

O Night Devine: A New and Glorious Morn

Matthew 1:18-25

Over 300 Old Testament prophecies came to life at the birth of Christ.

Some of the most Common:

The Virgin Birth: Jesus would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14, fulfilled in Matthew 1:22-23 and Luke 1:26-38).

•**The Place of Birth:** He would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2, fulfilled in Matthew 2:1 and Luke 2:4-6).

The Lineage: He would be a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and King David (e.g., Genesis 12:3; 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Isaiah 11:1, fulfilled in the genealogies in Matthew 1 and Luke 3).

The Escape to Egypt: Being called out of Egypt (Hosea 11:1, fulfilled in Matthew 2:14-15).

The Massacre of Children: The lamentation after the children of Bethlehem were killed by Herod (Jeremiah 31:15, fulfilled in Matthew 2:16-18).

Worship and Gifts: Kings (Magi) would worship him and present gifts (Psalm 72:10, fulfilled in Matthew 2:11).

The Bible says that His followers could expect:

- Persecution and Hatred from the World (John 15.18)
- Trouble and trials (John 6.33).
- Self-Denial and Sacrifice (Luke 9.23)
- Loss and Rejection (Mark 10.29)
- Gift of the Holy Spirit, The Peace in the midst of Trouble, Abundant Life, the Joy of Jesus, His presence and guidance, Eternal Life, a new Spirit and a New family.

The World was Weary

We can become weary also.

Oh, holy night, the stars are brightly shining; It is the night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope, **the weary world rejoices**, For yonder breaks a **new and glorious morn!**

Our world is weary

We are weary

What did the Birth of Christ do for our weary World?

What conclusions can we come to about God? And Christ. So man

1. Christ is a Deliverer

He came to the world to deliver us from sin.

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

(Colossians 1:13, NASB95)

2. God is Faithful

-God is who he said he is

-God does what he said he would do

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. 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. (Isaiah 9:6–7, NASB95)

3. God is our Provider

- **Our greatest Need – a Savior**
- *But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:33, NASB95)*
- The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want. **Psalms 23**

Are you Weary?

Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

(Matthew 11:28–30, NASB95)