



The Savior Foretold!

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Good morning to you my friends, and **Merry Christmas!** I greet you in the name of the son of God, and Jesus Christ our Lord. During this season, millions of people around the world are prayerfully reflecting on the divine truths that bookend the most glorious life in history. Indeed the two most glorious events that have ever occurred in the history of mankind is the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh (His Incarnation) and his death burial and rising from the dead (His Resurrection)!

More than a human prophet, more than a human king, and more than a human priest, **Jesus Christ is Lord of all!** The miracle of his birth has astonished human beings for 2000 years, and I pray we will never lose sight of the love of God in sending his precious son for us.

Today, with a goal of shifting our focus unto the Coming of our LORD, I'd like us to trace seven prophetic utterances concerning Jesus through the Old Testament, and to briefly comment on each passage unto your encouragement! Matthew, for example, was careful to show how Jesus is a fulfiller of prophecy...

Matthew 1:22 (KJV) *Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet...*

As writer Gary Demar wrote, "One man has calculated that there are more than 330 distinct predictions that Jesus fulfilled. The chance that any one person fulfilled just 48 prophecies is 1 in 10^{157} . This number is so large—1 followed by 157 zeros—as to be unimaginable."

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1. Genesis 3:15

- Many see in this passage "The War of the Seeds;" the beginning of a conflict between light and darkness and between the children of the devil (the seed of the serpent) and of God (the children of light). (1 Jn 3:10)
- Let us also acknowledge in this passage a promise: that one day a Redeemer would come Who would right the wrongs of Eden, and ensure paradise lost would become paradise restored!
- Yes, there would be a fight: there would be enmity! And yes, this Redeemer's heel would be bruised. BUT, He would also bruise the head of the serpent!

1 John 3:8 (KJV) *He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

Colossians 2:13-15 (KJV) *And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; **14** Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; **15** And having*

spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Romans 16:20 (KJV) *And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.*

- **The Foretold Savior has given us victory over sin, and consequently, principalities and powers!**

2. Genesis 12:1-3

- Eventually, in order to bring about the coming of the Savior, God raised up and chose a man named Abram/Abraham.
- After directing Abram to leave His father's house and go to an unknown land, God made him a promise: that God would bless him and that through him, all families of the earth would be blessed.

- This was an allusion to and is fulfilled in the coming of Jesus, a descendant of Abraham!

Galatians 3:8-9 (KJV) *And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. 9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.*

Matthew 1:1 (KJV) *The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*

Matthew 1:17 (KJV) *So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.*

- **The Foretold Savior resulted in “all families” being blessed. Oh friends, think about the mind of God...the planning and orchestration of events down through the centuries to save you and me! And not just you, but again, so many families...**

Acts 3:25-26 (KJV) *Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. 26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.*

Revelation 7:9-10 (KJV) *After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.*

3. Isaiah 7:14

- **Matthew 1:23 (KJV)** *Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*
- The LORD Himself put a plan in motion to save you! The LORD Himself would give a “sign” of His power and wisdom...
- The LORD Himself would select a virgin and via the Holy Spirit, she would conceive in her womb the Theanthropos...the God-man!

- “Jesus has two natures in one person (called the Hypostatic Union). He is not half God, half man. He is fully God and fully man at the same time. At the incarnation, He added a human nature to His divine nature for our sakes. His natures are not mixed together; they are separate, yet act as a unit. He was born of a woman (Isa 7:14; Lk 1:31; Rom 1:3; Gal 4:4), had a human genealogy (Mt 1:1; Lk 3:23-37) and body (Matt 26:12; Lk 24:39; Jn 1:14), and the had common experiences of humanity, including sorrow (Matt 26:37), natural growth (Lk 2:40), hunger (Lk 4:2), and sleep (Lk 8:23).”
- **The Foretold Savior is the Son of God and God the Son, who came to save you!**
- He is God with us! His humanity makes Him able to sympathize with all our weaknesses. His deity makes His precious, propitiatory sacrifice sufficient for all He would call and choose!

4. Isaiah 9:6-7

- He is born, and given! He died and was raised! Friends, as we read just last week, *great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.* (1 Tim 3:16)
- Christ is King of Kings and LORD of LORDs! He rules over all! He “governs” all!
- "His name will be called Wonderful — this name is a noun, not an adjective, and speaks of His Person and work. Counselor — His wisdom in government. Mighty God — the omnipotent, supreme Ruler. Everlasting Father — or better, the Father (or "Source") of eternity. Eternal Himself, He confers eternal life on those who believe in Him. Vine comments: "There is a twofold revelation in this: (1) He inhabits and possesses eternity ([Isa 57:15](#)); (2) He is loving, tender, compassionate, an all wise Instructor, Trainer, and Provider. Prince of Peace (Sar-Shālôm) — the One who will at last bring peace to this troubled world." - WM
- **The Foretold Savior will eventually bring a peace that shall not end, a peace rooted in perfect judgment and justice. You are a part of that peace! The LORD of Hosts is zealous for this and for you, and proved it by sending the Son!**

5. Isaiah 11:1-6

- **Jeremiah 23:5-6 (KJV) 5** *Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. 6* *In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.*
- **Jeremiah 33:14-16 (KJV)** *Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. 15* *In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. 16* *In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.*
- All of these verses speak to Christ’s nature as a wise and mighty judge who rules in righteousness! He will try men’s hearts and reprove them of sin. He will establish

salvation and safety for His people and will Himself be our righteousness: **Jehovah Tsidkenu!**

- **Philippians 3:9 (KJV)** *And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.*
- **The Foretold Savior, the Root of Jesse and righteous Branch, will usher in redemption based on His own righteousness and an eventual restoration of justice!**
- Beloved, despite what's going on around you, you can rest and be at peace. The Righteous Branch has come!

6. Isaiah 53:1-6; 9-10

- This great messianic prophecy declares that the Christ would come, and he would not only heal physical griefs, sorrows, illnesses and disease, but He would do a greater work and heal our souls!
- **The Foretold Savior would come in humility (comeliness) and without drawing attention to Himself. He would be hated and rejected and familiar with pain and suffering. He would take our sins and sorrows upon Himself! (vv2-4)**
- Verse 5 demonstrates the substitutionary work of Jesus: His physical suffering for our spiritual healing: Physical wounding for spiritual transgressions. Physical bruising for our spiritual iniquity. Physical chastisement for our spiritual peace. Physical stripes for our spiritual healing!
- Verse 6 reminds us that the LORD laid our rebellion upon Christ and punished Him instead of us! We are saved because Christ died for our sins! If you have repented and believed in Jesus, you are a recipient of such grace!
- He would even suffer ignominy in death!
Isaiah 53:9-10 (KJV) *And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.*
- Oh praise His glorious Name!

7. Micah 5:2

- Micah simply prophesies where the Foretold Savior was to be born: in a nondescript town called Bethlehem Ephratah...
Luke 2:2-7 (KJV) *(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.*

- **Because the Foretold Savior was born...because of His perfect life, atoning death, and Resurrection, you and I live...**

Galatians 4:4-7 (KJV) *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

Final Thoughts:

Lyrics to Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Charles Wesley)

Hark! The herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King!
 Peace on earth and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled."
 Joyful, all ye nations rise,
 Join the triumph of the skies,
 With th'angelic host proclaim:
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
 Hark! The herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored,
 Christ the everlasting Lord!
 Late in time behold Him come,
 Offspring of a Virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
 Hail the incarnate Deity,
 Pleased as man with man to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel.
 Hark! The herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
 Hail the Son of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all He brings,
 Ris'n with healing in His wings.
 Mild He lays His glory by,
 Born that man no more may die,
 Born to raise the sons of earth,
 Born to give them second birth.
 Hark! The herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King!"

Amen!