



FAITHFUL LIGHT CHURCH

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GOD WITH US #2

THE MYSTERY OF GOD IS REVEALED IN CHRIST



SCRIPTURE READING: Lead Congregation to Repeat 2x:

Colossians 1:25-27 “Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; ²⁶ even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: ²⁷ to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

Ephesians 3:4-6 “Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ ⁵ which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; ⁶ that the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, AND OF THE SAME BODY, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel.”

CHILDREN’S STORY FOR ALL AGES

How Can God Be Born?

ORDER OF SERVICE:

1. Light Candles & Pray
2. Children’s Songs & Story
3. Intro Gospel Craft/Coloring
4. Dismiss Kids to Noah’s Ark with ‘Animals Go Marching Song’
5. Adult Fellowship Break
6. Worship Song Set
7. Bible Lesson & Group Prayer
8. Blessing Songs & Benediction

2. GOD TOLD THE PROPHETS THAT THE CHRIST WOULD BE BORN TO A VIRGIN IN BETHLEHEM, SO THE WISE MEN KNEW WHERE THEY WERE GOING!

Micah 5:2 “But thou, *Bethlehem* Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet *out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*”

God Himself would give the sign that a virgin (a young unmarried girl) would conceive a child, and the child’s mother would call His name Emanuel, meaning God with us.

Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore *the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*”



Isaiah said our Savior would come with the sign of a pillar of light which the Jews understood to be like the pillar of fire that led their way to deliverance.



Ephesians 1:10 “That in the dispensation of *the fullness of times* he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him.”

Zechariah 12:8 “In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and *the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.*”

Matthew 2:1-4 “Now *when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea* in the days of Herod the king, behold, *there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,* ² *saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews?* for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. ³ When Herod the king had heard these things, 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 demanded of them where Christ should be born.*”

3. THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD CAME TO TABERNACLE WITH US AT THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES.

The ceremony associated with the Feast of Tabernacles involves the **lighting of lights. In the Sukah, a ceremony is performed to welcome God's Shekinah glory!**

Each afternoon of the seven days, priests and pilgrims gathered at the Temple where four large oil lamps illuminated the Sukah in the outer court, while believers gathered in the booths outside their homes



light the lights, to welcome the presence of the LORD.

The illumination from these lamps symbolized two things:

1. The Shekinah (visible presence) of God which filled the Temple
2. The Ha'or Gadol (the Great Light) would come and bring light to those who were spiritually dead and dwelling in darkness.

1 Kings 8:10-11 “*And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,*

¹¹So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.”

Isaiah 9:2 “*The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.*”

John begins his gospel with multiple references to light which is another big clue that Christ was born at the Feast of Tabernacles.

John 7:8-10, 37 “*Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast: for my time is not yet full come. ⁹When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee. ¹⁰But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. . ³⁷In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.”*

4. THE MESSIAH WAS BORN IN A SUKAH!

When would "that day" be? It would be in the fullness of time **during a future Feast of Tabernacles when the pillar of fire, the star appeared**, when even those who fought against Jerusalem would believe and come to Jerusalem to worship the King!

*Isaiah 19:19-20 "In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, **and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD.** ²⁰And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto **the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt:** for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a savior...and he shall deliver them."*

The word "dwelled" is literally "tabernacled" in the Greek. During Sukkot, Jewish families construct a shelter called a "Sukkah", which is a place of dwelling or a tabernacle.

*John 1:14 "And **the Word was made flesh, and dwelt (tabernacled) among us,** (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."*

During Sukkot, Jewish families construct a temporary dwelling called a "Sukkah", looking back to when God tabernacled with men in the wilderness, and forward to when He shall come to tabernacle with His people forever. Booths or tents remind us that this earth is not our home, but we look for our Savior who will come to tabernacle with us!

Galatians 4:4-5 "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, ⁵To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

When the Messiah came as the child of Isaiah 9:6, He was born in a Sukkah not only because there was no room in the Inn, but because it was the Feast of Tabernacles and He is the Tabernacle!



5. GOD FORETOLD IN PROPHECY HOW HIS PEOPLE CAN RECOGNIZE THE MESSIAH SO THEY WILL NOT RECEIVE A FALSE CHRIST WHO IS NOT HE HIMSELF.

God's people waited for the Messiah, whom they knew from the Holy Scriptures of Isaiah, could be none other than the Lord God, the Father God Himself, the only Savior, Redeemer, Creator, and King of Israel, embodied in His Son. The invisible Eternal God speaks as both Father and Son, the servant yet to be born; revealing clearly that the child to be born would not be another God beside Himself, but none other than the Spirit of He Himself incarnate:

***Isaiah 43:10-11,15** "For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour...¹⁰ Ye are my witnesses, **saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen:** that ye may know and believe me, and **understand that I am he:** **before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour...¹⁵ I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.**"*



***Isaiah 9:6-7** "For **unto us a child is born,** unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and **his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.**"*

The Son to be born was to have the same identity as the Father; Isaiah said the child named JESUS will be known as:

1. Jesus the Counsellor who is also called the Holy Spirit.
2. Jesus the Mighty God who is the Everlasting Father.
4. Jesus the Prince of Peace

***John 8:24-27** I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for **if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.** ²⁵ Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. ²⁷ **They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.**"*

6. IN SCRIPTURES, THE JEWS (TRIBE OF JUDAH), ARE CALLED GOD'S SON AND HIS SANCTUARY, BECAUSE THEY CARRIED THE SEED: THE MESSIAH'S BODY OR SANCTUARY, PREPARED FOR THE INVISIBLE GOD TO BE BORN AS A BABY TO BE THEIR KING FOREVER.

Psalm 114:1-2 "When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; ²Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion."

In the fullness of time, God would prepare a body to be born as the Son of God, in order to come and dwell with His people.

*Hebrews 10:4-5 "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. ⁵Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, **but a body hast thou prepared me.**"*

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Amos 9:11 "In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old."



*Ezekiel 37:24-28 "And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. ... **and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.** ..."*

²⁷My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

*²⁸**And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.**"*

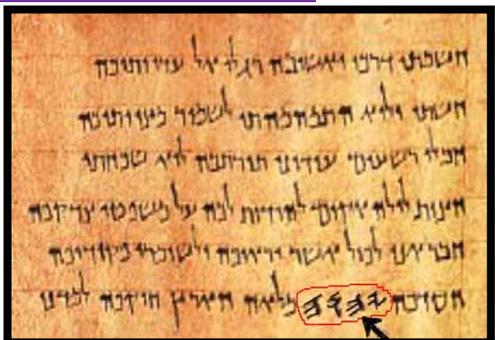
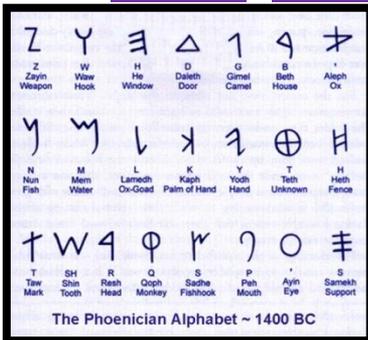
David could only be king over future **generations through the birth of His seed**, who would be the body, the tabernacle of God; the Invisible Spirit of God Himself on earth, the LORD, who shall be forever the one shepherd for God's people. God's throne would be set up in David's tabernacle who is **JESUS!**

7. THE FATHER GAVE HIS OWN HEBREW NAME TO HIS SON, WITH GREEK LETTERS FORMING THE SAME PHONETIC SOUND IEHSOO, MEANING “I AM” SAVIOR.

Exodus 3:13-14 “And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come to the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? ¹⁴And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.”

We believe that God spoke through Holy men to write both Old and New Testaments, preserving His word as He promised in the Textus Receptus, translated word for word in our King James Bibles. Only One name of God can be above all names. We choose to trust God who promised to preserve His word for us forever, and not those who say we cannot trust that God preserved His word. We believe the Savior born in Bethlehem was given the sacred name of the Father. Savior (Yehshua), has a similar sound. The Hebrew scholars of Hebrew4Christians.com pronounce the Father’s name “Eh-Hee-ay Ash-ur Eh-Hee-ay (Yehshua). The same name was given to the Messiah, spelled phonetically in Greek letters, I-ey-soos, and pronounced Hee-YAY-shu, or Gesus with a soft G sound, or as in English, Jesus.

John 5:43 “I am come in my Father's name,”



*The sacred name is retained intact on the Dead Sea Scrolls, reading right to left in the original ancient language. With the guttural sound of the Yod close in sound to a soft G, the name is pronounced just as the angel gave to Mary, Ieysoos, (Gesus) which in English we pronounce JESUS - **God is Jesus and Jesus is God!***

8. THE FULLNESS OF THE FATHER WAS BIRTHED IN THE LORD JESUS, TO TAKE AWAY OUR SIN, BECAUSE HE DESIRES THAT WE MAY HAVE FULLNESS OF JOY!



Colossians 2:9 “For in him **dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead** bodily.”

Romans 5:5 “Now hope does not disappoint, because **the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit...**”

Ephesians 3:16-17 “That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, **that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...**”

Is anything impossible to Jesus if I will allow Him to be birthed in my life and pour His love and life into the lives of others?

1 Corinthians 2:9 “But as it is written, “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

Ephesians 3:20 “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, **according to the power that works in us,** to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever, Amen.”

Psalms 16:11 “Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is **fulness of joy;** at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”

The desire of our Savior, the Everlasting Father God, who became a man by begetting His Son in the womb of Mary, wants each of us to know Him and love Him, to have His presence FULLY alive in you, with FULLNESS of Joy, FULLY saved, FULLY empowered and ready for His appearing, watching and waiting for His coming!

Even so come Lord Jesus! Mary Christmas!

9. JUDAH, THE TRIBE OF ISRAEL THROUGH WHOM THE MESSIAH WAS TO BE BORN, WAS FALLEN, FOR THEY HAD BREACHED THEIR COVENANT WITH GOD.

The people of David, Judah, the former sanctuary of God, were fallen because they had breached their covenant with God.

Psalm 114:1-2 “When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; ²Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.”

God builds His temple today with living stones, those who were not His people before, one at a time just as He did in days of old.

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David could only be king over future generations through the birth of His seed, a man, who was the body or tabernacle of God Himself on earth, the LORD God of Heaven and Earth, who shall be forever the one shepherd for God's people. God's throne would be set up forever in David's tabernacle who is **JESUS!**

10. CHILDREN'S STORY: HOW CAN GOD BE BORN?



Jimmy asked his dad one day, “*Dad, if Jesus is God, how could God be born?*” Jimmy’s dad answered him, “I’m glad to see you are thinking, Jimmy, that’s a very good question. *God was not born, because He always was, but God came to live with us in His Son, who was born.*”

Many people are told that only the second of three persons called God came to earth, but we know that is not true, because the Holy Scriptures testify that **the whole fullness of God** who is the only LORD of Heaven and the only Redeemer, said that He came to be born as a baby in Bethlehem! **The Word of the Father appeared in flesh!** Jesus is the breath and very being of the Father God, the Spirit of Himself, who became a man to save us as He promised.

Isaiah 44:24 "Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spread abroad the earth by myself."

John 1:1-3 “In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God. 2. The same was in the beginning with God. 3. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

Psalms 33:6 “By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.”

John 1:14 “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

The invisible Father God of Spirit on the throne of Heaven, His spoken word, the same Holy Spirit who comes out to dwell in our hearts, the One who spoke declaring Himself to be the only LORD, and only Savior, spoke His Word to become visible in His only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is HE who always was, and HE who is to come, whom we worship because He is God!

Jesus

Wise Men Still Seek Him

