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Silent Night, Holy Night

Genesis 3:15 - *And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.*

The Messiah Will Defeat The Devil, Overcome His Attacks, And Seal His Fate

Matthew 2:1-2 - *Jesus was born in 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 saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.”*

The World Was Divided, Confused, And Uncertain

Luke 2:1-7 - *At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. ² (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. ⁴ And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David’s ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. ⁵ He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.*

It Was Simply The Times In Which They Lived

Matthew 2:3-4, 13 - *King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. ⁴ He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?”...¹³ After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother,” the angel said. “Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”*

The Only Peaceful Part Of The Christmas Story Is Jesus

At The Center Of It All Is Jesus.

Isaiah 9:6-7 - *For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!*

Jesus Is Immanuel, God With Us

Peace Came In The Most Uncertain Of Times

Luke 2:12-13 - *And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,¹⁴ “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”*