

THE ANGELS' SONG AND THE SHEPHERDS' VISIT

Luke 2:8-20

(8) And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

(9) And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

(10) And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

(11) For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

(12) And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

(13) And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

(14) Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

(15) And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

(16) And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

(17) And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

(18) And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

(19) But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart.

(20) And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

CHRIST—"PRINCE OF PEACE"—WHEN?

THE LORD NEVER TAUGHT THAT CONDITIONS OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE EARTH PRIOR TO HIS SECOND COMING; BUT JUST TO THE CONTRARY. THE OBJECT OF HIS COMING AGAIN IS TO THOROUGHLY DEMOLISH THE PRESENT EVIL OF THINGS, AND THEN TO [PAGE Q752] INAUGURATE THE CREATOR'S GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL BRING ABOUT UNIVERSAL PEACE AND JOY AND HAPPINESS TO ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH. THEN CHRIST THE LORD WILL BE THE "PRINCE OF PEACE;" AND THEN, AND NOT TILL THEN, WILL THE ANGEL'S SONG BE REALIZED—"PEACE ON EARTH; GOOD WILL TOWARDS MEN."—Q751.



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