



# 9:00 Live Sunday School at FBJ

## Lesson 1: The WHY of Christmas and the Gospels

### 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

#### B. It’s God’s Truth

- 1. Three Magi? I think not. It’s the gifts: Prophet, Priest and King
  - a. Gold for the King
  - b. Frankincense for the Priest
  - c. Myrrh for the Propheted death
    - 1) John 19:39
    - 2) Nehemiah 9:26 – they “killed Your prophets”
    - 3) Matthew 23:37 – “Jerusalem who kills the prophets”
    - 4) Matthew 23:31 – “you are the sons...who murdered the prophets”
    - 5) 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 2:15 – the Jews “who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets”
- 2. The Millennial Kingdom - Isaiah 60:4-6

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

1. 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)
2. Tamar – from Genesis 38
3. Ruth – from Moab - Genesis 19:30-38
4. Rahab – Prostitute - Joshua 2:8-14
5. “Uriah’s wife” (Bathsheba) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11

D. It's God's timing and His plan - What is the “seed of the woman”?

1. Genesis 3:14-15

a. The Hebrew words in English from v.15: will put / hatred / woman / seed / seed / bruise / head / bruise / heel

2. What is the “seed of the woman”? Hebrew word for seed – *zera*

a. Hebrew for womb – *rechem* – Used to describe “closed up wombs” of Sarah, Rachel, Hannah

b. Hebrew for belly/womb – *beten* – More uses but same geography Rebekah, Samson’s mama, Ehud into Eglon

3. Attempts to Kill the Seed:

a. Cain vs. Abel, b. Saul vs. David, c. Herod vs. “King of the Jews”, d. Kill Jesus: “thrown from cliff/stoned/Seek to kill Him”, e. Crucifixion

E. At the very occasion when sin first entered the world God already planned for a Savior. It's the Why of Christmas and the Why of the Gospels

F. It's God's love for us - Romans 5:8: “...*but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*”

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