

Who Needs Christmas? | Part 1

Lesson 3

Genesis 12:1-3; Isaiah 49:6; Malachi 1:11; Galatians 4:4-5

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Who Needs Christmas? The World Does.

INTRODUCTION

The first Biblical hint of Christ's infantile arrival as a blessing appears in Genesis 12:3 when God tells Abram, "all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." He repeats this plan for his understanding in Genesis 18:18 and 22:18. To be certain that Abraham's next generation gets the message, God informs Isaac in Genesis 26:4; for successive reminding, Jacob is told in Genesis 28:14.

It must have been important for God to announce the blessing more than once in Genesis, yet did the three (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) ever think they might recognize the blessing in their lifetimes? Could they envision it happening at the end of the long genealogical road when Jesus was born (Matthew 1:2-17)?

Every Christian knows the answers to those questions. Sadly, most heirs of Judaism have not identified *the blessing* as Christ's sacrifice for sinners who believe in His divinity and purpose. "All peoples on earth" who *do* believe are truly blessed.

Memory verse: "But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law..."

—Galatians 4:4

Pray, and read the passages listed above. What questions or observations do you have about them?

3. When the Lord's name is "great among the nations" (Malachi 1:11), what happens? (Isaiah 24:16, 56:6-7; Luke 13:29)

4. What does it mean in Galatians 4:4 that God's son was "born under the law"? (Genesis 17:12; Luke 2:22-23, 27)

