

CHRIST BEFORE THE MANGER

I BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM
EI GIBBOR, (THE MIGHTY GOD),
THE RUACH HAKODESH, (THE HOLY SPIRIT)
AND
YESHUA HAMACHIACH, (JESUS THE CHRIST).

Phillip Yancey...in his book "The Jesus I never knew" describes Jobs Outburst at God...

"You don't know what it's like out here!" Job was most brazen, flinging to God this accusation: "Do you have eyes of flesh? Do you see as a mortal sees?"

Of the many reasons for Incarnation, surely one was to answer Job's accusation: Do you have eyes of flesh? ...For a time, God did.

God is not mute: the Word spoke, not out of a whirlwind, but out of the human larynx of a Palestinian Jew".

There was an email that made the rounds several years ago, its become very special to me.

A Jewish father was concerned about his son who was about a year away from his Bar Mitzvah **but was sorely lacking in his knowledge of the Jewish faith.** To remedy this he sent his son to Israel to experience his heritage. A year later the young man returned home.

"Father, thank you for sending me to the land of our Fathers," the son said. "It was wonderful and enlightening, **however, I must confess** that while in Israel I converted to Christianity."

“Oy vey,” replied the father, “what have I done.” **So in the tradition of the patriarchs,** he went to his best friend and sought his advice and solace. “It is amazing that you should come to me,” stated his friend. “I too sent my son to Israel and he returned a Christian.”

So in the tradition of the patriarchs, **they went to the Rabbi.** “It is amazing that you should come to me,” stated the Rabbi, “I too sent my son to Israel and he returned a Christian. What is happening to our sons? Brothers, we must take this to the Lord,” said the Rabbi.

They fell to their knees and **began to wail and pour out their hearts** to the Almighty. As they prayed the clouds above opened and a Mighty Voice stated...

***“Amazing that you should come to Me.
I, too, sent My Son to Israel.....”.***

**WHEN JESUS WALKED THIS EARTH PEOPLE
CALLED HIM BY HIS HEBREW NAME... YESHUA.**

Jesus was a rabbi; He was a carpenter. He knew what it meant to tend sheep, catch fish, and live in the shadow of the kings and empires of this world. He wore tassels on the hem of His tunic, attended weddings, experienced life in the everyday household of a Galilean community, and sat in Moses’ seat in the synagogue.

He was born into a race of people chosen by God to bear His name to the world; a people who had made a covenant with God and broken it.

Jesus lived like a Jew, talked like a Jew, acted like a Jew, and worshiped like a Jew. He was a Jew from Nazareth. His words, actions, and teaching methods were in keeping with the customs, traditions and religion of the Semitic culture into which He was born...

HE IS THE WORLDS OLDEST LIVING JEW....

BECAUSE HE IS STILL ALIVE!

Amen and Amen

The Christian Church is finally beginning to awaken to its Old Testament Jewish Roots and I am thrilled because it's an answer to my prayers.

The Church for too long now has been preaching Christ from the Cross forward. I am sure you know the important's of teaching and learning the whole council of God.

By that I mean, the God I serve shows us His Love and Mercy...but He has another side, one of Wrath and Judgment. So to know God is to understand both sides of who He is.

The same applies to His Scriptures. When you are taught only Christ from the Cross forward you are missing the Foundation upon which Christ stands.

You miss the richness, the beauty, the mystery and the sign posts given by God Himself through Prophecy so each one of us, not just the Jews, could recognize the Messiah, the Redeemer, Gods Christ, when He showed up on the World Stage.

The New Testament reveals the mystery of who Christ is. The Old Testament conceals the mystery, yet to those who seek God that mystery is revealed through Prophecy by the Holy Spirit.

The beauty of our Faith is that we do not believe in Myths, Fairy Tales and Legends. Our Faith is grounded in History, Archeology, Science and most of all verifiable Prophecy.

2 Peter 1:21 says "We have a more sure word of Prophecy..... it came not at any time by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

One of the greatest Sermons given by Jesus was **Luke 24:13** on the Emmaus road. The two disciples were depressed that the Messiah was killed. Jesus said to them “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter His glory?

“And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.”

At the time of Christ the scriptures were the Law of Moses, the Prophets, the Psalms and the Proverbs. That is the Bible that Jesus taught from.

When you see Christ before the Manger, you will be humbled by the great and awesome God we serve and you will understand that the Bible is not just History...but it is HIS—Story.

His story is a narrative written in prophecy within the Old Testament. It is the unfolding drama of Jesus Christ. The most amazing drama ever presented to the mind of man.

One outstanding fact, among many, completely isolates Jesus. It is this: that one man only in the history of the world has had explicit details given beforehand of His birth, life, death and resurrection;

that these details are in documents given to the public centuries before He appeared, and that no one challenges, or can challenge, that these documents were widely circulated long before His birth;

and that anyone and everyone can compare for himself/herself the actual records of His life with those ancient documents, and find that they match one another perfectly.

The challenge of this pure miracle is that it happened concerning only one man in the whole history of the world.

Centuries before Christ was born His birth and career, His sufferings and glory, were all described in outline and detail in the Old Testament.

The information served as a **fingerprint that would fit the hand of only one man in history.**

Who He was to be.....**Where** He was to be born.

What He would do at His 1st coming.

When He was to come.....**How** He was to come.

How He would die.....**When** He would die.

Christ is the only person ever born into this world whose ancestry, birth time, forerunner, birthplace, birth manner, infancy, manhood, teaching character, career, preaching, reception, rejection, death, burial, resurrection and ascension were all prewritten in the most marvelous manner centuries before He was born.

Hopefully you are beginning to understand that from Genesis to Malachi, God has painted a portrait of Jesus. He has woven Christ into the ancient traditions and tucked Him inside the Laws, the Prophets, the Psalms and the Proverbs of the Old Testament.

In many cases, the Hebrew prophets subtly mention Him – there are hundreds of messianic prophecies sprinkled throughout the Old Testament.

In other instances, God commands the Jewish people to actually participate in the foreshadowing of their Messiah—Such as the Feast of Passover.

For thousands of years the Jews lived the promise of Jesus. By using the ordinary backdrop of Jewish life—sheep, bread, and grain—God traced the image of His Son so that when people came face to face with Him, they would recognize Him.

The Old Testament was like Jesus' identification card. After He came to earth, all He had to do was flash it, and those who had been paying attention could identify Him immediately.

There is no better way, in my opinion to witness to a seeking unbeliever, than to take him through the Old Testament Prophecies regarding our need for a Savior.

Then continuing through the New Testament proving that Jesus has satisfied the Prophetic credentials of the Messiah at the Cross.

Paul, the great missionary and evangelist, used fulfilled prophecies again and again to convince Jews and Gentiles that Jesus was the Christ

Wherever Paul went he preached Christ and Him Crucified. It is your job to take your friend to the Cross. But the journey to the Cross begins in the Old Testament.

So let's get started:

The one common thread among all Jews is that they believe God will let them into heaven based on their good works. The Jewish people are no longer the people of the book / Bible. Rabbinical teaching is held higher than Gods Word in Scripture.

Nothing in the Old Testament gives you assurance that when you die you would be with God. There is nothing that guarantees you the assurance that your sins are forgiven.

In the days of the Temple the Torah instructed you to bring a sacrifice to the Temple for your sins. You would have laid your hands on the animals head, symbolically transferring your sin to the head of the innocent animal. The animal would have been killed in your place and its blood would have been placed on the altar to make atonement for your sin, in accordance with the commands God gave Moses in **Lev. 17:11**.

But, today there is no Temple. For some inexplicable reason, the same God who had commanded that forgiveness of sin be sought through blood sacrifice, had allowed the total destruction of the only place on earth where He had commanded that sacrifice to be made.

All that is left of that Temple is the Wailing Wall. Without the ability to offer a sacrifice, how then can a Jew follow Gods instructions for obtaining forgiveness?

Leave it to the Rabbis to come up with an official answer from God to this problem. On Yom Kippur, the most solemn of days, when people ask the Lord to forgive their sins, they now come with a chicken for their sacrifice.

They will swing the poor chicken around their heads in a circle, 3 times and say something like this: This is my sacrifice that dies for my sins. This chicken shall go to its death; but I shall go to a good, long life and to peace.

This is my replacement, this is my healing, and this is my atonement. Then the chicken is slaughtered and usually given to the poor for food.

You will not find a chicken anywhere in the Old Testament being used as an atonement for sin. The Jewish people must make a decision, either to follow the Priests and Rabbis or to follow the Word of God.

You know why the Temple is no longer necessary; the Jews do not need it. The final sacrifice had been made! A Holy God demanded the ultimate price be paid to obtain forgiveness of sin. Yet in His profound and incomprehensible love for you and I, He had paid that price Himself. The story is told more than 700 years before by **Isaiah in 53: 5-6**.

The ERROR of Works Righteousness:

Being a good person IS NOT good enough to get you to heaven.

You need to prove that Good Works will not be enough to get them into Heaven. The **rabbis will say good works... IS... enough**, their lives are HOLY before GOD, but the rabbis speak for man, not for God.

Just like the New Testament has the Romans Road to Salvation through Christ. There is a Jewish Road to Heaven in the Old Testament, but you **cannot get there through Works Righteousness**.

Instead it is a road that **convicts you of your Sin before God**. It then offers hope in a New Covenant and New Circumcised Heart.

Jews believe in works righteousness.

BUT, THERE IS NO WORKS RIGHTEOUSNESS in the Old Testament

YOU ARE A SINNER: Gen 8:21 The intent of man's heart is evil from his youth.

**YOU CANNOT
SAVE YOURSELF:** Isa 64:6 All our righteous deeds are like filthy garments.

**YOU WILL BE
JUDGED AFTER
DEATH:** Dan 12:2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

THERE IS A HELL: Isa 66:23-34 All mankind will come to bow down before me, says the Lord. Then they shall go forth and look on the corpses of the men who have transgressed against Me. For their worm shall not die and their fire shall not be quenched and they shall be an abhorrence to all mankind.

BUT THERE IS HOPE !

**GOD HAS PERSONALLY
BLINDED THE JEWISH PEOPLE:** Isa 6:9 Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on listening, but do not perceive; Keep on looking, but do not understand. Render the hearts of this people insensitive, Their ears dull, And their eyes dim, Otherwise they might see with their eyes, Hear with their ears, Understand with their hearts, And return and be healed.'

GOD IS WAITING FOR

YOU TO FIND HIM: Pvb 8:17 I love those who love me; and those who diligently seek me will find me.

NEW COVENANT: Jer 31:31 Behold, days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made their fathers...I will put my law within them, and on their heart I will write it ,and I will be their GOD and they will be my people.

WHO IS A TRUE JEW: Deu 30:6 Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.

The Apostle Paul clarifies Who is a true Jew in Romans 2:27-29:

For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

The name JEW comes from Judah (To Praise God). **Deut.30: 6** explains a true Jew is one whose heart has been changed and then praises God.

The Apostle Paul makes this more clear when he said; what is important to God is circumcision of the Heart not of the flesh...this speaks of being Born Again by the Holy Spirit.

GOD SENT A SAVIOR,

HIS SON: Isa 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel. God with Us.

MESSIAH SUFFERING SERVANT: Psalm 22, Isaiah 53, Zach 12:10, Dan 9:26.

Old Testament Messianic Prophecy is the best way to build the case for Christ as the Messiah of Israel.

Jesus told us where we would find HIM in the Bible.

Luke 24:13 Emmaus Road: “And beginning with Moses and with all The Prophets, He **explained to them the things concerning Himself** in all the Scriptures.”

Luke 24:44 Upper Room: “all things which are Written of ME in the **Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.**”

Luke 16: 28-30 From Hell: Story of Lazarus and the Rich Man
I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment. But Abraham said, They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them. But he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent! But he said to him, If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.

Messianic Credentials Have Been Established:

A **unique birth** Isaiah 7:14

A **unique life** Psalm 40:7-10, Isa 50:5

A **unique death** Isaiah 53: 1-3, 6-7

A **unique burial** Isaiah 53:9

A **unique resurrection** Psalm 16:10, Isa 53:10

Does the Old Testament proclaim the specific time of the coming of the Messiah?

According to Tradition the Jewish People are looking for the **FIRST** coming of their Messiah not the Second Coming.

These traditions come from **rabbinic interpretation** of the Old Testament. Could it be that the Rabbis have missed something?

There are four points to think about in identifying the timing of the Messiahs coming:

1. The Messiah's appearance was **locked into a fixed time**.
2. That fixed time was while the **Second Temple** was standing before the Romans burned it down in 70 A.D. (Daniel 9:26).
3. The Messiah had to come from a **specific lineage** (the line of King David). This lineage was only verifiable through the Temple records which were destroyed in 70 A.D.
4. The Messiah had **to die** a violent death. (Isaiah 53, Psalm 22 and Daniel 9:26).

The Old Testament is clear in its statement by God through prophecy **that the Messiah has already been here**.

Is there anyone in History who could have fulfilled the Messianic Prophetic passages, which were given by God so the Sanhedrin could identify and crown the coming Messiah of Israel?

Is there any proof from the Old Testament that this Messiah will be born as a combination of both man and God, Priest, and Prophet. And that HE would be the Son of God who would die as a sacrifice for the sins of mankind?

Follow the clues in the Messianic Prophecies; they revolve around questions using the word WHO?

Gen: 3:15Who is the **seed (offspring) of the woman**

Gen: 12:2, 22:18Who is the **seed** of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob

Deut: 18:15.....Who is the **Prophet like Moses**

Psalm 22.....Who is the **One crucified?**

Isaiah 9: 6-7.....Who is the **Child that is God**

Isaiah 53:

Who was **crushed and pierced for our transgressions** so that we would be **healed by His wounds**; upon whom did the Lord lay the **iniquity of all mankind?**

Jeremiah 23:5,6.....Who is the **Righteous Branch**

Daniel 9: 24-27.....Who is the “**Anointed One**” to be
“**Cut Off**” (karat=executed), prior to 70 A.D.

Micah 5:2...

Who is the one who is **eternal**, One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are **from long Ago from the Days of eternity.**

Zechariah 12:10.....Who is Jehovah, “**The One they have pierced**”, for whom Jerusalem and all the nation of Israel will weep & mourn?

Who is God speaking about?

WHAT ABOUT GOD HAVING A SON?

THE OLD TESTAMENT MAKES IT CLEAR THAT GOD HAS A SON?

Isaiah 7:14...Behold,a Virgin will be with child and bear a **Son**, and she will call His Name Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6.....For a child will be born to us, a **son** will be given to us; His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God, Eternal Father**, Prince of Peace.

Psalms 2:6-12...He said to Me, Thou art My **Son**, Today I have Begotten Thee. ...**Do homage to The Son**, lest He become angry, and you perish in the way. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

Proverbs: 30:4...Who has ascended into heaven, or descended?
Who has gathered the wind in His fists?
Who has bound the waters in a garment?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?

What is His name, **and what is His Son's name**,
Surely, you know!

HOW DO WE CONFIRM THAT JESUS IS THE MESSIAH?

Peter says in 2 Peter 1:19, that we have a more sure word of prophecy...no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

For us who know Christ as Messiah, this statement is good enough.
But for those that we will witness to, it is not good enough.

How does modern science establish truth? By Statistical Analysis. **Truth is documented by experiments** whose results can be duplicated beyond question.

We can do the same with the 100's of prophecies fulfilled by Jesus.

8 prophecies fulfilled.....10 /17th

Cover the state of Texas with silver dollars 2 ft. thick. Mark one with a permanent marker. Then take a blind man in somewhere by helicopter, set him down and give him one try to find the marked silver dollar.

There are 100's of Messianic Prophecies in the Old Testament that have come true. Why then would the others including those in the New Testament come true as well. God has pre-written HIS-story which is the Story of HIS SON JESUS. That is what the Scriptures are all about. If you look closely you will see that you are written into the story as well.

ANY PERSON REJECTING JESUS CHRIST AS THE SON OF GOD

...IS REJECTING... THE FACT PROVEN MORE ABSOLUTELY THAN ANY OTHER FACT IN THE WORLD!

The most amazing drama that ever was presented to the mind of man—a drama written in prophecy in the Old Testament and in the biography in the four Gospels of the New Testament—is the narrative of Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, the Messiah of Israel.

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Ancestry, birth time, forerunner, birthplace, birth manner, infancy, manhood, teaching character, career, preaching, reception, rejection, death, burial, resurrection and ascension...**were all prewritten** in Old Testament Prophecy, centuries before He was born.

**Who could draw a picture of a man not yet born?
Surely, God and God alone!**

Nobody knew 500 years ago that Shakespeare was going to be born; or 250 years ago that Napoleon was to be born. Yet here in the Bible we have the most striking and unmistakable likeness of a man portrayed, **not by one, but by many writers**, none of whom had ever seen the man they were painting word pictures of.

THE GOSPEL HIDDEN WITHIN A GENEALOGY IN GENESIS!

Hidden within Genesis 5 is the oldest prophecy that God established regarding His eternal plan of redemption for mankind.

When we interpret the Hebrew meaning of each of these 10 names, they form the most fascinating sentence in the entire Bible.

Adam.....man (is)
Seth.....appointed
Enosh.....mortal
kenan.....sorrow (but)
Mahalalel.....The Blessed God
Jared.....shall come down
Enoch.....teaching
Methusaleh.....His Death Shall Bring
Lamech..... the despairing
Noah.....comfort and rest.

Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow (but) The Blessed God shall come down teaching, His Death Shall Bring the despairing comfort and rest.

God hid within the Hebrew names of a genealogy in the Old Testament, the New Testament Plan of Redemption.

There is **no way that a group of Jewish rabbis** would conspire to hide the Christian Gospel within their venerated Torah! This hidden prophecy is only revealed to a True Seeker of God by the Holy Spirit.

Tri-Unity of God. He is more than one!

1. "In the beginning GOD (elohim). Adding im makes His name plural.
2. "God made man in OUR image like US.
3. Shema, statement of Israel's faith in the ONE true God. " Hear O Israel the Lord our God is ONE (Echad – a plural of the same kind or essence). The Hebrew word Yahid could have been used by God. It means ONE singular, alone, no one like me.

All through history GOD has called out **HIS UN- repentant Jewish people**, and placed them into a fiery – furnace molding them with hammer blows on an anvil.

Yet it will be through suffering that the Remnant of Israel will one day soon, recognize their Messiah. In Zachariah Ch. 14, when the world goes against the Nation of Israel. When the Jews realize they are all going to die. Jesus will come down from the sky and 1/3rd of the Nation of Israel will be saved as they will "look upon HIM whom they have pierced".

Today, The God of Israel is waiting to be wanted again by HIS Jewish people.

Remember, History is really HIS Story, the story of Christ. That story is hidden in the Old Testament and Revealed in the New Testament.

Please understand THIS about the Jewish People:

Israel is a nation that has been destroyed, re-gathered, and has re-emerged in time as the focus of world attention. Its capitol Jerusalem is indeed a cup of trembling for the world.

No other nation exists as a declaration to the world that in the records of her history, we find our roots and in the predictions of her prophets we find our future.

Events are taking shape in Israel that prove Jesus is Coming Soon:

The Sanhedrin:

The Jews believe the restoration of the Sanhedrin will precede the coming of the Messiah, because **only the Sanhedrin** has the **authority to crown** the Messiah as the Jewish King.

After 1600 years, in October 2004, 71 Jews were ordained to restore the Sanhedrin.

The Temple Instruments:

The **instruments** used for the animal sacrifices have been completed.

The Red Heifer:

The first and most important **sacrifice** in the new temple must be a pure **Unblemished Red Heifer**.

Only the ashes of the Red Heifer can purify the Temple for worship.

There have only been **nine unblemished Red Heifers** born during the entire period of the first and second Temple's.

Since the destruction of the second Temple in 70 AD, no perfect Red Heifer has been born until this generation.

After 2,000 years, in the late 1990's, **two perfect Red Heifers were born in Israel**, and a third on a ranch in Texas.

The Ark of the Covenant:

The government of Israel has stated that they have the **Ark of the Covenant** and that it will be placed in the Temple when the time is right.

The **Cornerstone** for the Temple as well as the **Temple itself** are ready to go up... The Jews believe the Temple must be built for the Messiah to come. **Construction of The End Time Temple as revealed in Revelation 11:2 will not have the court of the Gentiles. That is the area where the Dome of the Rock resides today.**

The Jews today cry out in the streets, Messiah Now!

The Jewish Nation has been saying **“Where is the Lamb?”** for over 3,500 years. God instituted the sacrificial system for the Remission of individual Sins by the shedding of the blood of an innocent lamb.

During the Temple period, every week throughout a Jew's entire life he would be constantly searching for the best lamb to sacrifice for his family.

When Abraham took Isaac to Mt. Moriah as a sacrifice Isaac asked the question that would echo throughout time by the Jewish people...**“Where is the Lamb?”**

The Rabbis want a Temple to be prepared for their coming Messiah.

SOON, the Nation of Israel will again begin sacrifices and they will again be saying.....

“Where is the Lamb?”This time, ...finally, The Lamb will come to be with His people!

HOW AWESOME IS THE GOD WE SERVE!

God has given us His word written in a book:

This book contains: the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers.

Its doctrine is Holy, its Precepts (laws) are binding, its Histories are TRUE and its Decisions are immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe and practice it to be Holy.

Within its pages heaven is opened and the gates of hell disclosed.

Christ is its grand subject, our good its design and the glory of God its end.

Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully, always asking for the Holy Spirits guidance in Christ's name.

It is given to you here, in this life and will be opened at the judgment and is established, unchanging forever.

It involves the highest responsibility, will reward your greatest labor and condemn all who trifle with its contents!

God has given us His SON:

As long as Jesus is one of many options, He is not an option.

As long as you can carry your burdens alone, You don't need a burden bearer.

As long as your situation brings you no grief, You will receive no comfort.

As long as you can take Him or leave Him, You may as well leave Him, because He won't be taken half-heartedly.

But, when you mourn, when you get to the point of sorrow for your sins, when you admit that you have no other option but to cast all your cares on Him, and when there is truly no other name that you can call on, then cast all your cares on Him...**for He is waiting in the midst of your storm.**

He is preparing a place for you. He is the architect of your heavenly home...its builder and interior decorator too. He knows your hearts desires, your favorite colors, flowers, your favorite views.

He chose you before the foundations of the world were made.

He knows how to surprise you. He knows what you've always longed for.

And in His infinite care for you, He is preparing the perfect place for you.

**Too many of us are afraid to witness to people.
Too many of us are intimidated by non-believers
Too many of us have weak faith and live in anxiety.**

**We forget who we are in Christ.
We forget that the Battle is His.
We forget that the Ending has been written and WE are on
the Winning Side.**

There is a poem that has deeply touched my heart.

It speaks of wisdom. To understand the words will be the beginning of that Heart to Heart relationship we all desire to have with our God.

Poem

Their faces I formed so that **mine they would seek**
Ears to listen for the Words **I would speak**
Eyes to see, minds to understand,
 all they required **I made with my Hand,**
The Law and the Prophets for centuries foretold
 the birth of a baby begotten of old
In words with **language so plain**
That even the simplest could call on my name
Fathom mysteries confounding the wise
Come... SEE the Messiah through a **child's eyes.**

In Closing:

**THE BEST NEWS THE WORLD EVER HAD
CAME FROM A GRAVE YARD**

“The King is Dead; long live the King.”

With those words, many a monarch has passed from the scene, only to be succeeded by another. But in the case of Christ, the King of the Jews, the phrase takes on added significance.

Never before had a king died only to succeed himself to the throne.

But Christ did:

Never before had a man been crucified and buried only to emerge bodily three days later.

But Christ did:

Never before had a man endured such human hatred in order to demonstrate such divine love.

But the Son of Man did:

No other:

event in human history could be so aptly described as “old, yet ever new.”

No other:

single piece of good news has brought more comfort, more encouragement, and more peace to more people than the ringing declaration...

“HE is RISEN!”

You draw breath every day because HE lets you and HE lets you because HIS purpose for your life is to tell everyone about Jesus.

If you and I are not sharing the gospel with others then we have not heard it ourselves!