



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL BELIEVERS  
FROM THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION**

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**DEDICATED TO ENRICHING YOUR MIND  
SPIRITUALLY THROUGH GOD'S INSPIRED  
WORDS OF THE HOLY BIBLE**

**Matthew 1:21 And He shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name JESUS: and He shall save His people from their sins.**

## **THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR**

**Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem, in Judea, during the reign of King Herod.**

**At about that time some astrologers from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, “ Where is the newborn King of the Jews? For we have seen His star from far-off eastern lands, and have come to worship Him.”**

**King Herod was deeply disturbed by their question, and all Jerusalem was filled with rumors. He called a meeting of the Jewish religious leaders. “ Did the prophets tell us where the Messiah would be born?” he asked. “Yes, in Bethlehem,” they said, “for this is what the prophet Micah wrote: “ O little town of Bethlehem, you are not just an unimportant Judean village, for a Governor shall rise from you to rule my people Israel”**

**Then Herod sent a private messenger to the astrologers, asking them to come to see him; at this meeting he found out from them the exact time when they first saw the star. Then he told them,” Go to Bethlehem and search for the child. And when you find Him, come back and tell me so I can go and worship Him too!”**

**After this interview the astrologers started out again, standing over Bethlehem. Their joy knew no bounds!**

**Entering the house where the baby and Mary His mother were, they threw themselves down before Him, worshipping. Then they opened their presents and gave Him gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But when they returned to their own land, they didn’t go through Jerusalem to report to Herod, for God had warned them in a dream to go home another way.**

**After they were gone , an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “ Get up and flee to Egypt with the baby and His mother”, the angel said, “ and stay there until I tell you to return, for King Herod is going to try and kill the child.” That same night he left for Egypt with Mary and the baby, And stayed there until King Herod’s death. This fulfilled the prophet’s prediction “ I have called my Son from Egypt” Herod was furious when he learned that the astrologers had disobeyed him. Sending soldiers to Bethlehem, he ordered them to kill every baby boy two years old and under, both in town and on the near by farms, for the astrologers had told him that the star first appeared to them two**

**years ago. This brutal action of Herod's fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah.**

**When Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and told him, "Get up and take the baby and His mother back to Israel, for those who are trying to kill the child are dead."**

**So he returned immediately to Israel with Jesus and His mother.**

**But on the way he was frightened to learn that the new king was Herod's son, Archelaus. Then in another dream, he was warned not to go to Judea, so they went to Galilee instead, and lived in Nazareth.**

**This fulfilled the prediction of the prophets concerning the Messiah, "He shall be called a Nazarene."**

**This is the basic story of the birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ from the inspired words of the Bible. This story according to Matthew chapter 2 took place a little more than two thousand years ago.**

**Matthew's Gospel was directed to Jewish Christians and intended to demonstrate that Jesus is the Old Testaments Messiah as well as the Son of God. Matthew quotes some 50 times from the Old Testament, and alludes to the Old Testament passages at least 70 more times, to show that Jesus' identity can be established beyond a doubt. According to ancient chronology the birth of Jesus Christ was 4 B.C., in A.D. 26 at the age of 30 Jesus begins His ministry, and in A.D. 30 Jesus was crucified and the resurrection took place.**

**The real reason why these dates are so important is that in only approx. 33+ years that Jesus walked this earth, Eternal Life for all who believe in Christ as their Savior was established. No other time in all of ancient history was as important, then the coming of Our Savior Jesus Christ. His coming fulfilled all the prophecies from the Old Testament.**

**So my fellow believers in Christ, this holiday season instead of getting caught up in all the secular festivities that come with the holiday season, try and find some time to reflect on the real meaning of the birth of Jesus. That meaning would be best served if we come to realize that Christmas is the Lords birthday and not ours. And that the greatest gift that we can give Him for His birthday would be the gift of ourselves to others. To always give to others, and not look to receive. To help the needed in anyway we can. To give with your hearts this season so Our Father up above will rejoice in all the love and kindness we extend to all our brothers and sisters. To always try and forgive anyone who trespasses against us, as Our Father forgives our trespasses. To pray daily for all our troops overseas fighting the war against terrorism and to pray for an end quickly to the war. And last of all, go somewhere**

private, close the door and get on your knees and humbly from the bottom of your heart thank Our Heavenly Father up above for the free gift of His Son, Our Savior.....JESUS CHRIST  
I ask all these things in Jesus name, .....Amen

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**PERFECT PEACE**

Luke 7:50 Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.

During the First World War, on Christmas Eve, the battlefield was strangely quiet. As the soft snow fell, the thoughts of the young men were of home and their families. Softly one lad began to hum “ Silent Night.” Others took up the chorus until the trenches resounded with the Christmas song. When they finished they were astonished to hear the song echoing from the trenches across no-mans-land: In their own tongue the other soldiers also sang “Silent Night.” That night they were thinking of the Prince of Peace, the Christ of Christmas.

How different this world would be if we could unite around that “Holy Infant so tender and mild.” Earth can be as Heaven with Christ. Discord can be peace when Christ is near. Midnight gloom can be transformed into noonday brightness when He abides with us Full peace will come only when Christ returns. But until that day we can know His peace in our hearts and can be messengers of His peace in the world, as we commit our lives to Him.

Billy Graham

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**SPIRITUAL CLICHÉ FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**  
**PROVERBS 20:24 SINCE THE LORD IS DIRECTING OUR STEPS, WHY TRY TO UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING ALONG THE WAY?**

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**MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, WITH THE PEACE AND LOVE FOR ALL FROM THE PRINCE OF PEACE AND LOVE,====JESUS CHRIST!**

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