

Field Expedition Overview (Leader Guide)

An Archaeological Faith Adventure Through the Life & Mission of Christ

DIGGING FOR TRUTH (LESSON): **PROMISE & PROPHECY**

Read:

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and she will name Him Immanuel.

2 Peter 1:20-21 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture becomes a matter of someone's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

1 John 4:14 We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

- What is a prophecy?
 - Predicting future events or outcomes, which serves to demonstrate God's total control. When God gives a prophecy it is a promise!
- How many old testament prophecies foretold of Jesus?
 - 300-400 prophecies linked to the birth, death and resurrection of the Messiah. And Jesus Christ fulfills every one of them!
 - Birthplace: Micah 5:2 predicted the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (fulfilled in Matthew 2:1).
 - The Virgin Birth: Isaiah 7:14 stated a virgin would conceive and bear a son named Immanuel (fulfilled in Matthew 1:22-23).
 - The Manner of Death: Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53 detailed piercing, mocking, and sacrifice without a bone broken (fulfilled across the Gospel crucifixion accounts).
 - The Price of Betrayal: Zechariah 11:12-13 named the exact amount of 30 pieces of silver (fulfilled in Matthew 26:15).
 - The first promise of Jesus (the Messiah) in the Bible is found in Genesis 3:15 Spoken by God to the serpent in the Garden of Eden after the fall of Adam and Eve, it says: "And I will make enemies of you and the woman, And of your offspring and her Descendant; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise Him on the heel."

COMPASS (ULTIMATE TURTH - BOTTOM LINE): **GOD IS TRUSTWORTHY**

God is faithful to fulfill His promises. We can anchor into His promises. This gives us hope.

Hebrews 10:23 Let's hold firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

LANTERN _ A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS (GOSPEL CONNECTION)

God is trustworthy He promised a savior

Act 13:23 From the descendants of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus,

Romans 10:13 for "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

BRUSHING AWAY DEBRIS (QUESTIONS)

When are prophecy's reliable? (When they come from God)

What does it mean when someone is trustworthy (They Don't break their promises)

What is one promise of God that gives you hope? (Answers will vary)