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INTRODUCTION

This monograph is No.18 in the present series. It looks across the spectrum of what is understood within the bible and extra mural to scripture on the subject of salvation.

Are there multiple doors to heaven?

Is salvation a given for some and impossible for others?

Do people who are saved get lost?

Is it a question of rules or morals?

Can you know for sure?

Where does Jesus come in to it?

These and many more questions are answered in this little monograph. You will be able to compare what the popular sects teach and the great world religions. I don't say "Take your pick!" I say choose Jesus.

Why do you say that?

I say that because He alone rose from the dead.

I say that because He gives the Holy Spirit to give new eternal life and certainty with it.

I say that because the whole weight of biblical prophecy confirms beyond the shadow of a doubt that Jesus is Messiah and the Son of the Living God-the only sinless one-the only judge of men-the only mediator between God and men.

**I know no other argument I have no other plea
It is enough that Jesus died and that He died for me.**

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THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

We get our information about Jesus' birth from Matthew and Luke. Matthew who is wholly fascinated by Jesus' entire life just as he was when he instantly left his tax booth to follow the Master writes "Behold wise men from the east came to Jerusalem asking "Where is He that is born king of the Jews?". From that first vision to the 56th "Behold" when he records some of Jesus' last words "Behold I am with you all the days until the final count of the age" Matthew has 66 lessons for disciples drawn from the life and teaching of Jesus.

Matthew – ever the business man tells us that the astrologers were willing to order their lives and literally "Do business with God" [CHREMATIZO] by what the stars in the constellation of Leo said and further order them in the light of the dream God gave them that night after they saw Jesus. He tells us that God the Father was watching over His beloved Son in infancy with the love and care that even then moved Jesus to centre stage whilst

engaging with the designs of Satan and wicked men. Matthew tells us of all the sweetness of Jesus birth “Behold the virgin shall keep in the womb and bear a Son and they (the prophets & Joseph & Mary) called his name *Emmanuel*” but “when she brought forth her son the firstborn” by directive of God and His angel Joseph officially named Him *Jesus*. The aftermath of the birth of Christ was a vengeful murder of innocents by Herod who was jealous of God’s Messiah. Jesus by directive of His ever vigilant Father was carried by Joseph and Mary to Egypt. Joseph like the wise men learned “to do business with God” and that’s why by divine direction the family came to Galilee where Jesus world famous ministry began. Luke tells us more about the birth of Jesus. He writes goodnews for the nations setting out how 72 dynamic events demonstrate tht behind the advent of the man Christ Jesus was God in action. Twelve of these realte to Jesus’ birth.

1. It happened in **the days of Herod & Zechariah**
2. Forerunner **announced at the altar by an angel**
3. That was the **very last day** of Zechariah the priest
4. **John skipped in Eliz’s womb** when Mary called
5. Elizabeth testified to the **pre birth leaps** of John
6. Dumb **Zechariah spoke again** on John’s birthday
7. Judeans feared the coming prophet & his day
8. **Roman decree** preparing Bethlehem census
9. **Cyrenius** implemented it at exactly the time
10. Mary gave birth in **Bethlehem** by prophecy
11. **Angels** from heaven inform the Shepherds
12. **Shepherds** find angels correct to the detail.

All these events came together fulfilling a prophecy by Micah “Out of you Bethlehem will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel.”

*O now carry me to Bethlehem to see the Lord appear to
men
Just as poor as was the stable then, the Prince of glory
when He came.*

JESUS FULFILLED PROPHECY UNIQUELY

JESUS DID EVERYTHING THOROUGHLY

JESUS THE LAMB AND CRUCIFIED SAVIOUR

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

JESUS THE MIGHTY TEACHER RABBONI

JESUS IS THE ALPHA ND OMEGA

