



2009 Bethlehem A.D.

Thankful are we! God has blessed Bethlehem A.D. with many actors, volunteers, and supporters.

Its Thanksgiving week and we have less than four weeks to the BIG Birthday Celebration! If you haven't seen for yourself, the town of Bethlehem is coming alive. Our community businesses and fellow residents are getting excited and involved. Our ministry will be seen in costume for the first time on Saturday, December 5th at 3:30pm at the Redwood City Hometown Holiday's Parade. Come out and participate in a fun afternoon of walking the parade and a fabulous Fireworks display afterwards. If you'd like to get involved we can use help with costume dressing and organizing on the day of the parade. All Parade Participants will need to get there costumes in advance of Saturday.

What is a Shofar?

The shofar (שׁוֹפָר) is one of the earliest instruments used in Jewish music. The shofar is most often made from a ram's horn. It is blown like a trumpet and is used to announce the start of holidays like on Rosh HaShanah, the Jewish New Year. Traditionally it has also been used to announce the start of processions and to mark the start of a war. Remember when the walls of Jericho fell? (Joshua 6:2-5) Or when Moses is on Mt. Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments? (Exodus 19:16) The significance of the shofar is to awaken our souls and remind us of repentance. There are four sounds made with the shofar:

- ◆ Tekiah – One long blast with a clear tone
- ◆ Shevarim – Three shorter blasts
- ◆ Teruah – A series of quick blasts (nine or more)
- ◆ Tekiah Gedolah – A single unbroken blast, held as long as possible

Current News:

- ◆ DEC 5TH Redwood City Hometown Holiday Parade
- ◆ Can you play the Trumpet? We need you. Become part of the Centurion group as you announce the "message" from Rome with your musical talents. Contact info@BethlehemAD.com if you are interested.
- ◆ Don't forget to hang those Bethlehem A.D. posters and pass those flyers out!
- ◆ Time is limited! Get your participation forms in and check-out your costume!
- ◆ Want to be a blessing? Bethlehem A.D. needs set-up and clean-up crews the nights of Dec. 21-23.
- ◆ Spanish Participation/Release Forms available NOW!
- ◆ Check out the website: www.bethlehemad.com

Happy Thanksgiving

Thank you to all our Division Leaders! We had a great meeting on November 15th; everyone is excited and looking forward to a spectacular year. Be on the look out for information from your Leader soon.

Thank you to Ana Wilkinson for translating our Participation/Release Forms into Spanish. We will have them available on the website soon!

Thank you to all our volunteers! Bethlehem A.D. would not be possible without your selfless acts of generosity!

Thank you to all our Sponsors and Donors for their support of Bethlehem A.D. 2009. Check out who they are on the website at: www.bethlehemad.com

"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

–Luke 10:2 (NKJV)

Scheduled dates:

- ◆ COSTUME CHECK-OUT: Tue-Thurs 3-6pm & Sat 11am-3pm
- ◆ Bethlehem WORK-DAY: Saturday's 9:00am-3:00pm
- ◆ Bethlehem A.D. Office Hours: Tue, Wed, & Thurs, 11am-6pm.
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