

**THE
SCRIPTURES
OF
CHRISTMAS**

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Introduction

In reality, of course, the scriptures of Christmas encompass the entirety of the revealed scriptures, for they all testify of the Son of God and His love of and mission for mankind. Here a few were selected to emphasize the birth of the Savior, including prophecies of that great event. Brief mention is made of the grand premortal council in which the Son was chosen and commissioned by the Father, His suffering in mortality, our responsibility, and the final consummation when He will present the kingdom, spotless, to the Father.

Passages are printed verbatim from scriptures both ancient (Bible, Book of Mormon, Abraham, and Moses) and modern (The Doctrine and Covenants). Verse numbers have been omitted for clarity. The text was formatted to show the parallelism that permeates all of the scriptures. Parallel elements are similarly indented, and capital letter labels have been added to guide the eye in most of those passages which show the inverted parallel order known as chiasmus.

The world may be searched in vain to find a message more beautiful, or language more sublime. It speaks to and comforts our souls. It carries our poor hearts to new heights of hope and peace and love. God's greatest gift to His children is couched in the greatest words known to them.

It is my witness to all who may read these words that I know that the Lord Jesus Christ lives! He knows and loves each one of us with an unquenchable love.

The Lamb who was born a humble babe in the humblest of circumstances, witnessed by the shepherds, will yet come again, this time in glory, witnessed by the angels, to reign personally upon the earth.

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