

NOTES: Untangling Christmas | Promises
December 17-18, 2022 Compelled Church

“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.” (Isaiah 7:14, NASB95)

“Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.” (Isaiah 53:12, NASB95)

The Bible is full of promises that God has made and He keeps them. Some of these promises are fulfilled; some are yet to be fulfilled. God and His word does not lie.

The First promise in the Bible: **Genesis 3.15**

Covenants are promises. God made a few that are for all. Bible Covenants:

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Abrahamic Covenant- Gen 15 and 17. That God would make Abraham into a great Nation.

Mosaic Covenant- The Exodus of Israel from Egypt and the Ten Commandments with Blessings and Curses of following the Lord and His Laws.

Davidic- *“Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.” (2 Samuel 7:16, NASB95)*

The New Covenant: Jeremiah 31:31–34, NASB95

About Promises:

Two Christmas Promises

1. Jesus Christ came to save everyone. *“She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21, NASB95)*

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,” (Titus 2:11, NASB95)

“for “WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.” (Romans 10:13, NASB95)

2. Jesus Promises He is coming again. (the 2nd Advent)

Call the “Blessed Hope” The second coming of Jesus for the saved, for his church. Those that don’t know Christ will be left behind to endure the 7 years of Tribulation when the judgement of God falls upon the unrighteous.

“looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,” (Titus 2:13, NASB95)

The Promise of Eternity with Jesus: Revelation 21

1. Read: *"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."* (Isaiah 7:14, NASB95)

From Last weeks message, what did you learn about "presence"?

2. What are some promises you feel God has made to you this year?

3. Covenants are Promises from God. Review these Bible Covenants:

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4. The New Covenant: was promised in the "Old Covenant" or Old Testament

"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. "They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." (Jeremiah 31:31–34, NASB95)

5. The Promise that Jesus Christ came to save everyone is powerful. This is Christmas. Look at the verses. Take a moment and thank Jesus for your salvation in prayer. Read Romans 10.9-13

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- Doesn't matter if this world thinks you are a have or have not, popular or not. You are significant in Christ.
- He loves and His love brought him to earth, kept Him from sin, took Him to the cross and rose Him from the dead for you.

6. Jesus Promises to come again. The rapture or the Blessed Hope will happen. Take time to read Matthew 24. What events did Jesus describe are happening today?

7. Read 2 Timothy 3 , and review the description of the last days.

8. Close in prayer thanking the Lord for the Hope in the Promise of His Return.