

Bethlehem Times



Breaking News.. Last Night the residents of Bethlehem were woken by strange lights in the sky and the noise of music coming from the Hills. Some said 'It sounded like angels singing'. Along with the strange star that has been seen in the sky over the town, these happenings are making residents think that something important is going to happen. More as we get it...

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Eyewitness report By Ishmael the Shepherd. YES IT'S TRUE, I WAS THERE.

ONE MINUTE WE WERE SITTING THERE IN THE DARKNESS, THE NEXT THERE WAS THIS BLINDING LIGHT. I WAS TERRIFIED, I CAN TELL YOU. BUT THEN A VOICE SAID 'DON'T BE AFRAID I BRING YOU TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY'. AND THE STRANGE THING WAS, I STOPPED BEING AFRAID. THEN THIS HEAVENLY BEING STARTED TELLING US ABOUT A BABY BEING BORN IN BETHLEHEM WHO WAS THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD. THAT WAS WHAT WAS REALLY STRANGE, I MEAN, WE'RE SHEPHERDS, OUTCASTS, WE'RE CONSIDERED UNCLEAN SO NO ONE HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH US. SO FOR GOD TO TELL US FIRST, IT WAS INCREDIBLE.

AND THEN THE SKY WAS FILLED WITH MORE HEAVENLY BEINGS AND THIS MUSIC, AND WE COULDN'T HELP BUT FALL ON OUR KNEES. I WAS FILLED WITH SUCH A SENSE OF JOY AND HOPE, AND I KNEW THAT WHATEVER HAPPENED, I WAS AN OUTCAST NO LONGER

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EDITORIAL....so what are we to make of all these things that have been happening in Bethlehem? First we have the strange star in the sky, then the lights and heavenly music, and finally a group of shepherds turn up at a stable where a young couple have just had a baby, saying god has said he has sent this baby to be the saviour of the world! The shepherds seemed so completely transformed that people have started to believe them. Imagine if it was true? We Would know for certain that God sees us and has not abandoned us. That he is concerned about poor unmarried girls and outcast shepherds, it would mean that no matter what happened we wouldn't have to be afraid, of the romans, of poverty, of famine or disease... or anything. We would know that God was with us, that he cared enough to send a saviour. If that is true, then it truly is Good News...

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