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Birth preceded by a time of  
oppression of Hebrew people.

Birth marked by signs in the sky,  
noted by astronomers.  
(Josephus)

Pharaoh furious at the coming  
of a deliverer for his slaves.

Pharaoh wanted the midwives  
to expose the newborn boys.

The midwives refused to betray  
the boys.

Pharaoh wanted to wipe out a  
generation of Hebrews.

Moses escaped to the desert.

Moses later returned to the  
land of his birth when told the  
vengeful Pharaoh had died.

The Lord appeared to Moses in  
a bright bush commissioning  
him for his life purpose though  
he was just a shepherd.

Moses was promised in  
Deuteronomy 18:15 that  
another prophet like him would  
come from the Hebrew people.

Matthew 2; Luke 2:1-21

Messiah – Son of Judah,  
Son of God, Savior

Birth preceded by a time of  
oppression of Jewish nation.

Birth marked by a star in the  
east, noted by wise Arab magi.  
(Dec 25, 1BC=Jupiter&Regulus?)

Herod hated the coming of  
Messiah the deliverer.

Herod wanted the magi to  
reveal the location of Messiah.

The magi refused to betray the  
birthplace of Messiah.

Herod wiped out a generation  
of children in Bethlehem.

Messiah escaped to Egypt.

Jesus later returned to the land  
of his birth when Joseph was  
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The Lord sent angels to  
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commissioning them with good  
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O Source of All Good,

What shall I render to You for the gift of gifts: Your own dear Son, begotten, not created, my Redeemer, proxy, surety, substitute, His self-emptying incomprehensible, His infinity of love beyond the heart's grasp.

Herein is wonder of wonders: He came below to raise me above, was born like me that I might become like Him.

Herein is love when I cannot rise to Him, He draws near on wings of grace to raise me to Himself.

Herein is power: when Deity and humanity were infinitely apart, He united them in indissoluble unity, the Uncreated and the created.

Herein is wisdom: when I was undone, with no will to return to Him, and no intellect to devise recovery, He came, God incarnate, to save me to the uttermost, as a man to die my death, to shed satisfying blood on my behalf, to work out a perfect righteousness for me.

O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds and enlarge my mind. Let me hear good tidings of great joy, and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise, adore, my conscience bathed in an ocean of repose, my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father; place me with ox, donkey, camel, goat, to look with them upon my Redeemer's face, and in Him account myself delivered from sin. Let me with Simeon clasp the new-born child to my heart, embrace Him with undying faith, exulting that He is mine and I am His.

In Him, You have given me so much that Heaven can give no more.

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