

The Angels' Council in Heaven

(The scene is set with the 4 Archangels plus Seraphim & Cheribim seated around a semi-circle table with Aragon in the middle. The two narrators are standing away from this gathering at each side of the Church or Hall.)

Narrator 1: Have you ever thought how many angel appearances there are around the birth of Jesus?

Narrator 2: I want to take you behind the scenes up in to heaven where much planning went into the Birth of Jesus. His birth didn't just happen everything was carefully thought through and planned in advance.

I want to take you to eavesdrop on the Council of the Archangels who are discussing the Birth.

Narrator 1: Present at the meeting are the Archangels – Aragon the planner
Michael the protector of Israel
Gabriel – Israel's Chief Messenger
Raphael – Gentile Chief Messenger
plus Seraphim – The Choir Master
and Cheribim – Chief of the Guards

Narrator 2: Aragon chairs the meeting and states that the Spirit of God has been active in moving over the face of the earth to find the right situation and conditions for the Birth of God's Son. Now the Lord God Almighty has made a decision and they are meeting to put his plan into action.

Narrator 1: All the Archangels are excited, the time they have been waiting for has come. God Almighty has set a date to fulfil the prophecy of his only son being born into the world, to save the world from wrong doing and disobedience through the giving of his life.

Aragon: “So much planning has gone into this event I do not want anything to go wrong, so this is what we are to do. The Spirit of God has spent many years preparing the right conditions for Jesus' Birth and all is now ready. So Gabriel, I want you to take the message to the young lady who is going to carry the baby Jesus in her womb.”

Gabriel: “Which lucky princess do I go to.”

Aragon: “No Gabriel, that’s not in the plan. You are to go to a teenage girl called Mary who lives in Nazareth and is engaged to Joseph. We know she will be very responsive as she and her family are very devout and are expecting the Christ to come, however you will have to work on and persuade Joseph a great deal, but it was important to find a devoted but unmarried virgin who was engaged to a man whose family links go all the way back to King David.”

Gabriel: “I think I can be quite persuasive when something as important as this is at stake.”

Aragon: “Now Raphael, the Lord God Almighty has chosen Wise Men from Persia to come and meet the baby Jesus. These Wise men are stargazers so you need to alert them to the birth through the stars. Also you will need to create a star like object which they can follow”

Raphael: “I can organise the galaxy angels to perform that task.”

Aragon: “Right, Michael, it will be your task to protect Mary throughout her pregnancy and the baby Jesus when he is born. The major problem you face is that Mary and Joseph have to travel 80 miles on foot from Nazareth to Bethlehem in the days just before Jesus will be born, as he must fulfil the prophesy and be born where King David was born.”

Michael: “That could be tricky as presumably we do not know who will be on the road with them, but I will not fail in my task.”

Aragon: “Cheribim, it will be your duty to arrange the guard of honour and protection over the place chosen for Jesus’ birth. It won’t be an easy place with so much coming and going, for it will be a cattle shed.”

Cheribim: “You must be joking!!!”

Aragon: “No, I’m not joking, the Lord God Almighty has planned that His Son should be born in a way to identify with the poor, the homeless, the outcast and the refugee.”

Gabriel: “That is just like the Lord God Almighty”

Aragon: “Seraphim, I want you to train your choir to perform and announce the Birth.”

Seraphim: “Where will that be, in the Temple in Jerusalem or a Royal Palace”

Aragon: “No Seraphim, “the Lord God Almighty wants you to light up the sky on the hills above Bethlehem and to tell the Shepherds.”

Seraphim: “What?”

Aragon: “Any Questions”

All Five together: “Does the Lord God Almighty know what he is doing?”

Aragon: “Yes, he wants Jesus to identify with ordinary people and foreigners, that is every adult and child of all colours and races. For in God’s sight we are all special and he wants each of us to claim Jesus as our friend and saviour.”