

## A KING IS BORN

Matthew 2:1 Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking,

2 "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We have seen his star as it arose, and we have come to worship him."

## A Returning King

Acts 1:6 When the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, are you going to free Israel now and restore our kingdom?"

7 "The Father sets those dates," he replied, "and they are not for you to know.

8 But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 It was not long after he said this that he was taken up into the sky while they were watching, and he disappeared into a cloud.

10 As they were straining their eyes to see him, two white-robed men suddenly stood there among them.

11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here staring at the sky? Jesus has been taken away from you into heaven. And someday, just as you saw him go, he will return!"

## God Is Working His \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 1:4 Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

5 His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.

10 And this is his plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ - everything in heaven and on earth.

## God Wants Us To Be \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 24:36 "However, no one knows the day or the hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.

37 "When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day.

38 In those days before the Flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat.

39 People didn't realize what was going to happen until the Flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes.

- 40 "Two men will be working together in the field; one will be taken, the other left.
- 41 Two women will be grinding flour at the mill; one will be taken, the other left.
- 42 So be prepared, because you don't know what day your Lord is coming.
- 43 "Know this: A homeowner who knew exactly when a burglar was coming would stay alert and not permit the house to be broken into.
- 44 You also must be ready all the time. For the Son of Man will come when least expected.

### God Doesn't Want Us To \_\_\_\_\_ The Details

Acts 1:7 "The Father sets those dates," he replied, "and they are not for you to know.

2 Timothy 3:1 You should also know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times.

2 For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred.

3 They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control; they will be cruel and have no interest in what is good.

4 They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God.

5 They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. You must stay away from people like that.

### God Wants Us To Live In \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:13 Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others - the armies of heaven - praising God:

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to all whom God favors."

John 14:26 But when the Father sends the Counselor as my representative - and by the Counselor I mean the Holy Spirit - he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I myself have told you.

27 "I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn't like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid.

28 Remember what I told you: I am going away, but I will come back to you again. If you really love me, you will be very happy for me, because now I can go to the Father, who is greater than I am.

### God Has A \_\_\_\_\_ For His Delay

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent.

God Always Does What He \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 10:23 Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.