

What Will You Find This Christmas?

PART 2: JOY IN DIFFICULT TIMES

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SNAPSHOTS OF JOY IN THE CHRISTMAS STORY:

I. Shepherds in Luke 2:10, 11 -

“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.’”

II. Magi in Matthew 2:10, 11 –

“When they say the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.”

III. Mary and Elizabeth in Luke 1:39-41, 46-55

“Mary didn’t waste a minute. She got up and traveled to a town in Judah in the hill country, straight to Zachariah’s house, and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby in her womb leaped. She was filled with the Holy Spirit and sang exuberantly.

Mary responded in the following way... “I’m bursting with God-news; I’m dancing the song of my Savior God. God took one good look at me, and look what happened – I’m the most fortunate woman on earth! What God has done for me will never be forgotten, the God whose very name is holy, set apart from all others. His mercy flows in wave after wave on those who are in awe before him. He bared his arm and showed his strength, scattered the bluffing braggarts. He knocked tyrants off their high horses, pulled victims out of the mud. The starving poor sat down to a banquet; the callous

rich were left out in the cold. He embraced his chosen child, Israel; he remembered and piled on the mercies, piled them high. It’s exactly what he promised, beginning from Abraham and right up to now.”

WHO IS THIS CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS THAT HAS BROUGHT SO MUCH JOY INTO THE WORLD?

1. This Christ of Christmas is the _____ (Psalm 139) - **ELOHIM.**
2. This Christ of Christmas is our _____ (Psalm 23) – **JEHOVAH-ROHI.**
3. This Christ of Christmas desires to _____ (Exodus 31:13) – **JEHOVAH-M’KADDESH.**
4. This Christ of Christmas is our _____ (Exodus 15:26) – **JEHOVAH-RAPHA.**
5. This Christ of Christmas is our _____ (Exodus 17:12b,13,15) – **JEHOVAH-NISSI.**
6. This Christ of Christmas is the One who is _____ (Ephesians 3:20) – **EL SHADDAI.**
7. This Christ of Christmas is our _____ (Jeremiah 23:5-6) – **JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU.**
8. This Christ of Christmas is our _____ (Genesis 22:13,14) – **JEHOVAH-JIREH.**