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**December 21, 2025 – The Revelation of Jesus in the End Times – Erlinda Cruz**

## ***Angelic Announcements***

The revelation of Jesus' birth involves angelic announcements to Mary and shepherds, fulfilling ancient prophecies, with Mary told by Gabriel she'd conceive by the Holy Spirit, and shepherds hearing from angels of a Savior born in Bethlehem. The Book of Revelation also features symbolic imagery (a woman, dragon) connected to Christ's birth, but the core gospel accounts detail divine messages, the miraculous conception, humble circumstances (manger), and shepherds spreading the news of the Messiah's arrival, marking God's plan for salvation.

### **Key Revelations & Announcers**

*The Angel Gabriel to Mary (Luke 1)*

Announced Mary's favor with God and her miraculous conception of Jesus, the Son of God, by the Holy Spirit. Mary's humble acceptance, "May it be to me as you have said," was crucial.

*Angels to Shepherds (Luke 2):*

An angelic host appeared to shepherds near Bethlehem, announcing "good news of great joy". They proclaimed the birth of a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord, in the city of David (Bethlehem). A heavenly host praised God, saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests".

### **The Significance of the Revelation**

**Fulfillment of Prophecy:** Jesus' birth fulfilled numerous Old Testament prophecies, signaling the arrival of the promised Messiah.

**Humble Beginnings:** The revelation included finding the baby wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger, highlighting God's choice of humble circumstances.

**Good News (Euangelion):** The angelic message was "good news" (euangelion in Greek), the very root of "evangelize," signifying the core message of salvation.

**Cosmic & Earthly Signs:** While Luke focuses on earthly shepherds, Revelation 12 uses powerful cosmic symbols (woman, dragon, male child) to depict the spiritual battle surrounding the Messiah's birth and mission, a theme explored by scholars.

### **The Response to the Revelation**

**Shepherds' Action:** They immediately went to Bethlehem, found Jesus, and spread the news, amazing all who heard.

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Mary's Reflection: Mary "treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart".

Wise Men (Magi): Later, wise men followed a star to find the child, seeking the "King of the Jews," further confirming his divine status.