

EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US...ALWAYS!

Micah 5:2ff

The Eve of the Birth of our Savior, 2023

An Early Reveal Announcement

The Lord says what he will do. Circa 700BC

Isaiah 7:14 ...the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive a child and bear a son and shall call his name Emmanuel. (Matthew 1:23b) ...which translated means, "God with us."

The Lord says where he will do it. Circa 700BC

Micah 5:2-5 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.⁵ And he shall be their peace.

In the fulness of time, the "When" comes, And The Lord does it. (Talk about a pregnant pause!)

Luke 2:1-7 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

God's Promise of Christmas; is God's Promise To Us

Numbers 23:19 God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not do it? Waiting? He will do it.

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, I shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

God's specific and granular will is painstakingly accomplished in his giving of His Son in Bethlehem; and this is a sign to us that his specific, detailed and granular will will be accomplished in the lives of those He calls to Himself wherever that is.

How did God have to move and what did He have to do that you would be here today, to be watching this morning or whenever you are viewing this? Whatever it was, He did it and continues to, to show you he is your Emmanuel.

Each of us has a Christmas story of Christ's birth in us, whenever, wherever and however it was!

He's Come to Us, to Abide With Us, Our Lord, Emmanuel

John 4:9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

1 Timothy 1:15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...

John 6:38 *For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent me.*

1 John 3:8 *For this purpose Christ was revealed to destroy the work of the evil one.*

Matthew 28:20 *I am with you always (your Emmanuel) even to the end of the age.*

Emmanuel Means Always... All The Time, Always

Psalm 139:1-18 See Screen

This Proclamation of Emmanuel; this glorious title overused at this time of year and under-estimated at all times of the year is no longer a baby in a cave laying on a stone manger surrounded by sheep. This Emmanuel is not a dependent infant who needs to be fed, changed and rocked to sleep.

John 6:35 *Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of Life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.*

Mild He Lay His Glory By; Born that Man No More May Die

_____ is the Reason for the Season! _____ is the Hope for the Season!

Hebrews 7:25 *he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.*

THE Lamb of God was born among lambs who were born to die.

A table of remembrance of Emmanuel is a table of joyful Forgiveness, Acceptance and Union with the Godhead and with one another!

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