in the gap and shout, "Restore!" (Isaiah 49:6; Amos 9:14-15).

MAKE IT PERSONAL

This Christmas season is a beautiful time to remind people of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Let your conversation be a testimony to Jesus and the new life He has given you. Please send us your testimonies of success by [clicking here](#), or [on Facebook™](#).

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