

## Selected Scriptures “Good News of Great Joy!”

**Main Point:** Heavenly hosts of angels announce the incarnation of God, the birth of the Messiah, to lowly shepherds in Bethlehem, revealing the compassion of God in His condescension to men, and His exaltation in the worship of angels.

**I. Who \_\_\_\_\_ are these \_\_\_\_\_**

A. The \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. The \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**II. What is \_\_\_\_\_ in this \_\_\_\_\_**

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**III. Why did this \_\_\_\_\_**

A. To \_\_\_\_\_ more \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. To \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God  
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C. To \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God  
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## Additional Notes:

### Key Points of Consideration & Application:

**1.)** What are some common themes, or purposes of God’s messages to His people in the Bible, whether those message come through angels, prophets, apostles, or God Himself?

**2.)** What are some common misperceptions of the Christmas story, even for those who originally heard it in Jesus’ time?

**3.)** What does the birth of Jesus, and the circumstances surrounding it, say about God, His character, and the condition of Israel, and the rest of mankind?

**Key Passage to Memorize & Meditate Upon:** Hebrews 1:1-4 (LSB) God, having spoken long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,<sup>2</sup> in these last days spoke to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds,<sup>3</sup> who is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power; who, having accomplished cleansing for sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,<sup>4</sup> having become so much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

### Sermons to Listen to for Further Study:

Jeremy Garber: A Glorious  
Appearing

Jim Savastio: The Birth  
Announcement

