



## Taken From: Great Treasures of Knowledge

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*“And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God, unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth. To a virgin, espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary... And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.” Luke 1:26-33*



In the angel message to Mary eight promises were given:

1. Mary, a virgin was to conceive
2. A son was to be born to her
3. His name was to be called Jesus
4. He would become great
5. He would be called the Son of the Highest
6. He would be given the throne of His Father David.
7. He would reign over the House of Jacob forever.
8. Of his Kingdom there would be no end.

The first three promises given to Mary were fulfilled during her lifetime. The next two promises (four and five) were that he would become great and be called the Son of the Highest. These were fulfilled after the death of Jesus on the cross. The last three have not been fulfilled. But is there any reason to doubt they will be? Since the first five have been literally and completely fulfilled a person would have to be a fool not to believe the last three will be fulfilled also. (P. 550)

**What God has promised he will fulfill. The saints have been called to ‘establish the cause of Zion’ (D.C.6:3, 11:3). This we must proceed to do with the Lords direction. We must seek his instruction heeding that which has already been given as well as that which will yet be revealed.**

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(During this Christmas season and in the days ahead, let us remember the message given by the angel of the Lord to mankind on that first Christmas Day.)

1. **The Kingdom of God will bring Joy, Peace and Goodwill to men on the earth.**

*But the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord.  
(Luke 2:10-11)*

2.

**In the midst of a mighty battle when the saints are nigh well overcome, the Deliverer will come.**

*The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake; but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.  
(Joel 3:16-17)*

3. **The apparent triumph of those who will fight against Zion in the last days will be short lived.**

**John described the effect of the sudden appearance of Jesus as he returns in triumph. *And the kings of the earth, and the great men ... hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountain; And said to the mountains...fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne... (Rev. 6:15-16)***

4. **Just as Jesus came to his disciples in the fourth watch of the night in the midst of a terrifying storm, he will come again to rescue all who will turn to him in faith. In the same miraculous manner, he will reveal himself during the darkest hours before the dawn of the new era of peace and righteousness. As before, he will speak peace. *Peace be still; and the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. (Mark 4:31)***

**The hope of the world rests upon the establishment of the kingdom of God upon the earth. The Lord's reign as Prince of Peace will usher in a Millennium of peace and righteousness. The kingdom of God on earth should be our highest hope, aspiration, anticipation and expectation.**