

He Is Coming, a Christmas Program

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Narrator: For long centuries, the prophets of Israel looked forward to the coming of the Messiah, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Prince of Peace. Both in public and in private, they studied the scriptures; searched the heavens; and sang the songs of His promised birth.

Scripture 1: (“Lo, How a Rose” begins) *And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you...which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. Acts 3:20-21*

Scripture 2: *And we talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ, and we write according to our prophecies, that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins. 2 Nephi 25:26*

Scripture 1: *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14*

Narrator: He is coming....The Great Jehovah, the Everlasting Father, the Morning and Evening Star, the Chosen One. He is coming!

Scripture 2: *For behold, the time cometh, and is not far distant, that with power, the Lord Omnipotent who reigneth, who was, and is from all eternity to all eternity, shall come down from heaven among the children of men, and shall dwell in a tabernacle of clay, and shall go forth amongst men, working mighty miracles, such as healing the sick, raising the dead, causing the lame to walk, the blind to receive their sight, and the deaf to hear, and curing all manner of diseases. Mosiah 3:5 (music ends)*

Narrator: He is coming.... The Lord God Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth, the Light and the Life of the World, the Holy One of Israel. He is coming!

Scripture 1: *“And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem...To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.” Luke 2:1-5*

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (congregation)

Narrator: He is coming.... The Anointed One; the Healer; the worker of mighty miracles...the Son of God! He is coming to bring peace to the world, to bring freedom to the captives, to bring eternal life to all mankind.

And on a silent night, as most of His people slept...He came; descending into the lowliest and humblest of mortal forms. With no apparent beauty... He came... as a baby.

Scripture 2: *“And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.” Luke 2:6-7*

Silent Night (choir and congregation)

Scripture 1: *And it came to pass that I saw the heavens open; and an angel came down and stood before me; and he said unto me: Nephi, what beholdest thou? And I said unto him: A virgin, most beautiful and fair above all other virgins.... And he said unto me: Behold, the virgin whom thou seest is the mother of the Son of God...And I looked and beheld the virgin again, bearing a child in her arms. And the angel said unto me: Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Son of the Eternal Father! 1 Nephi 11:14-21*

He Is Born (choir)

Scripture 2: *And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, (“Angels We Have Heard on High” begins with strings) Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:8-14*

Angels We Have Heard on High (strings, organ and congregation)

Scripture 1: *And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:15-19*

What Child Is This? (choir)

Scripture 2: *Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.*

When Herod the king had heard these things...he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:1-2; 8-11

With Wondering Awe (congregation)

Scripture 1: *And now, I would commend you to seek this Jesus of whom the prophets and apostles have written, that the grace of God the Father, and also the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, which beareth record of them, may be and abide in you forever... Ether 12:41*

Scripture 2: *For this intent have we written these things, that they may know that we knew of Christ, and we had a hope of his glory many hundred years before his coming; and not only we ourselves had a hope of his glory, but also all the holy prophets which were before us. Jacob 4:4*

Scripture 1: *Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever! For I know that my redeemer liveth, (Introduction to “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful” begins) and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. Job 19:23-26*

Narrator: Come, all ye faithful! Join with the angels and sing glory to God!

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful (choir and congregation)