

SHEPHERDS: A CALL TO PRAISE

The Call of Christmas

Luke 2:1-20

“The Lord looked and . . . was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so His own arm worked salvation for Him, and His own righteousness sustained Him.” Isaiah 59:15-16

“The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.” Genesis 3:21

The Provided Lamb—Atonement for One Person

Isaac does not see the sacrificial animal, he asks his father,
*“But where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” Abraham replies,
“God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son”*
Genesis 22:7

The Passover Lamb—Atonement for Each Household

“At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well.” Exodus 12:29

“The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you.” Exodus 12:13

The Unblemished Lamb—Atonement for the People

“When anyone among you brings an offering to the Lord, bring as your offering an animal from either the herd or the flock. If the offering is a burnt offering from the herd, you are to offer a male without defect.” Leviticus 1:2-4

The Promised Lamb—Atonement for Israel’s Redemption

“the Lord has laid on Him [the Lamb] the iniquity of us all.”

Isaiah 53:6

The lamb is identified as a person who would be stricken *“for the transgressions of my people.”* Isaiah 53:8

The Pinpointed Lamb of God—Atonement for the World

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’”
John 1:29

