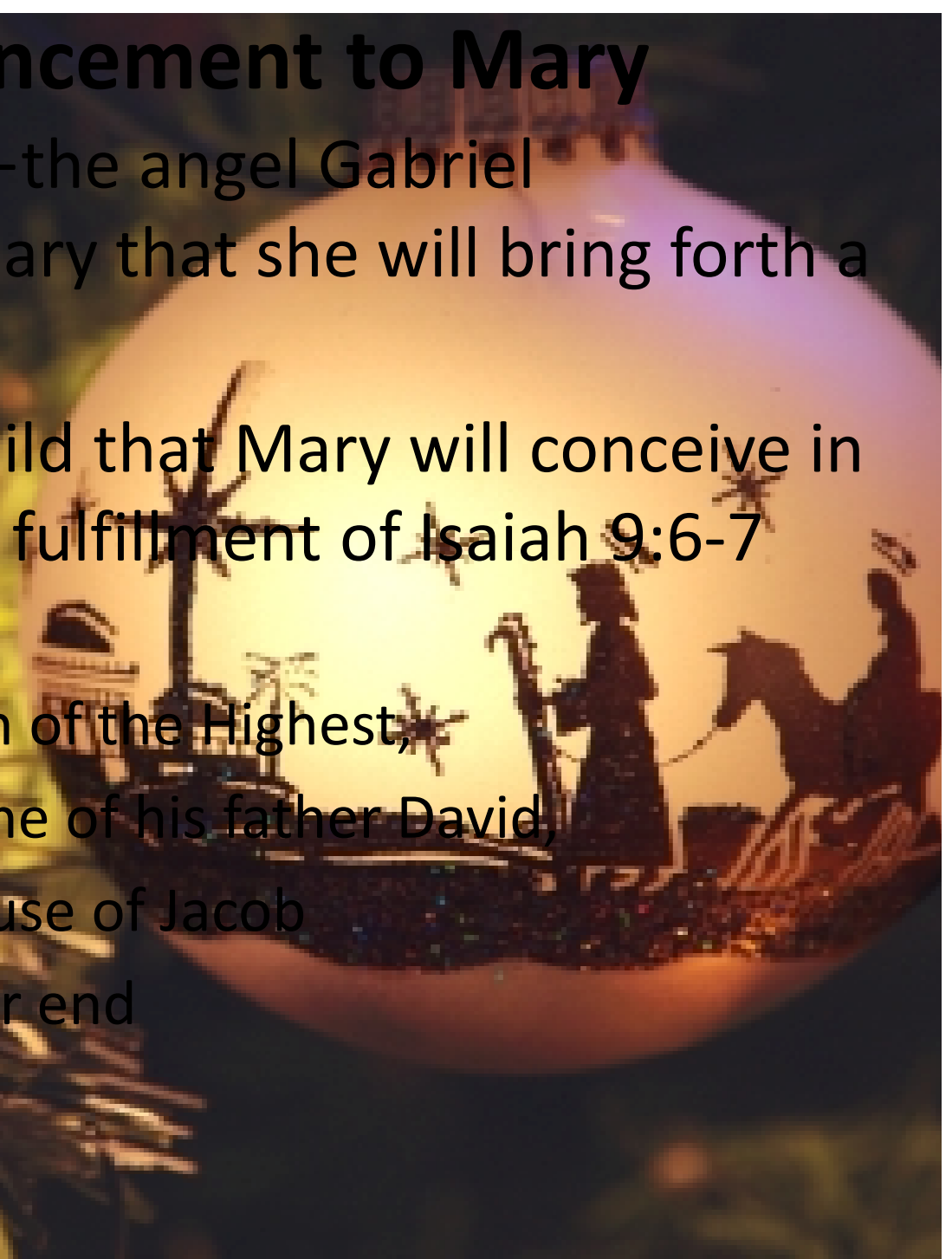


**The Heavenly Hosts: An Angel's
View on the Birth of Christ**



The Announcement to Mary

- Luke 1:26-38 (1071)—the angel Gabriel announcements to Mary that she will bring forth a son.
- Verses 31-33—the Child that Mary will conceive in her womb will be the fulfillment of Isaiah 9:6-7 (721)
 - shall be called the Son of the Highest,
 - will be given the throne of his father David,
 - will reign over the house of Jacob
 - His kingdom will never end

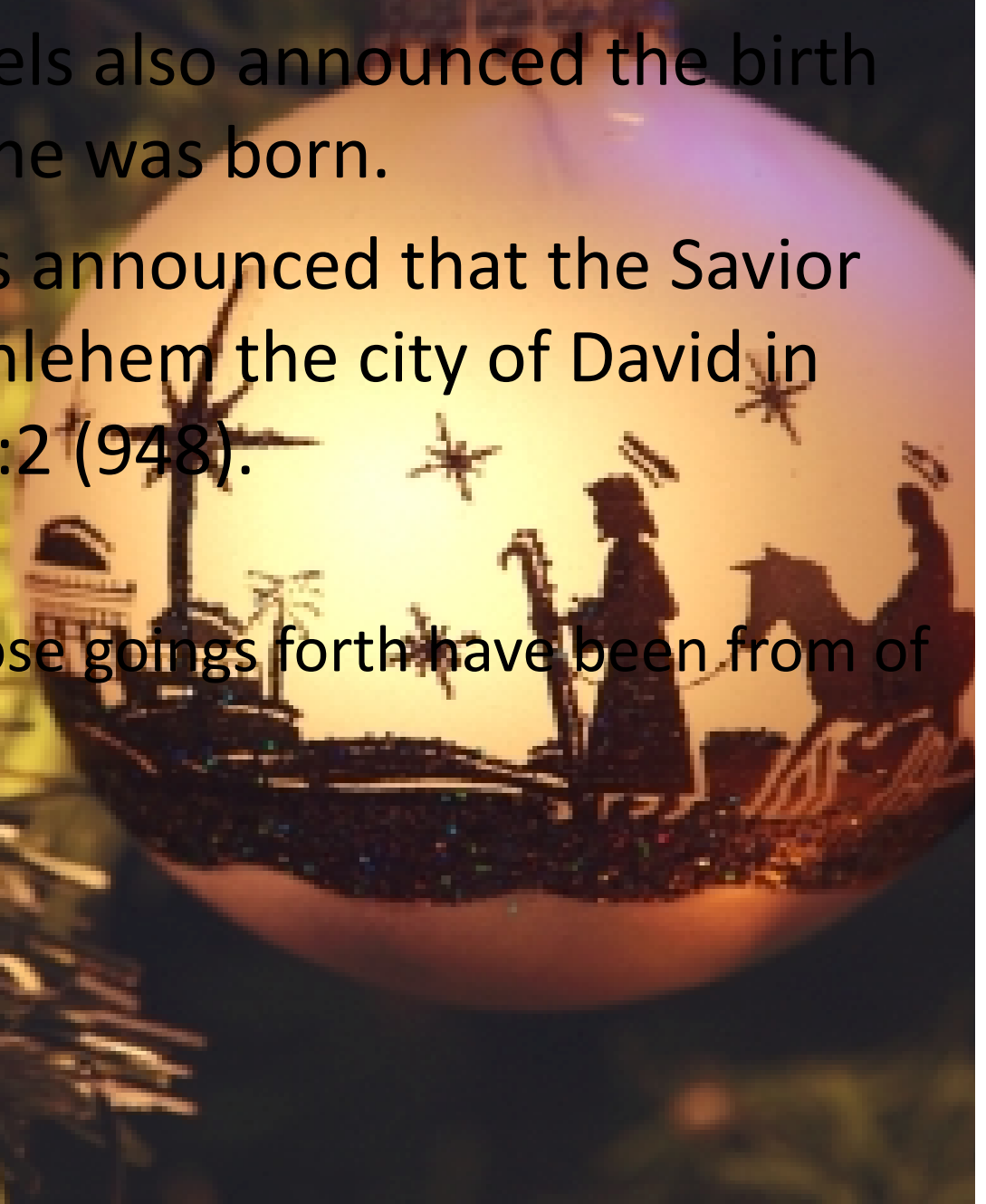


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- Luke 1:34-37—Gabriel explains to Mary who her baby can be the fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14 (719) even though she has never known a man.
 - The Child that will be conceived in her womb will be of the Holy Ghost.
 - The power of the Highest shall overshadow thee
 - The child that will be born will be the son of God.
- Matthew 1:23 (994)—the meaning of Emmanuel is God with us.
- John 1:1-3 (1114)—in the beginning in Genesis 1:1 the Word was with God and was God and created all things.
- Colossians 1:16-17 (1263)—all things in heaven and earth were created by him and for him and therefore Christ was before them.
- John 1:14 (1114)—the same Word that was present in the beginning at creation became flesh and dwelt among us.

The Announcement to the Shepherds

- Luke 2:8-15—the angels also announced the birth of Christ the evening he was born.
- Luke 2:11—the angles announced that the Savior had been born in Bethlehem the city of David in fulfillment of Micah 5:2 (948).
 - Luke 2:4
 - Micah 5:2 (948)—whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.



So Much Better Than the Angels

- Hebrews 1:1:-3 (1291)—notice what God says belongs to the Son.
 - The Son is appointed here of all things, by whom also he made the worlds (John 1, Colossians 1)
 - The Son is the brightness of his glory, the express image of his person, who upholds all things by the word of his power.
 - After the Son purged our sins he sat down at the right hand of the throne of Majesty on high.
- Hebrews 1:4-8—the Son by virtual of his inheritance has an exalted place above the angels. No member of the Godhead was ever begotten of God for the sake of the angles (V. 5). As we have seen the angels worshiped Christ he night he was born (V. 6) The Son is called God and is given a throne, scepter, and kingdom to possess for ever.

So Much Better Than the Angels

- Hebrews 2:9-11—Jesus Christ was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death. The reason the Son of God came in the flesh was to taste death for every man. To die in our place so that we would not have to.
- Hebrews 2:14-17—Christ did not take upon himself that nature of Angels which cannot die. Rather took the nature of the seed of Abraham, i.e., flesh and blood so that he could be the sacrifice through which reconciliation for the sins of the people could be made.
- Hebrews 9:22, 10:1-10
- Romans 3:25—the truth gift of Christmas was that God was made flesh and blood so that provision for our sins could be made and the offended justice of God against our sins could be satisfied.

Welcome to Our World by Chris Rice

Tears are falling, hearts are breaking
How we need to hear from God
You've been promised, we've been waiting
Welcome Holy Child
Welcome Holy Child

Hope that you don't mind our manger
How I wish we would have known
But long-awaited Holy Stranger
Make yourself at home
Please make yourself at home

Bring your peace into our violence
Bid our hungry souls be filled
Word now breaking Heaven's silence
Welcome to our world
Welcome to our world

Fragile finger sent to heal us
Tender brow prepared for thorn
Tiny heart whose blood will save us
Unto us is born
Unto us is born

So wrap our injured flesh around you
Breathe our air and walk our sod
Rob our sin and make us holy
Perfect Son of God
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Every good and perfect gift is from above...

