



9:00 Live Sunday School at FBJ

The Why of Christmas – Part 1

I. Revelation 12:1-6 – The ultimate battle lines

- A. Who is the “woman” in v.1?
- B. Who is the “red dragon”?
- C. Who is the “male child”?

II. Why Christmas? (From Chuck Missler’s study)

A. Four Considerations

- 1. It’s God’s truth (not what we make it)
- 2. It’s God’s mercy, forgiveness, and redemption
- 3. It’s God’s timing and His plan
- 4. It’s God’s love for us

III. It’s God’s Truth

A. Three Magi? I think not. It’s the gifts: Prophet, Priest and King

- 1. Gold for the King
- 2. Frankincense for the Priest
- 3. Myrrh for the Propheted death

- a) John 19:39
- b) Nehemiah 9:26 – they “killed Your prophets”
- c) Matthew 23:37 – “Jerusalem who kills the prophets”
- d) Matthew 23:31 – “you are the sons...who murdered the prophets”
- e) 1st Thessalonians 2:15 – the Jews “who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets”

B. The Millennial Kingdom - Isaiah 60:4-6

IV. It's God's mercy, forgiveness, and redemption

A. Matthew 1:1-17 - Four women in the genealogy: Ruth, Rahab, Bathsheba and Tamar - All come from sexual sin - 3 are Gentiles – the only Hebrew is not named (Bathsheba)

B. Tamar – from Genesis 38

C. Ruth – from Moab - Genesis 19:30-38

D. Rahab – Prostitute - Joshua 2:8-14

E. “Uriah’s wife” (Bathsheba) – 2nd Samuel 11

Questions? Comments? Thoughts?

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