



## The World Did

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### 1. The Christmas story begins with a couple who can't have a baby

- Abraham and Sarah
- Abraham believed the unbelievable
- Moses the deliverer
- Kingdom of Israel (David, Solomon et al)
- Kingdom of Israel divided

<sup>1</sup> The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

**Genesis 12:1-3 NLT**

### 2. God continues to promise

- Light and salvation
- His name honored around the world

"I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

**Isaiah 49:6 NLT**

*"But my name is honored by people of other nations from morning till night. All around the world they offer sweet incense and pure offerings in honor of my name. For my name is great among the nations," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.*

**Malachi 1:11 NLT**

### 3. God fulfills his promises

*But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.*

**Galatians 4:4 NLT**

<sup>26</sup> God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David... <sup>30</sup> "For you have found favor with God! <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

**Luke 1:26-27, 30-33 NLT**

### Next Steps:

- ☐ Accept that Christmas is God's gift of love to the world and to me (no matter how stressful it is)
- ☐ Trust that God is active in the world around me and in my life guiding me to life and blessings
- ☐ Accept Jesus as my Savior and the Lord of my life
- ☐ Commit to attend the rest of the Christmas series "Who Needs Christmas"
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