The Christmas story begins in the first book of the Bible and is summarized in the last book. In Genesis, God promised Adam that a man born of a woman would <u>reclaim</u> <u>dominion over earth for humanity</u> and <u>condemn Satan to execution</u>. In the last book, Satan is executed by being cast into the Lake of Fire. Sin and death are also executed by being cast into the Lake of Fire.

Who was that man born of a woman who would condemn sin, death, and Satan? Jesus was that God-Man born of a virgin. Jesus lived sinless and died sinless. Two earthly powers killed Jesus: Religious Judaism and the Roman government. God allowed sin to kill the physical body of Jesus so that sin would be condemned to the utmost. Charles Spurgeon preached a message, (Sin is therefore condemned to execution). Spurgeon says that sin is condemned to extermination and extinction because it killed the innocent, sinless Son of God.

"For what the law could not do, being weakened by the flesh, God did: He sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful man as an offering for sin. And <u>He condemned sin</u> in the flesh, subdued it and overcame it in the person of His own Son."

**Romans 8:3 Amplified Bible** 

"God disarmed the spiritual powers and authority, shaming them publicly by His victory over them at the Cross." Colossians 2:15

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 <u>GOD WAS IN CHRIST ALLOWING HIS PHYSICAL BODY TO BE KILLED BY SIN TO CONDEMN SIN TO EXTINCTION</u> Whosoever will seek God, cooperate with Holy Spirit conviction, and believe in Jesus for personal sin removal will become a new creation in Christ.

Testimonies are given that in Iran and China <u>people are giving up on their gods to help</u> <u>them</u> and are searching for the true God who can give them help and comfort. When people seek God, <u>He miraculously brings them the Word of truth in Jesus</u>. Today the greatest spiritual awakenings are happening in Iran and China. Millions are believing in Christ and following Christ. <u>The oppressed seek God more than the</u> <u>affluent</u>. Even in Israel today there are 30,000 Jewish believers in Christ. In the end times, how many Jewish evangelists will be sent out to proclaim the Gospel? 144,000

<u>God made a covenant with Abraham that all the world would be blessed through his</u> <u>descendants. God's covenant with Abraham has been fulfilled through Israel by the</u> <u>faithfulness of Jesus, an Israelite. How was Jesus faithful? He remained sinless even</u> <u>unto His physical death.</u>

Romans 3:22 says that the righteousness of God is made known by the faithfulness <u>of</u> Jesus Christ. In the courtroom of heaven God the Father is declared righteous and Jesus worthy of all honor, glory and power because of His faithfulness.

Transcript from the court:

**Revelation 5** 

Speaking about the verdict, all participants in the courtroom proclaim:

Jesus you are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals of ownership and judgment. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing. Glory to Him that sits upon the throne and unto the Lamb forever.

<u>Summary of the Christmas story</u>: In Judgment, Jesus will rid all creation of sin, death, and Satan and God will live with His people on planet earth forever.

In Revelation 21 3-5 we read, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.