CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT

HOUSTON'S FIRST!

FROM HEAVEN, TO THE HAY, IN THE HEART – PART 1

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The Old Testament _____ _____.

- Prophecies
  - – Born in Bethlehem – *Micah 5:2*
  - – Virgin Birth – *Isaiah 7:14*
  - – Coming Ruler – *Isaiah 9:6–7*
- A few Christophanies (pre-incarnate Christ) – *John 1:18*
  - – Visitors to Abraham – *Genesis 18:10*
  - – Jacob's wrestling match – *Genesis 32:22–32*
  - – Fourth man in the furnace – *Daniel 3:25*
  - – Seated on the throne – *Isaiah 6:1–7; John 12:41*
- He was named JESUS in Luke 1:31 — meaning "Savior" or "Jehovah is salvation."

Angels _____ _____.

- Watch the angels at work at Christmas:
  - – Gabriel to Zechariah about John (breaks 400 years of silence/priestly family) – *Luke 1:19*
  - – Gabriel to Mary about Jesus – *Luke 1:26–33*
  - – An angel to Joseph in a dream – *Matthew 1:20–23*
  - – Angels to Shepherds – *Luke 2:8–15*

The _____ _____ **wise men to Jesus.**

- The star appeared, moved and _____!

BIG HUGE ETERNAL POINT: HEAVEN has a plan. The **HAY** holds the Savior. Our **HEARTS** can be filled.

A READING OF PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

Pastor Gregg will resume our journey through Ephesians in January. During this "halftime" break, use our recording of a reading of Paul's letter as a reminder of what we've learned and as a preview of what's to come!

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