THE NAMES OF THE CHRIST CHILD OF BETHLEHEM

In the Old and New Testaments of the Bible many great and wondrous names of Jesus are recorded. In the prophetic word of Isaiah, He was foretold as the Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace who would come to live on Earth. All through the long years of the Old Testament, He was the promised Child, the expected and long-awaited Messiah, the Anointed One. He was to be the miraculously born Seed of Woman, the Virgin-born Emmanuel. The Prophet Micah foretold that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem of Judea, the royal city of David.

In the New Testament He was known as the Son of Mary, the only Begotten of the Father and forever proclaimed as the Son of God and Son of David, a second Adam undefiled. Yes, the Holy Babe was born in Bethlehem, the birth of the Christ Child taking place in a humble stable for there was no room in the inn. As instructed by the Angel, He was to be called Jesus, a name that means Saviour. Cradled in straw, this Holy Child, the Christ, was laid in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes.

From distant lands, most probably Persia (now Iran), wise men bearing costly gifts came to Bethlehem. Following that glorious heavenly star, they came seeking the newborn King, Son of the Most High; the Bright Morning Star of Israel and the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Here they worshipped with awe and great reverence the Lord of Glory as Lord of lords and King of kings. At His feet they presented their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, gifts of adoration and thanksgiving because Jesus was God's greatest gift to them. At His feet they praised the gifts of God's precious gift to them, the Son of God, the newborn King.

So come! Come close - just like the wise men, the Magi, came that very first Christmas night. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.

John 14: 27

Peace (Shalom) I leave with you. My peace I now give you.

John 16: 23

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Tunes:

And all songs of joyful praise.

Words of loving devotion.

When our thanksgiving voices raise.

These are a greeting we can give Him.

To our Lord, the newborn King.

Gifts of precious gold, myrrh, incense.

Leaing wise men each in joy to bring.

There's a bright star in the heavens.

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CHRISTMAS CAROL - THERE'S A NEWBORN

There's a newborn in a stable, Mary gives Him loving care, And she calls her Baby – Jesus;

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