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## Hope In Hopelessness

Today, we face several uncertainties and even threats of annihilation as North Korea and the US continue in their verbal exchanges. Countries geographically situated near North Korea are vulnerable. The entire US is said to be within range if there will be a nuclear war. These may be empty threats but nevertheless . . . they remain as possible threats.

Thousands of years ago, when empires have risen and fallen and only the Roman Empire remained, a baby was born in an isolated stable, in an isolated city of Bethlehem and in an occupied country of Israel. Though the world was not aware of the birth, the heavens through its angelic hosts witnessed the event and celebrated the birth of a child. The celebration was to be a Promise fulfilled – the Messiah was born. The celebration was the expression of God's love for humanity – the birth and the destiny of Jesus was to reverse the path of all mankind towards damnation. The hope that previous generations have depended upon has finally come to pass. The hope, through time and through the rise and fall of empires, crossed through all these world events only to be fulfilled as God planned it. The birth of Jesus redirected history.

Today, the clash of nuclear capable countries is a looming threat. But through it all the Message of Salvation continues to be told and has crossed and will cross more world events. The challenge is how to have a fresh vision of what the Savior means and tell the story to a world that may not understand . . . Hope.



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***"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." ~ Isaiah 9:6***