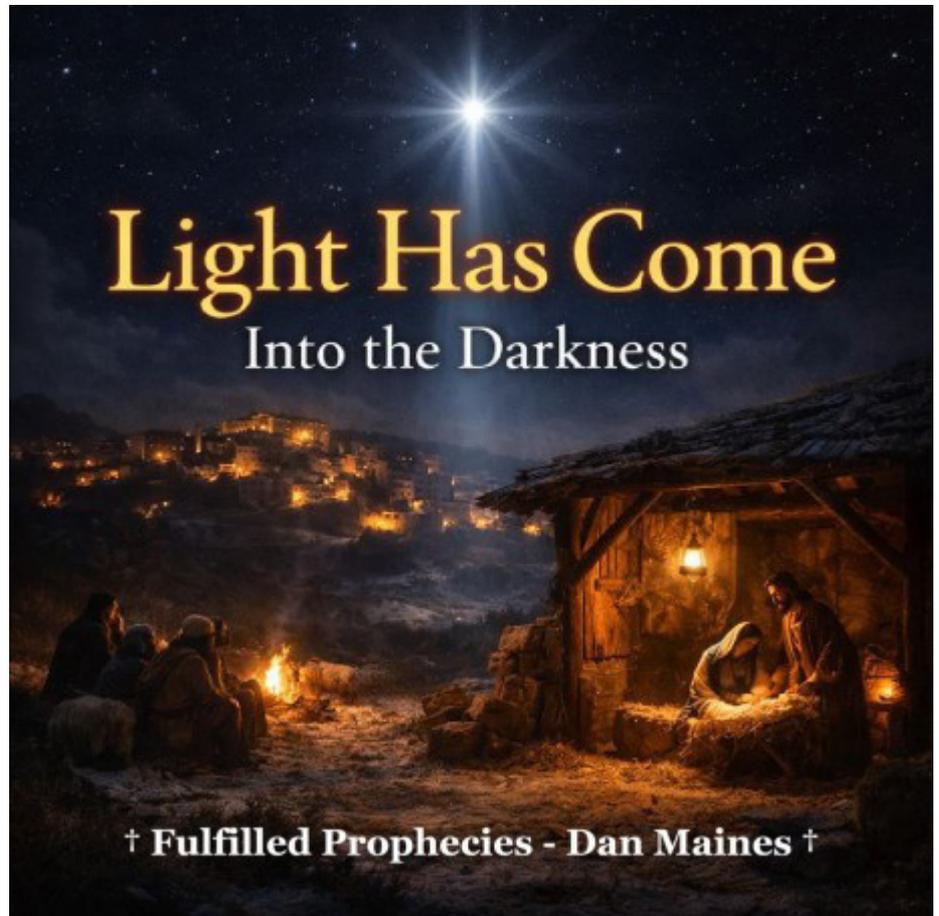


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**Christmas - Light Has Come Into the Darkness**



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## Introduction

† Christmas Eve is not about nostalgia, tradition, or sentiment. It's about a historical moment when God acted decisively in time. Scripture does not present the birth of Christ as the start of a waiting period, but as the arrival of fulfillment. Tonight we're not looking forward to light someday. We're proclaiming that light's already entered the world, confronted darkness, and

prevailed.

### **John 1:4-5**

In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.  
The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

† Christmas Eve is not the celebration of potential light. It's the proclamation that light's already come. John does not speak in future tense. He declares a present reality. The Light shines, not will shine, and the darkness didn't overcome it. From the very beginning of the gospel, the arrival of Christ is framed as decisive and victorious.

† Darkness in Scripture is not ignorance alone, nor is it merely moral confusion. It's covenantal separation, death, and alienation from God. The world Christ entered was a world under condemnation, under the ministry of death, awaiting redemption. Light entering that darkness means life replacing death and truth replacing shadow.

† What began at the incarnation didn't remain unfinished. The Light that entered the world at Bethlehem continued its work through ministry, cross, resurrection, and kingdom establishment, reaching full covenantal fulfillment exactly as promised, within that generation.

### **Isaiah 9:2**

The people who walk in darkness  
Will see a great light,  
Those who live in a dark land,  
The light will shine on them.

† Isaiah doesn't speak of a light waiting thousands of years to shine. He speaks of a light that would come upon a people walking in darkness. This prophecy finds its fulfillment not in abstraction, but in incarnation. The light shines on them.

Christmas Eve is the moment Isaiah's promise steps into history.

† This darkness was covenantal exile, not geographical distance. Israel was alive physically but dead spiritually, estranged from God under a broken covenant. The coming of Christ was the shining of covenantal restoration, not a postponement of hope.

### **Isaiah 60:1-2**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For behold, darkness will cover the earth  
And deep darkness the peoples,  
But the Lord will rise upon you  
And His glory will appear upon you.

† Isaiah again speaks in certainty, not speculation. Your light has come. Glory has risen. This is covenantal language describing restoration, visibility, and divine presence returning to God's people. Christmas Eve marks the turning point where this rising begins in history.

### **Luke 2:8-11**

In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people, for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

† Notice the timing. Today. Not eventually. Not in another age. The good news announced to the shepherds was immediate and present. The Light didn't arrive quietly and wait for

recognition. Heaven announced it openly. Glory shone in the night, because darkness was being confronted directly.

† Shepherds were watching in the night, not only because it was dark, but because darkness defined the age. The announcement of Christ's birth was the announcement that night was ending. The glory of the Lord shining around them mirrors the truth John would later proclaim, the Light shines in the darkness.

† This was not sentimental imagery. This was a declaration of war against darkness. The birth of Christ marked the beginning of the end for death, sin, and separation.

### **John 1:9-10**

There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

† The true Light enlightens every man. That's covenant language, not philosophical abstraction. Christ didn't come to offer partial illumination or selective access. He came to expose darkness fully and to bring life where death reigned.

† The tragedy was not that the Light failed, but that darkness resisted it. Yet resistance didn't stop fulfillment. The Light was not overcome, delayed, or extinguished. It accomplished exactly what it came to do.

† Christmas Eve reminds us that darkness doesn't get the final word. It never did.

### **Luke 2:14**

Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.

† Peace on earth is not future tense either. This is covenant peace, reconciliation between God and man. Christmas Eve proclaims that the work of restoration began the moment Christ entered the world, and it would be completed within that generation as promised.

† Light came into the darkness, and it never left. It moved from manger to ministry, from cross to resurrection, from ascension to kingdom fulfillment. Darkness was exposed, judged, and overcome.

† Christmas Eve is not about waiting for light. It's about living in it.

### **Luke 1:78-79**

Because of the tender mercy of our God,  
With which the Sunrise from on high will visit us,  
To shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,  
To guide our feet into the way of peace.

† This is the doxology of fulfillment. The Sunrise has visited. Light's shone. Peace has been established. Christmas Eve closes not with anticipation, but with assurance.

### **How It Applies To Us Today**

† We're not people hoping for dawn. We're people living in daylight. Christ's already shone, already overcome, already fulfilled what was promised. We don't gather tonight to anticipate light, but to remember that it came, it conquered, and it remains.

† Because the Light has come, we walk in truth, confidence, and assurance. Darkness has no authority over those who live in Christ.

† Christmas Eve is the reminder that God kept His word, on time, in history, and fully.

† **This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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† John 1:4-5, 9-10; Isaiah 9:2; Isaiah 60:1-2; Luke 2:8-11, 14; Luke 1:78-79

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