

## **“Christmas Invasion”**

**“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21)**

### **The Final Strike**

**Genesis 3:15** – “And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.” (NLT)

**Isaiah 9:2-6** – <sup>2</sup>“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. **6For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder**, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

**Matthew 10:34** – “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.”

**John 1:9-13** – <sup>9</sup>“The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

**John 3:19** – “And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.”

## **Celebration & Confrontation**

**Luke 2:25-35** –<sup>25</sup> “Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: <sup>29</sup> ‘Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace.<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation,<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all people,<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’

<sup>33</sup> The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.

<sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: ‘This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against,<sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.’” (NIV)