



THIS IS THE GOSPEL
Gods supreme Gift to the World

Text: Fear not for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOUR WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD.

As Christmas approaches we realize it will be a time of celebration, of giving gifts, to some it will only mean a time to commercialize for gain. But to tens of thousands it will be a time of Thanksgiving, for Gods gift to the world. The best blessing that mankind has ever received from God, was when the Angel came to Mary from the regions beyond, and brought the good news of the birth of the Saviour. The birth of Jesus Christ was prophesied as far back as 1700 years. In (Gen. 49-10) Jacob prophesied his birth. Moses prophesied his birth 1500 years before he was born. In Isaiah, 7-14, this prophecy was made 700 years. These writings were known and read by the Jews, long before Bethlehems Manger. "Regardless of the thery of skeptics, and the teaching of false teachers, His birth was a Virg'n birth. In (Isa. 7-14) its written", "Behold a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call his name Imman-

uel. When the Angel visited the home of Mary in Nazareth, on that never to be forgotten day, he said fear not Mary for thou hast found favor with God". Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call h's name Jesus (Lk. 1-31); Mary said to the Angel, how shall this thing be seeing I know not a man? The Angel answered and said, the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee. Therefore also that Holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God; (Lk. 1-35); Also Christ was to be born in the City of David, or Bethlehem. And so it was, on that memorable night in Bethlehem, Mary brought forth her first born Son, and layed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the Inn. Did you know neighbor there is many Inns, or homes today, where there is no room for Jesus. There's room for drinking, room for gambling, room for entertainment, but no room for Jesus. Let us also remember that on the night of his birth, there was in the same country, Shepherds watching over their flocks by night. And lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them. And the Glory of the Lord shone around about them, and they were sore afraid. But the Angel said fear not, for behold I bring you good

tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And the Angel said this shall be a sign unto you, ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a Manger. There was a Heavenly Choir of Angels that night singing, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Peace and Good will toward men. There has never been any peace on this earth since that night of his birth, except only tempory. But according to Revelation, chapter 19, when Christ comes back in Judgment, all an, and earthly rule will come to an end. After judging the nations, He will sit down upon the Throne of David, and rule the nations of this earth with a rod of iron. Then thank God, there will be a universal time of peace upon this earth for one thousand years, Amen. That night the Angels left their flocks, and journeyed to Bethlehem they found the Baby Jesus lying in a Manger wrapped in swaddling clothes, after worshipping Him they returned to their flocks rejoicing. Friend, let me ask you a question, have YOU ever found Him? You can find Him now, by repenting of your sins, and by faith, accepting Him in your heart as your personal Saviour, he that believeth on Him is not condemned, but

Mtn. To Be Renamed

Grandfather Mountain will be "renamed" Great-Grandfather Mountain on January 1, 1966. A ceremony will be held on top of the Mountain at 10:00 a. m. on New Year's Day, and grandfathers and great-grandfathers from all over North Carolina are being especially invited. The "renaming" event has been arranged by the N. C. Heart Association in order to call public attention to the many grandfathers and great-grandfathers (and their relatives and neighbors) whose longevity has been reinforced by the tremendous recent advances in medicine and public health.

In addition to the "renaming" ceremony and a number of other activities have been scheduled in connection with this "Great-grandfathers" Day in North Carolina.

Newspaperman Rob Rivers, publisher of the WAUGA DEMOCRAT is state promotion chairman for this event.

he that believeth not on Him, is condemned already because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God; Jn. 3-18.

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The First Christmas

From cover to cover the Bible is full of some of the most exciting stories the world has ever known. Through the centuries these stories have been passed along to our children, for through Bible stories children learn many lessons about their religion and its application in their daily lives.

At this particularly meaningful time of year, the most famous Bible story of all—the birth of the Christ child—will be told throughout the world. Christian parents want their children to become familiar with the story as it is told in the New Testament, but often the language of the Bible is difficult for a child to understand. Children's books, designed to bridge the gap in a child's understanding of Bible stories, are ideal supplementary reading for youngsters. One of the latest in the new series of religious children's books put out by ArchBooks is called "Little Benjamin and the First Christmas." In language a child can understand and with colorful illustrations, the book tells about the coming of the Christ child the way a small Jewish boy of Jesus' time would have seen it.

Benjamin was the son of the innkeeper whose stable became the birthplace of the Christ child. The story tells how Benjamin showed Mary and Joseph the way to the stable and piled fresh hay for them to sleep on, how he was awakened in the night by a very bright star and how the shepherds told him that the Messiah had come to earth to bring peace. From a story like this, a child can understand the humble beginnings of the "Prince of Peace."

Many children are learning about Bible stories through the ArchBooks, which sold their millionth copy this Christmas season. When children read stories such as the one about little Benjamin, parents then may want to read to their children, or help them read it themselves, the story of Jesus' birth in the Bible (Luke 2:1-20).



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