

At Adat Shalom, We Celebrate the Coming of the *Messiah*

A. *Whose wondrous Birth was predicted in the Scriptures*

Therefore the **Lord Himself** will give you (**King Ahaz**) a **sign**:

Behold, a **virgin** will be **with child** and **bear a son**,
and she will call His name **Immanuel**. (Isaiah 7:14)

→ Now the **birth** of **Jesus the Messiah** was as follows:
when His mother **Mary** had been **betroted** to **Joseph**,
before they came together she was found to be with **child** by the **Holy Spirit...**

But when **he (Joseph)** had considered this,
behold, an **angel of the LORD** appeared to him in a **dream**, saying...

She (Mary) will bear a **Son**; and you shall call **His name Jesus**,
for **He** will **save His people** from their **sins**." Now all this took place
to **fulfill** what was spoken by **the Lord** through the **prophet**:

"BEHOLD, THE **VIRGIN** SHALL BE **WITH CHILD** AND SHALL BEAR A **SON**,
AND **THEY** SHALL CALL **HIS NAME IMMANUEL**,"
which translated means, "**GOD WITH US**." (Matthew 1:18, 21-23)

B. *Who was Born, as predicted, as Israel's Eternal King and Messiah*

For a **child** will be **born to us**, a **son** will be **given to us**;
And the **government** will rest on **His shoulders**;
And **His name** will be called ***Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.***

There will be **no end** to the increase of *His* **government** or of **peace**,
On the **throne of David** and over **his kingdom**,
To establish it and to uphold it with **justice** and **righteousness**
From then on and **forevermore**.
The **zeal** of the **LORD of hosts** will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

→ And behold, **you (Mary)** will **conceive** in **your womb** and bear a **son**,
and you shall **name Him Jesus**.

He will be **great** and will be **called** the **Son of the Most High**;
and the **Lord God** will **give Him** the **throne** of **His father David**;
and **He** will **reign** over the **house of Jacob forever**,
and **His kingdom** will have **no end**." (Luke 1: 30b-33)

Now after **Jesus** was **born in Bethlehem** of **Judea** in the days of **Herod** the king,
magi from the **east** arrived in **Jerusalem**, saying,

“**Where** is **He** who has been **born King** of the **Jews**?
For we saw **His star** in the east and have come to **worship Him**.”(Matthew 2:1-2)

The (**Samaritan**) **woman** *said to **Him (Jesus)**, “I know that **Messiah** is coming
(**He** who is called “**anointed**”); when that **One** comes, **He** will **declare all things** to us.”

Jesus said to her, “**I who speak to you am He**.” (John 4:25-26)

C. **Who** was **Born** at the **appointed time** to bring **Redemption** and
Salvation to the **World**

But when the **fullness** of the **time** came,
God sent forth His Son, **born** of a **woman**, **born under the Law**,
so that **He** might **redeem** those who were **under the Law**, (Galatians 4:4-5a)

But when **he (Joseph)** had considered this,
behold, an **angel of the Lord** appeared to him in a **dream**, saying,
“**Joseph, son of David**, do **not** be afraid to take **Mary** as your **wife**;
for the **Child** who has been conceived in her is of the **Holy Spirit**.”

She will bear a **Son**; and you shall call **His name Jesus**,
for **He will save His people** from their **sins**.”(Matthew 1:20-21)

And his (**John**) father **Zacharias** was filled with the **Holy Spirit**,
and **prophesied**, saying:

“**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel**,
For **He** has **visited us** and **accomplished redemption** for **His people**,

And has raised up a **horn of salvation** for us
In the **house of David** His servant—

As **He spoke** by the **mouth** of **His holy prophets** from of old—
Salvation FROM OUR ENEMIES,
And FROM THE **HAND** OF ALL WHO **HATE US**; (Luke 1:67-71)

And there was a man in **Jerusalem** whose name was **Simeon**;
and this man was **righteous** and **devout**, looking for the **consolation of Israel**;
and the **Holy Spirit** was upon him.

And it had been **revealed** to him by the **Holy Spirit**
that he would **not see death** before he had seen the **Lord’s Messiah**.

And he came in the **Spirit** into the **temple**;
and when the parents brought in the **child Jesus**,
to carry out for **Him** the **custom** of the **Law**,

then **he took Him (Jesus)** into **his arms**, and **blessed God**, and said
“Now **Lord, You** are **releasing Your bond-servant** to **depart in peace**,
according to **Your word**;

For my eyes have seen **Your salvation**,
Which You have **prepared** in the presence of **all peoples**,

A **LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES**,
And the **glory of Your people Israel!**” (Luke 2:25-32)

D. **Whose Birth** gave *occasion* for **Joy** and **Praise to God**

In the same region there were *some* **shepherds** staying out in the fields
and keeping watch over their flock by night.

And an **angel of the Lord** suddenly **stood** before them,
and the **glory of the Lord shone** around them;
and they were **terribly frightened**.

But the **angel** said to them, “Do **not** be **afraid**; for behold,
I bring you **good news of great joy** which will be for **all the people**;

for today in the **city of David** there has been **born** for you a **Savior**,
who is **Messiah the Lord**. (Luke 2:8-11)

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“Where is **He** who has been **born King** of the **Jews**?
For we saw **His star** in the **east** and have come to **worship Him...**”

After hearing the **king** (Herod), they went their way; and the **star**,
which they had seen in the **east**, went on **before them** until it came
and **stood over the place** where the **Child (Jesus)** was.

When they saw **the star**, they **rejoiced exceedingly** with **great joy**.
(Matthew 2:1-2, 9-10)

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