

Hebrews 2:14-18 (ESV) 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. 16 For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

The background features a dark blue gradient with a starry space pattern. Overlaid on this are several technical diagrams, including circular gauges with numerical scales (140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260) and various circular arrows indicating motion or flow. The text is rendered in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

WHY CHRISTMAS?

TO DEFEAT EVIL

1- THE EVENT OF CHRISTMAS

- GOD ASSUMED A HUMAN NATURE

- *Heb. 2:14a - Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things ...*
- *John 1:1, 14 - The Word (who is God) became flesh*
- *Genesis 3:15 (ESV) I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”*

2- THE EXTENT OF CHRISTMAS

- GOD ASSUMED A MORTAL NATURE

- *Hebrews 2:14-15 (ESV) 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might 15 ... deliver...*
- Jesus was born so that he could die.
- Because His death is the only way for our deliverance to take place.

3- THE EXPLANATION OF CHRISTMAS

- WHY HE WAS BORN TO DIE

- *Hebrews 2:14-15 (ESV) 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might 15deliver*
- Hebrews 2:14-18 explains of our deliverance through Jesus' death in terms of the devils' roles as **accuser**, **tempter** and **ruiner**:

3.1. DELIVERANCE FROM THE DEVIL'S ACCUSATION OF SIN

- Jesus death '*to make propitiation for the sins of the people*' (v17), destroys the accusation of the devil.

3.2. DELIVERANCE FROM THE DEVIL'S TEMPTATION TO SIN

- *v18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

3.3. DELIVERANCE FROM THE DEVIL'S POWER TO **RUIN** LIVES

- *v14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil...*
- **Past** Decisive Victory - achieved on the Cross (Revelation 5:5-6).
- **Future** Total Destruction - when Jesus returns (Revelation 20:10).
- **Present** Progressive Overcoming - by the blood, the word, and lives laid down (Revelation 12:10-11).

4- THE ENJOYMENT OF CHRISTMAS - WHO BENEFITS? (FROM THIS DEVIL DEFEATING BIRTH AND DEATH OF JESUS)

- *Heb. 2:16 (ESV) For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.*
- *Romans 4:16 (ESV) it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all*