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Rehoboth New Life
Center

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The Return of the King

The Purpose of his Coming 2



John 1:29 ¶The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Fear Not!



Luke 2:8 ¶And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, ***Fear not:*** for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Who is this Savior ?



- Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a *Saviour*, which is *Christ the Lord*.
- Isaiah 43:11 *I, even I, am the LORD*; and beside me there is no *saviour*.
- Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing *of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ*;

“Sign unto you”



- Luke 2:12 And this shall be *a sign unto you*; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Why the Shepherds ?

How did the shepherds know where to Go?

And what is the meaning of the sign?

The Shepherdes



The Sheep who is the Shepherdess ?



Rachel = Ewe
(A Female Sheep)

Genesis 29:4 And Jacob said to them, "My brethren, where are you from?" And they said, "We are from Haran." 5 Then he said to them, "Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?" And they said, "We know him." 6 So he said to them, "Is he well?" And they said, "He is well. ***And look, his daughter Rachel is coming with the sheep.***" 7 Then he said, "Look, it is still high day; it is not time for the cattle to be gathered together. Water the sheep, and go and feed them." 8 But they said, "We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together, and they have rolled the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep." 9 ***Now while he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess. (NKJV)***

Migdal Eder : The Tower of the Flock



- So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way *to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)*, and Jacob set up a pillar at her grave; it is the pillar of Rachel's tomb, which is there to this day. Israel [Jacob] journeyed on, and pitched *his tent beyond the tower of Eder.* (Gen 35:19-21 NRSV)
- Micah 4:8 ¶ And thou, *O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion,* unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem

Bethlehem

The land of the sheep

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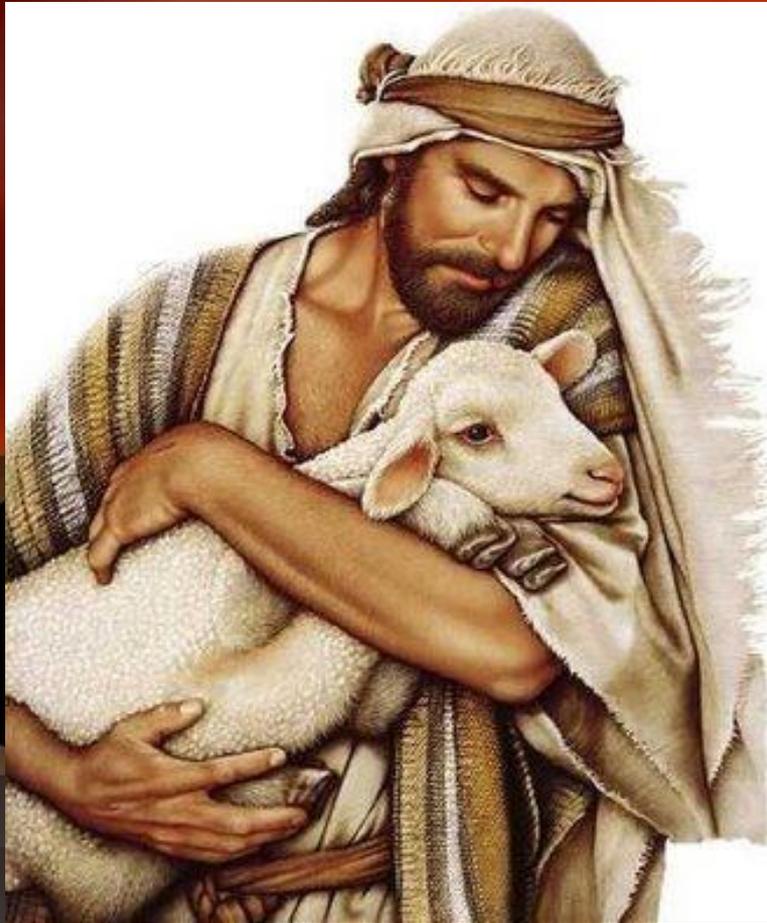
Distance from Jerusalem to Bethlehem



Is only 4.5 miles south of
Jerusalem

The Revelation of the Mystery!

The first acceptable sacrifice



- Genesis 4:2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.
- Genesis 4:4 And Abel, he also *brought of the firstlings of his flock* and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

The unblemished (Tamiyd) Sacrifice



Numbers 28:1 ¶And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, My offering, and my bread for my sacrifices made by fire, for a sweet savour unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season.

3 And thou shalt say unto them, This is the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the LORD; *two lambs of the first year without spot day by day*, for a continual burnt offering. 4 The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb shalt thou offer at even;

The Morning & Evening Sacrifice

The Daily Time Divisions

FIRST HOUR	DAWN TO 9AM
The first lamb is brought out and tied to the altar at dawn <i>Mishnah: Tamyid 3:2-3:3</i>	The high priest prepares the altar [see: Exodus 29:39; Leviticus 6:1-6; <i>Mishnah: Tamyid 1:2</i>]
THIRD HOUR	9AM TO NOON
The first lamb is sacrificed at 9AM* <i>Mishnah: Tamyid 3:7</i>	9AM is the first hour of prayer [see Acts 2:15] Temple gates open "Shacharit"(morning)
SIXTH HOUR	NOON TO 3PM
The second lamb is brought out and tied to the altar at noon <i>Mishnah: Tamyid 4:1</i>	Noon is the second hour of prayer [Acts 3:1; 10:9] "Minchah" (gift-offering)
NINTH HOUR	3PM TO SUNSET
The second lamb is sacrificed at 3PM* <i>Antiquities of the Jews 14.4.3 (14:65); Philo Special Laws I, XXXV (169)</i>	3PM is the third hour of prayer [Acts 3:1; 10:9] "Ma'ariv" (evening: our afternoon is the Jewish evening= next day began at sundown) [3 hours of prayer see <i>Mishnah Berakhot</i>]

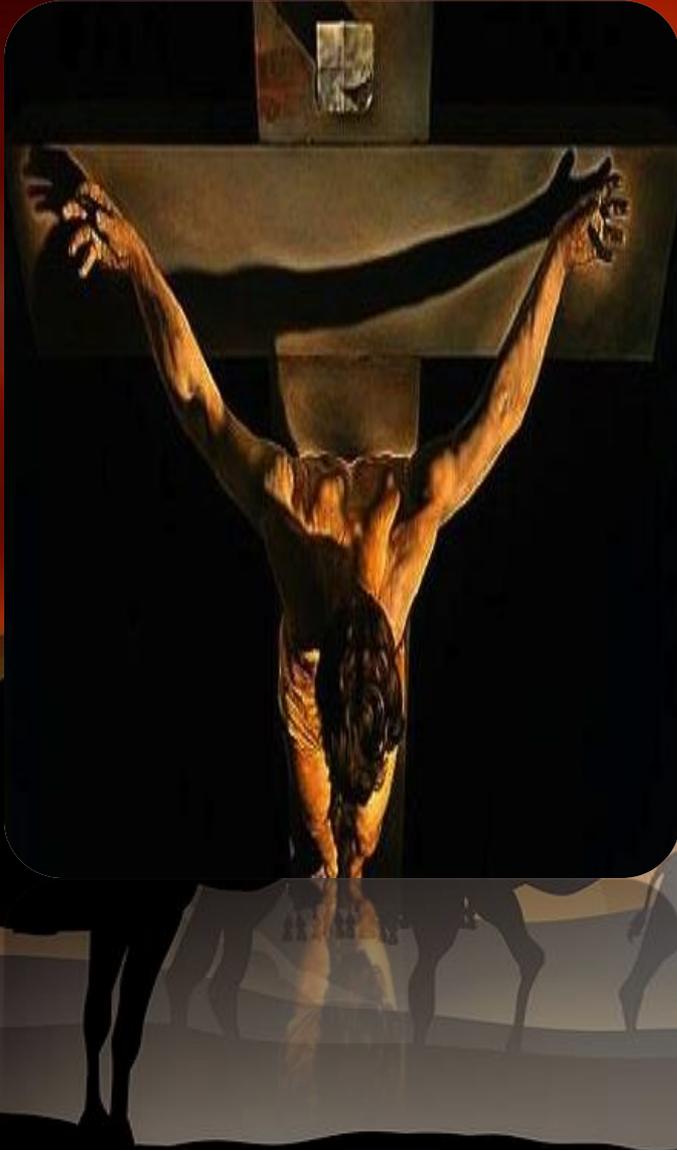
The temple needed

More than 700 perfect lambs a year
For the Daily Sacrifice!

Where did they get them from?



The morning and evening sacrifice



Mark 15:25 **And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.**

Mark 15:34 **And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud** voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? 35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias. 36 And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down. 37 **And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.** 38 And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

The Tower of the Flock



The shepherds were responsible for providing the lambs for the daily sacrifice.

The watch tower provided safety for the shepherd's flocks, as well as a place for ewes to birth lambs that were for the purpose of temple sacrifice in Jerusalem

Proverbs 18:10 ¶ The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Tower of the flock



- During lambing season the sheep were brought to the tower from the fields, as the lower level functioned as the birthing room for sacrificial lambs. Being themselves under special rabbinical care, these priests/Shepherds would strictly maintain a ceremonially clean birthing place. Once birthed, the priestly shepherds would routinely place the lambs in the hewn depression of a limestone rock known as "the manger so they could be inspected for the quality of being "without spot or blemish" (ibid, the Jewish oral tradition & Alfred Edersheim, the Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah).

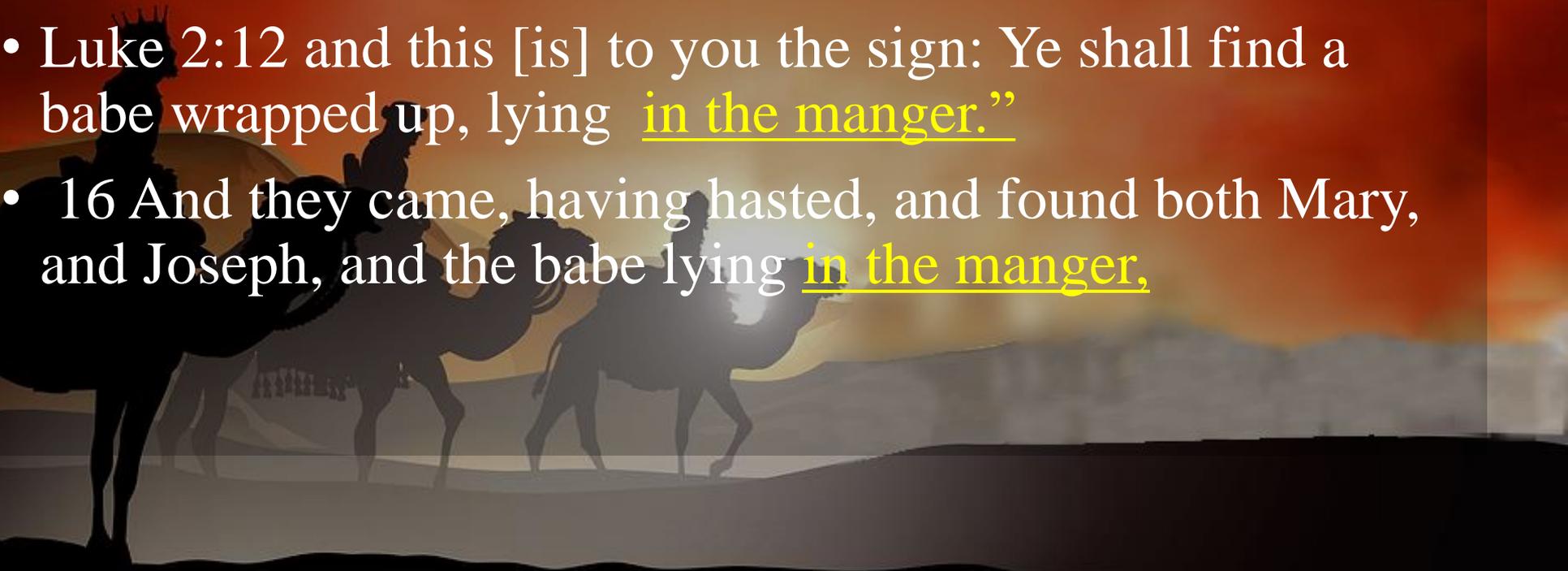
The Meaning of the Sign!



The newborn lambs were to be unblemished, so they were wrapped in swaddling cloths for protection. As they placed them in the “MANGER”. It was in the area of the temple flocks that Jesus, the Lamb of God, was born in one of the caves used as a stable, and was wrapped in swaddling cloths and placed in a manger (Luke 2:7), or feeding trough

Young's Literal Greek Translation!

- 7 and she brought forth her son -- the first-born, and wrapped him up, and laid him down in the manger, because there was not for them a place in the guest-chamber.
- Luke 2:12 and this [is] to you the sign: Ye shall find a babe wrapped up, lying in the manger.”
- 16 And they came, having hasted, and found both Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger,



“Peace on Earth, good will toward men”



Luke 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
14 Glory to God in the highest, and *on earth peace, good will toward men.*

The Shepherds Understand!



Luke 2:16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. 17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

21 ¶ And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Covenant of circumcision



Genesis 17:10 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

VITAMIN K

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- Vitamin K helps blood clotting, essential to stop bleeding from wounds.

- People with vitamin K deficiency may experience easy bruising, nosebleeds, etc., although the deficit of this vitamin is rare to occur.

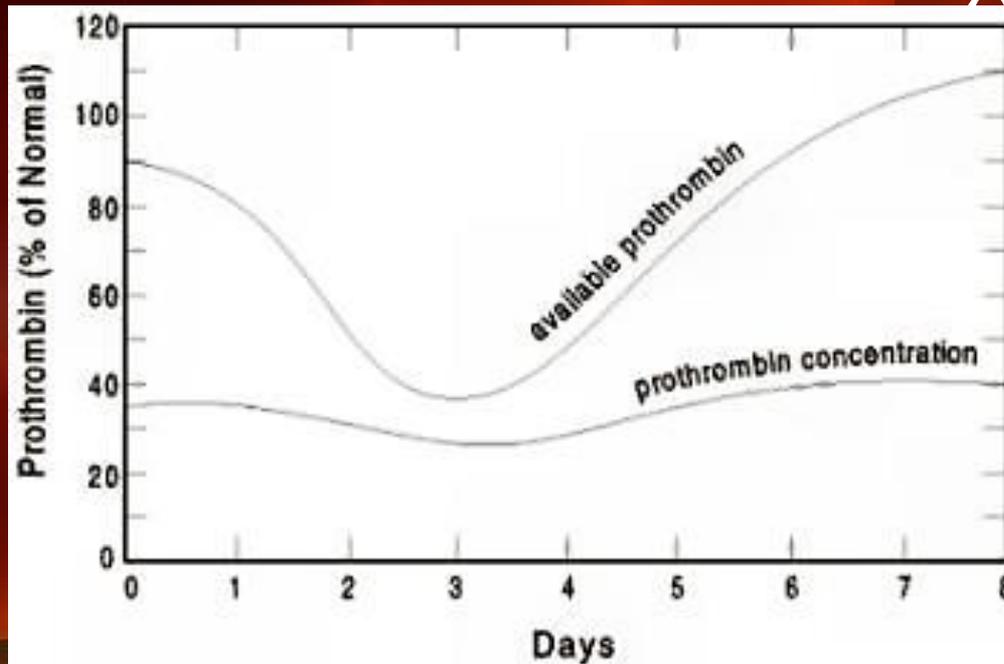
- The sources of vitamin K are animal fats (egg yolks, whole milk, red meat, ...) and dark green vegetables (spinach, asparagus, ...)



In 1935, professor H. Dam proposed the name “vitamin K” for the factor in foods that helped prevent hemorrhaging in baby chicks. We now know vitamin K is responsible for the production (by the liver) of the element known as prothrombin. If vitamin K is deficient, there will be a prothrombin deficiency and hemorrhaging may occur. Oddly it

is only on the fifth through the seventh days of the newborn male's life that vitamin K (produced by bacteria in the intestinal tract) is present in adequate quantities. Vitamin K, coupled with prothrombin, causes blood coagulation, which is important in any surgical procedure.

8 new beginnings and resurrection



On the eighth day, the amount of prothrombin present actually elevated above one-hundred percent of normal—and is the only day in the male's life in which this will be the case under normal conditions. If surgery is to be performed, day eight is the perfect day to do it. Vitamin K and prothrombin levels are at their peak.

37 In the last day, of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

God with us: A sign of the new circumcision



- Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.