

Lessons from the Christmas Story

Matthew 1:18-2:23

I. Every turn of your life's story was planned by God in eternity past

A – The birth of Christ was planned in eternity past and was prophesied in the Old Testament

Num 24:17 & Matt 2:1-2; Isa 7:14 & Matt 1:20-23;
Mic 5:2; Isa 11:1-3 & Luke 2:26-33

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- I. Every turn of your life's story was planned by God in eternity past
 - B – The flight of Joseph and Mary to safety was controlled and orchestrated by the Lord
 - 1 – God used wicked men to inform the Magi of Jesus' whereabouts
 - 2 – God led the Magi to Jesus using the star
 - 3 – God financed Jesus' flight to safety using unexpected means

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C – the more tragic elements of the Christmas story were part of God's eternal plan

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II. Serving the Lord always involves faith, commitment, and sacrifice.

A – Mary and Joseph sacrificed to obey the Lord

B – Mary and Joseph sacrificed their personal reputations to obey the Lord

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