

## No Room In The Inn

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Before sin entered into the world, the Lord God told Adam that, “...*Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die*” (Genesis 2:16-17). Unfortunately man disobeyed God and death entered into the world (Romans 5). Since then, the Lord had given man the promise of a coming Redeemer, a Savior that can and would bring man back into fellowship with God, and give man the promise of eternal life.

The hope for a coming Redeemer began to be given right away through the first sacrifice that God Himself did to cover man's sin (Genesis 3:21). This hope was also seen through the various types in the Old Testament like that of Abraham and Isaac when Abraham was going to sacrifice his only beloved son Isaac as a sin offering unto the Lord (Genesis 22). Upon seeing that there was no animal to sacrifice Isaac asked his father Abraham, “...*behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, my son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering...*” and so God did provide Himself as a lamb through the offering of Jesus.

So that man could know that the Redeemer was coming, God also allowed man to know from what tribe and family the Messiah was going to be born. He was to be born out of Abraham (Genesis 22:18, Isaac (Gen. 21:12), Jacob (Numbers 24:17), and then through the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:10), then from the family of Jesse, a descendant of Judah (Isaiah 11:1, 10), and from the seed of King David, a son of Jesse (Jeremiah 23:5).

So that man would not miss the Savior's coming, God also told man the city that the Messiah was going to be born in (Micah 5:2). Apart from that, God also told man that the Messiah's birth was even going to be a miracle in that a virgin was going to conceive (Isaiah 7:14). God made it very clear to man who was going to be the One coming to Redeem mankind so that there would be no mistake when He came (Isaiah 9:6-7).

The hope of eternal life was also seen in the Exodus in where the first born that would be under the blood would be spared from death, but the first born that were not under the blood of the lamb would die that night (Exodus 12).

Over and over again did the Lord God tell man about the coming Savior, the One that was going to redeem mankind (Deut. 18:18, Jer. 23:5-6, Zec. 9:9, 12:10). But with all in the information and details that the Lord provided about the coming Redeemer, one would think that man would be waiting for His arrival. But unfortunately no one was waiting because when Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem and began to look for a place to sleep in, there was no room in the local Inn (Luke 2:1-7).

How sad it is that with all the sufficient proof that the Lord gave man in regards to the coming of the Savior that no one was there to offer Him room. Isn't that the same thing that is taking place today though? There is sufficient proof that shows that Jesus is the Savior, the Redeemer of the

world, but unfortunately not many have allowed Jesus to come into their hearts. Oh yes they will be celebrating the birth of Jesus, but will send Jesus no invitation.

Unfortunately for those who fail to believe in Jesus, Jesus did not remain a baby, Jesus became a man who died on the cross for our sins, was buried, and arose again from the dead. He was seen by many and even up to five hundred people at one time. This same Jesus “...*commandeth all men every where to repent: because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness...*” (Acts 17:30-31). The next time that Jesus comes back, He will not come as a lowly baby in a manger, but as a judge. Don’t make the mistake of closing the door on Jesus. Receive Him as your Lord and Savior this Christmas. It will be the best gift ever. Jesus is the only reason for the season.