

“The Glory of Christmas Foretold”

This morning let's look at the scriptures and see that Jesus Birth (Christmas) was foretold with pinpoint accuracy! It was hidden from God's enemies but revealed to His people who will search out His Word. First to through Prophets, then through Israel and lastly to the Gentiles who have become grafted in with Israel to the promises of God, waiting to be fulfilled. Let's look at eight of these exact prophecies.

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He (Jesus Messiah) indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you. Who through Him (Jesus Messiah) believe in God, who raised Him (Jesus Messiah) from the dead and gave Him (Jesus Messiah) glory, so that your solid unshakeable faith and hope are in God. (1Peter 1:20, 21)

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An Unmistakable Holy Sign

+**Prophecy** - [Isaiah 7:14](#) Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (Messianic Prophecy)

+**Fulfillment** - [Matthew 1:23](#) "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD, AND BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which is translated, "God with us."

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He would be filled with Power and Peace

- + **Prophecy** - For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace...
 - + Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. [Isaiah 9:6,7](#)
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- + **Fulfillment** - Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. [Luke 4:14,15](#)

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God Named the Exact Location Bethlehem

Prophecy - "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting.“ [Micah 5:2](#)

Fulfillment - Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.

+ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." [Matthew 2: 7,8](#)

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The Messiah would travel to Egypt & Return

Prophecy - "When Israel *was* a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son. [Hosea 11:1](#)

Fulfillment - Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

+ When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, [Matthew 2:13,14](#)

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A Star would lead them

+**Prophecy** - "I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel, [Numbers 24:17](#)

+**Fulfillment** - Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,
+ saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." [Matthew 2:1,2](#)

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Gifts would be brought to Him

Prophecy - The kings of Tarshish and of the isles Will bring presents;
The kings of Sheba and Seba Will offer gifts. [Psalm 72:10](#)

Fulfillment - And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. [Matthew 2:11](#)

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Messiah would be worshipped by shepherds and angels

- + **Prophecy** - [Genesis 35:19-21](#) So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that *is*, Bethlehem). And Jacob set a pillar on her grave, which *is* the pillar of Rachel's grave to this day. Then Israel (Jacob) journeyed and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder (which is for shepherds at Bethlehem)
 - + [Hebrews 1:6](#) But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."
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- + **Fulfillment** - [Luke 2:12-16](#) And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

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Messiah’s entire Lineage was planned

- + **Prophecy** - Jesus was from the line of Abraham (Genesis 12:3), Isaac (Genesis 17:21, Genesis 26:4), Jacob (Genesis 28:14), Judah (Genesis 49:8–12), Jesse (Isaiah 11:1), and David (Isaiah 9:7, Jeremiah 23:5).
- + **Fulfillment** – We see the entire fulfillment of Christ’s line of genealogy through Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 1.
- + “This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham...” (Matthew 1:1).

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- + In summary – we are to celebrate the Birth of the Messiah. God the Father gave us the clues to His Birth so we can celebrate His Birth.
- + There are two kinds of Celebrations of Christmas
 - + The Holy Celebration
 - + The worldly celebration
- + As believers, let’s pursue holiness and step into His Holy Presence at this time and out of the worldliness. Let’s get back to the simple things.
- + We will then join with the angels who announced His Birth

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Have a Holy Merry Christmas