

# **The Birth of Jesus & God's Providence**

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- B. Man lived under the burden of Law and works (Gal 3:10-11)
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  - 2. Man was cursed to live life of hopelessness
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## **II. The Providence of God & His Provision (v. 4)**

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    - In respect to the time in history
    - In respect to the sovereign plan of God
  - 2. The moment of redemption was epic
    - It has forever divided time concerning our history
    - It disrupted the governing authorities
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  - 2. The town of birth would be fulfilled (Micah 5:2)
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  - 2. God's redemptive plan was revealed immediately following the Fall (Gene 3:15)
- B. Our redemption places us in a permanent relationship our heavenly Father (v. 5)
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  - 2. We are placed in a place of security by God Himself
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