

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST - PROPHECY FULFILLED

December 6, 2015 1. Born as Promised Through the Seed of Abraham and Isaac Genesis 22:18, 21:12; Matthew 1:1, Luke 3:34

As the advent of Christmas approaches our focus for the next five weeks will be on **THE BIRTH OF CHRIST - PROPHECY FULFILLED**. I am certain that a majority of us have probably heard the story of the birth of Jesus over and over again. We do not want you to be bored and so we shall approach the story of the birth of Christ from the perspective of prophecy fulfilled. Do you realize that His birth, right down to the last details, was a fulfillment of thousands of Old Testament prophecies? These prophecies were written between 1450 BC and 430 BC. The birth of Jesus Christ was foretold in prophecies throughout the Scriptures. In fact manuscripts have been found to prove that the prophecies were written at least 400 - 1000 years before He was born. Generally speaking, it is difficult enough to predict something happening 5 years away let alone 4-15 centuries, especially with the degree of detail and 100% accuracy. If this is the case, it would equally be impossible for someone to plan to fulfill all the prophecies about Christ. Recall the prophecies about Christ's birth spoke of timing, location and circumstances of birth. But this is what happened in the case of Jesus Christ. Who but God alone could plan such things?

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Thus our text of the day states: "...and through your offspring [Or Seed] all nations on earth will be blessed, [Or and all nations on earth will use the name of your offspring in blessings (see Genesis 48:20)] because you have obeyed me. But God said to him, "Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring [Or Seed] will be reckoned". This is the genealogy [Or is an account of the origin] of Jesus the Messiah [Or Jesus Christ. Messiah (Hebrew) and Christ (Greek) both mean Anointed One; also in verse 18] the son of David, the son of Abraham. ... the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor..." (Genesis 22:18, 21:12; Matthew 1:1, Luke 3:34).

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**December 13, 2015 2. Born Out of the House of David, Family of Jesse and Tribe of Judah
Jeremiah 23:5-6, Isaiah 11:1, Micah 5:2; Luke 3:31-33**

Who is David/and why was he significant for prophesy about Christ to come through his lineage? What about Jesse? And who was Judah? In our eyes they were insignificant or dirty people. David was an adulterer and a murderer; Jesse was grandson of Ruth (the Moabite) and descendant of Judah who too committed incest with Tamar the wife of his deceased son (Er who was wicked in the sight of the Lord that He put him to death – see Gen. 38). But Ruth was a woman of loyalty, faithfulness and dedication; Tamar helps us learn about justice and faithfulness and David teach us about agape love and righteousness (David was known as a man after God’s heart – that is full of grace, mercy and justice).

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Thus our text of the day states: “...“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David [Or up from David’s line] a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior. A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans [Or rulers] of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. ... 31 the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, 32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, [Some early manuscripts Sala] the son of Nahshon, 33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, [Some manuscripts Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni; other manuscripts vary widely] the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, ...” (Jeremiah 23:5-6, Isaiah 11:1, Micah 5:2; Luke 3:31–33).

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December 20, 2015
1:18, Luke 2:4-7

3. Born By a Virgin in Bethlehem

Isaiah 7:14, Micah 5:2; Matthew

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Thus our text of the day states: "...Therefore the Lord himself will give you [The Hebrew is

plural] a sign: The virgin [Or young woman, who is celibate and unmarried] will conceive and give birth to a son, and [Masoretic Text; Dead Sea Scrolls son, and he or son, and they] will call him Immanuel [Immanuel means God with us]. But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans [Or rulers] of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about [Or The origin of Jesus the Messiah was like this]: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them” (Isaiah 7:14, Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:18, Luke 2:4-7).

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4. Born to be Worshipped as Son of God and Lord

Isaiah Psalm 72:9-

10, 2:7, 110:1; Luke 2:9, 11, 3:22, Matthew 2:11, 3:17, Mark 1:11

Why do people worship in this generation? Physically, this generation worships for three main reasons: fear, respect or love. You worship people because of fear of their power (those in

authority); respect for their position (such as the law enforcement agents); or possession (the rich and the famous). In other words your altitude, attitude and attribute determine whether you will be worshipped or not. Spiritually, true worship is because of the love you have for God as worship is falling in love with God.

Jesus Christ was born to be worshiped because He is God in humanity. Actually, Jesus is Prophet, Priest and King. He is a prophet because He heard from God and spoke for God; He is Priest because He is mediator between God and Man and He is King because He is the anointed one (Messiah-Hebrew and Christ -Greek). He is Immanuel meaning God with us and Yeshua (Jesus) because He came to save His people from their sin. Therefore He is worthy to be worshiped because of His altitude (king), attitude (priest – mediator), and attribute (Prophet – spokesman for God). Prophecy about Him was foretold thousands of years before His arrival in Bethlehem on that first Christmas morning.

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Thus our text of the day states: “... May the desert tribes bow before him and his enemies lick the dust. 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores bring tribute to him. May the kings of Sheba and Seba present him gifts. I will proclaim the Lord’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father. The Lord says to my Lord: [Or Lord] Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased”. “...and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well

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Sermon Theme: THE BIRTH OF CHRIST - PROPHECY FULFILLED – Birth

Connected with Weeping of Children and Flight to Egypt – (Text: Jeremiah 31:15, Hosea 11:1; Matthew 2:13-16)

Rev. R. D. Jacobs did not submit synopsis