

My Thoughts for Sunday October 27th, 2013

Three Unknown Shepherd Boys—But not for Long

My name is Micah; my friends Zeb and Jed and I were up in the hills above Bethlehem THAT night guarding our sheep as they settled down for the night. We had no idea it was THAT night. It started just like every night before it. We sat there as usual rehashing the stories we had learned since childhood from our parents. I asked Zeb what his favorite story was and he proceeded to tell about when God had led our ancestors out of Egypt with Moses leading them. He, as always, got very excited when he told about how God parted the Red Sea to let them through and then closed it over Pharaoh's army. Then, Jed, as always shared his feelings about how foolish he thought our ancestors were, with all that God had done for them and how they kept turning away from worshipping Him, deciding to worship their stone and wood idols. He said they were always griping about food and water even though their Almighty God had always provided everything they had ever needed.

I was the dreamer in the group and when asked about my favorite story, as usual, it was about the prophecies of Isaiah and my namesake, Micah. (Micah 5:2-5) and (Isaiah 9:6-7) How I longed for these prophecies to come true while we were so close to Bethlehem, before we had to move on, to other pastures.

It was getting late, the sheep had settled in for the night and we drew lots for who would keep watch first, then lay back against the rocks to get some rest. Suddenly, there before us was a fourth person. Everywhere around us was a bright glowing and we were terrified. This fourth person we found out quickly was the angel of the Lord, for he told us not to be afraid, he had good news for us and all mankind where God's favor rested. I thought I was dreaming when a host of beings came down from the heavens rejoicing and singing "Glory to God in the highest." (Luke 2:14) They told us where we would find this newborn Christ-child in Bethlehem. We left the sheep where they were resting and high-tailed it down to Bethlehem to see this miraculous Child.

You will have to read [the rest of the story](#) as Dr Luke wrote it in his Gospel about the Christ-child's birth. (Luke 2:1-20) We have much to do before this night is over. We must spread the wonderful news of what has happened this night and the things we were told. Please join us in visiting and worshipping this Jesus, also called Immanuel, meaning, God with us. My daydreaming did finally and really come true.

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