

Gabriel, God's Messenger

Intro: As we move into the Christmas season, and look once again at the personages involved in the Christmas story, I thought it might be helpful to begin with the angel Gabriel. He was sent from God on several occasions to announce God's message to a number of people who would be involved in the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ. Most of us are familiar with Mary and Joseph, and of the miraculous birth of God's Son, Immanuel. However, most know very little about the angel Gabriel, and the angelic realm. So, I thought it might be helpful to take a closer look at Gabriel, and angels in general.

I. Accounts Of Gabriel's Appearances

- A. Gabriel's appearance to Zacharias (Luke 1:5-25)
- B. Gabriel's appearance to Mary (Luke 1:26-38)
- C. Gabriel's appearance to Joseph (Matt. 1:18-25)
- D. Gabriel's appearance to the shepherds (Luke 2:8-20)
- E. Gabriel's warning to the Magi (Matt. 2:1-12)
- F. Gabriel's warnings to Joseph (Matt. 2:13-21)

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II. A Biblical Survey Of Angels

- A. Definition of angels
- B. The nature of angels
- C. Old Testament references to angels
- D. New Testament references to angels

III. Gabriel, The Angel Of The Christmas Story

Conclusion: