Prophecies and Fulfillments of the Christ Story

Prophecy	Prophecy Given	Prophecy Fulfilled
The Messiah Would Be the Seed of the Woman	Genesis 3:15	Galatians 4:4; 1 John 3:8
The Messiah Would Come Through Abraham	Genesis 12:3; 22:18	Matthew 1:1; Galatians 3:16
The Messiah Would Come Through Isaac	Genesis 17:19	Matthew 1:2
The Messiah Would Come Through Jacob	Numbers 24:17	Matthew 2:1-2
The Messiah Would Come from the Tribe of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Luke 3:33; Hebrews 7:14
The Messiah Would Be Heir to David's Throne	2 Samuel 7:12-16	Luke 1:32-33
The Messiah Would Be Born of a Virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:22-23
The Messiah Would Be God in Human Flesh	Isaiah 9:6-7	John 1:1-14
The Messiah Would Be Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:4-7
A Forerunner Would Prepare His Way	Isaiah 40:3	Matthew 3:1-3; Luke 1:17
The Messenger Would Come Like Elijah	Malachi 4:5-6	Luke 1:13-17
The Messiah Would Be Called Immanuel	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:23
The Messiah Would Be Worshiped by Gentiles	Psalm 72:10-11; Isaiah 60:1-6	Matthew 2:1-11
Gifts Would Be Presented to Him	Isaiah 60:6	Matthew 2:11
Rachel Would Weep for Her Children	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16-18
The Messiah Would Spend Time in Egypt	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:13-15
The Messiah Would Be Rejected	Isaiah 53:2-3	John 1:11

"For four thousand years God painted the portrait of His Son through prophecy, and on the first Christmas morning the portrait stepped out of the canvas and into the world." - Dr. Michael Rydelnik, *Messianic Prophecy*

"The Messiah will be God with us and reign forever." - Isaiah 9:6-7

"When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son." - Galatians 4:4

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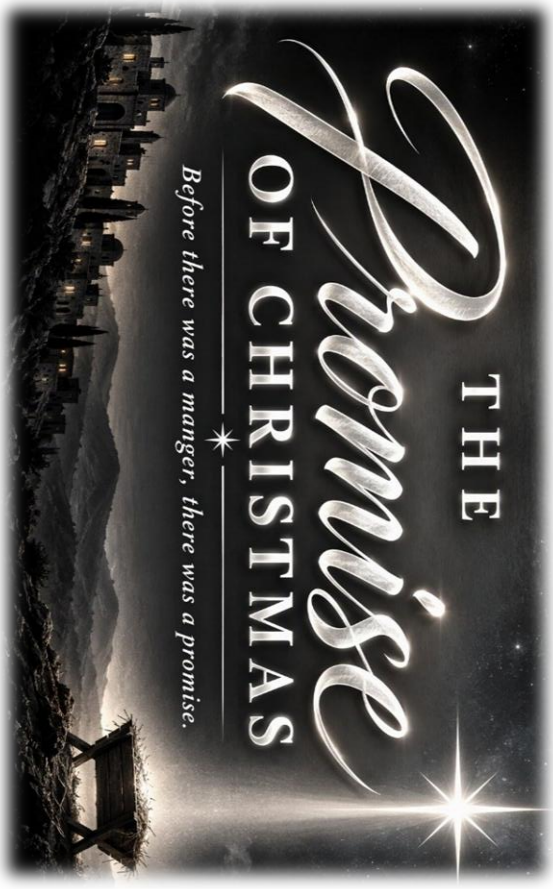

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In some places, God's Word is underlined with dots with Pastor Joe's commentary in the bracketed, lighter faced text.

A. A Christmas Truth

Christmas did not begin in Bethlehem. It began in the heart of God and was announced through centuries of promises that pointed to the coming of Jesus Christ.

B. The Promise of Redemption

1. The Promise of Redemption Declared in Eden.

Genesis 3:15, NASB95 - 15 "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."

A. This verse is called the *protoevangelium*—the first Gospel given in the Bible.

B. God had the remedy before the problem ever existed.

C. The Promise Focused on a Coming Person.

Genesis 3:15, NASB95 - 15 "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed [serpent] and her seed [Jesus]…"

D. The Promise Predicted Conflict.

i. There will be "hostility." [HEB: אֵיבָה (ay-BAH) means a *fierce hostility*]

Genesis 3:15, NASB95 – [15] And I will put enmity….

Satan and God • Darkness and Light

Unbelief and Faith

The Serpent and The Promised Seed—Jesus

ii. Satan will fiercely attack God's plan of redemption.

E. The Promise Predicted Victory.

Genesis 3:15, NLT – [15] "And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike [The HEB. word means "to crush"] your head, and you will strike his heel."

Christ will crush the serpent's head.

2. The Promise of Redemption Detailed by the Prophets.

Over the next four thousand years God repeatedly reminded His people that the Deliverer was coming.

For a complete listing of prophecies and fulfillments, see the chart: **Prophecies and Fulfillments of the Christ Story**

A. The Promise of the Virgin Birth.

Isaiah 7:14, NASB95 - [14] "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel."

B. The Promise of a Divine Son.

Isaiah 9:6–7, NASB95 - [6] "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. [7] There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this."

C. The Promise of Bethlehem.

Micah 5:2, NASB95 - [2] "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *too* little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity."

3. The Promise of Redemption Defended through the Generations.

A. God Preserved the Promise Through Difficult Times.

i. The promise survived: The flood, Egyptian bondage, wilderness wanderings, the period of the Judges, many wars, the Assyrian invasion, and the Babylonian captivity.

ii. Empires rose and fell but the promise remained.

B. God Preserved Through Specific Lineage.

i. The Messiah would come through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, and David.

ii. God preserved Jesus' family line through many generations.

C. God Preserved Despite Human Failure.

Abraham failed, Jocob failed, David failed, Israel failed.
Yet God's purposes continued!

D. God Preserved Despite the Seemingly Long Wait.

i. Once Micah prophesied, 400 years will pass.

ii. This waiting period prepared the world.

- The Roman's roads connected the empire.
- The Greek language united the empire.
- The Jews had been scattered throughout the known world.

C. Conclusion

1. **When we celebrate Christmas, we are celebrating more than a birth. We are celebrating a promise made, a promise repeated, a promise preserved, and a promise fulfilled.**

2. **When we celebrate Christmas, we are celebrating God keeping His promise to send His Son to save us.**