
Christmas: The Hinge of Human History

THE PAST

1. **God Prepared (To Save Us From Our Sin Before Time Began)**

- *Rev 13:8* - All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of *the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world*.
- *1 Pet 1:17-21* - And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay [here] in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, [like] silver or gold, from your aimless conduct [received] by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. *He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world*, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.
- *Eph 1:3-6* - Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly [places] in Christ, just as *He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world*, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

2. **Adam Sinned (Infecting All Mankind with Sin & Sin's Curse)**

- *Gen 1:1* In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- *Gen 2:15-17* Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for *in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.*"
- *Gen 3:14-15* So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You [are] cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; *He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.*"
- *Rom 5:12* Therefore, just as *through one man sin entered the world*, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned --

3. **Prophets Foretold (God's Son Coming as Savior & Ruler)**

- *Isaiah 53:2-12* For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, [There is] no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, [our] faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 *Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.* 5 *But He [was] wounded for our transgressions, [He was] bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace [was] upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.* 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And *the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.* 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For *He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.* 9 And they made His grave with the wicked -- But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor [was any] deceit in His mouth. 10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put [Him] to grief. *When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see [His] seed, He shall prolong [His] days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.* 11 *He shall see the labor of His soul, [and] be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.* 12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And *He bore the sin of many*, And made intercession for the transgressors.
- *Isaiah 9:6* For unto us *a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given*; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- *Dan 9:25-26* "Know therefore and understand, [That] from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem *until Messiah the Prince*, [There shall be] seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. 26 "And after the sixty-two weeks *Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself*; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it [shall be] with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

4. **God's Son Became a Man (Deity Took on Flesh)**

- *John 1:14* And *the Word became 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.
- *Luke 1:31-33* "And behold, *you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest*; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."
- *Matt 1:20-21* But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and *you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.*"

5. **God's Son Died for Our Sins (He Died in Our Place)**

- *John 3:16-18* "For *God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.* 17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
- *Rom 5:8-10* *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies *we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son*, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

6. **God's Son Rose from the Dead (Identity & Payment = TRUE)**

- *Matt 28:6* "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."
- *Rom 1:3-4* concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, [and] *declared [to be] the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.*

7. **God's Son Departed (to Prepare a Place for Believers)**

- *John 14:1-3* "In My Father's house are many mansions; if [it were] not [so,] I would have told you. *I go to prepare a place for you.* And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, [there] you may be also.

8. **God's Son Will Return (to Judge and to Rule)**

- *John 5:22* For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,
- *2 Tim 4:1* I charge [you] therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, *who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom.*
- *Heb 9:27* And as *it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,*
- *Rev 19:11-16* Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him [was] called Faithful and True, and *in righteousness He judges and makes war.* 12 His eyes [were] like a flame of fire, and on His head [were] many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He [was] clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And *He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.* 16 And He has on [His] robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.
- *Rev 20:12-13* And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is [the Book] of Life. And *the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.* 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And *they were judged, each one according to his works.*
- and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. *These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes*, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. (2Th 1:7-10)