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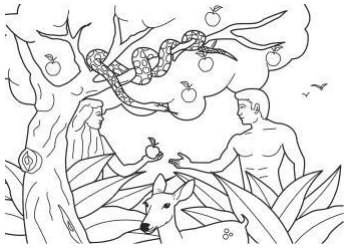


# CHRISTMAS

*For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. Titus 2:11. Matthew 2:1-16. Revelation 12:1-17.*

## AN OVERVIEW

### CHRISTMAS - WHEN GOD MOMENTOUSLY INTERVENED IN THE WORLD

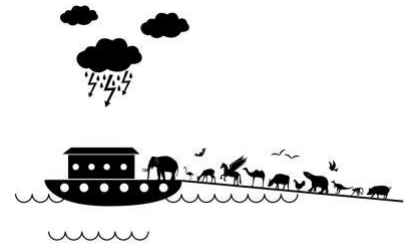


#### THE FALL OF MAN

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God's direct command, sin entered the human race and corrupted creation. God's judgment on sin is death. Genesis 3.

#### NOAH'S FLOOD

This was a worldwide flood and our world today carries much evidence for it. God intervened because of the great wickedness of the people. Genesis 6.



#### THE TOWER OF BABEL

This event explains how the thousands of different human languages came about. It also explains the migration of humans to all the four corners of the earth. Genesis 11.



#### THE EXODUS

This was accompanied by great miracles of God including the parting of the Red Sea. This miracle preceded the forming of the people of Israel, as God's chosen people to reveal Him to the rest of the world. Exodus 12-15.



#### THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

God came to earth and into human history as a baby, born of the virgin Mary. Christ was born to die for the sins of the whole world. Matthew 1; Luke 2.

#### THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus died and 3 days after, He bodily rose from the dead, never to die again. Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21. The birth of Christ, the death of Christ and the Resurrection of Christ reverse the effect of the 1st event.



#### THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus returns as King and Judge of the world. God has given us the signs that will precede such a time. This event brings history to a close. Matthew 24-25.

# THE GOSPEL'S POINT OF VIEW

## CHRISTMAS - WHEN GOD ENTERED OUR WORLD

### Christ was born into a world much like ours today.

Jesus entered a troubled world, laced with evil and violence.

The birth of Jesus took place in the time of a chronic dictator. Herod the Great was the Roman king of Judea. He was famed for his colossal building projects, the most famous being the expansion of the 2nd Temple in Jerusalem.

He was known as Herod the Great, yet his epithet of "the Great" is widely disputed—he was "a madman who murdered his own family and a great many rabbis."

### The Massacre of the Innocents

Matthew 2:16-18

Herod ordered the execution of all young male children, 2 years and under, in the vicinity of Bethlehem, so as to avoid the loss of his throne to a newborn King of the Jews whose birth had been announced to him by the Magi.

### The Flight to Egypt

Matthew 2: 13-15

Having been warned of Herod's plan to kill baby boys, Jesus' parents had to flee to Egypt with Jesus and they stayed there for quite some time until the death of Herod.

Jesus and his parents were displaced people, living as refugees in Egypt.

**At Christmas, Jesus Christ came into our world.  
Your world and my world, today, can be transformed by His presence.**

# HEAVEN'S POINT OF VIEW

## CHRISTMAS -THE GREAT INVASION WHICH ENDS IN VICTORY FOR CHRIST

### In daily life, 2 parallel histories occur at the same time.

**One happens on earth and the other in heaven.** The Angel in Revelation views them together and gives us a quick look behind the scenes.

Read Revelation 12.

**On earth, it is what we call the First Christmas.** The baby Jesus is born. King Herod gets wind of it and he wants the Christ Child dead. A fierce chase begins; it results in the holy family fleeing to Egypt for safety.

### In heaven, the parallel is seen in the picture of the woman and the dragon.

Over and over again, Revelation tells the story from the 1st coming of Christ to his 2nd coming. Each time there is conflict, persecution and suffering, but ultimately there is victory and celebration.



### Revelation shows us that Jesus Christ came to earth to invade it.

Jesus Christ and God's army raid the universe and totally destroy the seat of evil. By His death and resurrection, He dealt that defeating blow to all evil in this world, and rescued all humankind.

**Christmas ushers in this glorious hope for everyone of us. God's gift of salvation and the abundant life is for our taking.**

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