

THE COMPLETE PICTURE OF GOD THE SON COMING TO EARTH

Scripture Reading:

Luke 2:1-20

INTRODUCTION

•Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol was a story told in the present, while looking back at the past and forward to the future.

•The Biblical Christmas story tells of God the Son's incarnate coming to Earth. That historical account (historical to us today) is only part of the picture of God the Son's dealings with this planet and its' human inhabitants.

INTRODUCTION

•The COMPLETE picture involves six separate accounts of His major activities concerning mankind and their earthly home.

•From the viewpoint of Christ's first advent, two of these accounts are past and three are yet to come:

God the Son created the Earth (And All Things) Jn 1:1-3

- He sustains it
 - •Col 1:17

- He will destroy it
 - •II Pet 3:12

The Pre-Incarnate Son Came to Earth to Bring Revelation

Adam Enoch Noah Abraham Moses

All these men walk with God

To Eve - Gen 3:15

To Abraham - Gen 22:17-18

To David - II Sam 7:12-16

To Joseph - Matt 1:19-21

To Mary - Lk 1:30-32

To the Shepherds - Lk 2:10-11, cf I Jn 2:2

The Promise and Fulfillment of God the Son
Becoming Incarnate on Earth in Order to be the Savior of the World

His Second Incarnate Coming (for Judgment)

John the baptizer warned of the coming wrath

• Matt 3:5-7

Christ is God's man who will perform the judgment of the world

• Acts 7:13

Many choose the broad road

• Matt 7:13

Christ's prophecy - Jn 14:1-3

Detailed revelation concerning the prophecy of Christ in John 14 - I Cor 15:51-52, I Thess 4:13-18

The Mystery-Coming of Christ (for The Church)

Today, Christ is Indwelling Grace-Believers

Prophesied indwelling - Jn 14:22-23

The fact of indwelling - Col 1:27

Christ's indwelling provide us with Eternal Life NOW! - I Jn 5: 11-12

CONCLUSION

God the Son created all things – including Earth and mankind

In His pre-incarnate state, He came to reveal His will and instructions to those desirously willing to hear him

To be the Savior of the whole world, He was promised to be sent incarnate to Earth and pay the penalty for their sin

CONCLUSION

He is bodily coming a second time to judge sinners- those who rejected His offer of salvation

But, before His second coming to Earth, He will come to eternally glorify NT grace-believers

While today, He indwells and empowers all NT grace-believers

CONCLUSION

 He became incarnate about 2000 years ago. He is incarnate in the third Heaven today, while at the same time, His Spirit-essence is joined to our spirit-essence

 In a relatively short time, He is coming again- bodily!