

# Prophetic Hope of Christmas

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## 1. Messiah is the Son of David

### A. The Christmas Story: Gabriel's announcement to Mary; Luke 1:26-38.

Luke 1:32-33 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

### B. Prophetic Promise

Ps 132:11 The LORD has sworn to David A truth from which He will not turn back: "Of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne."

Ps 132:17 "There I will cause the horn of David to spring forth; I have prepared a lamp for Mine anointed.

### C. Prophetic Fulfillment

Acts 2:30 "And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE

## 2. Messiah will be the eternal heir to David's throne

### A. The Christmas Story: Prophecy of Zacharias at John's dedication Luke 2:67-79

Luke 1:69 And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of David His servant--

### B. Prophetic Promise

2 Sam 7:13 prophetic promise to David

"He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Isa 9:6-7 prophetic promise to Isaiah

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. Prophetic Fulfillment

Matt 1:1 The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David , the son of Abraham:

16 times Jesus is referred to as "the son of David." (Matt 1:1, 20; 9:27; 12:23; 15:22; 20:30, 31; 21:9, 15; 22:42; Mark 10:47, 48; 12:35; Luke 3:31; 18:38, 39)

## 3. Messiah will be God's Son

### A. The Christmas Story: Gabriel's announcement to Mary; Luke 1:26-38.

Luke 1:35 The angel answered and said to her, " The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.

### B. Prophetic Promise

2 Sam 7:14 prophetic promise given to David

"I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,

### **C. Prophetic Fulfillment**

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

John 1:49 Nathanael answered Him, " Rabbi, You are the Son of God ; You are the King of Israel."

John 20:30-31 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God ; and that believing you may have life in His name.

## **4. Messiah Will ransom men**

### **A. The Christmas Story:**

Prophecy given by Zacharias at John's dedication Luke 2:67-79

68-69 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for **He has** visited us and **accomplished redemption** for His people, 69 And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David His servant--

The dedication of Jesus; Luke 2:21-39

Luke 2:38 the witness of Anna

At that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

### **B. Prophetic Promise**

Ps 130:7-8 O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is lovingkindness, And with Him is abundant redemption. 8 And He will redeem Israel From all his iniquities.

### **C. Prophetic Fulfillment**

Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

## **5. Messiah is Creator and eternal**

### **A. The Christmas Story:**

John 1:1-3 Jesus is the creator all things

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

### **B. Prophetic Promise**

Ps 102:25-27 "Of old You founded the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 26 " Even they will perish, but You endure; And all of them will wear out like a garment; Like clothing You will change them and they will be changed. 27 "But You are the same, And Your years will not come to an end.

### **C. Prophetic Fulfillment**

Heb 1:10-12 And, "YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS; 11 THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN; AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD LIKE A GARMENT, 12 AND LIKE A MANTLE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP; LIKE A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED. BUT YOU ARE THE SAME, AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END."

## 6. Messiah will be born to a virgin

### A. The Christmas Story: The angels announcement to Joseph; Matt 1:18-25

Matt 1:22-23 Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."

### B. Prophetic Promise

Isa 7:1-16 Immanuel is the sign given to Ahaz as confirmation for protection,

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.

### C. Prophetic Fulfillment

2 Cor 5:18-19 we are reconciled to God, He is with us

Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

## 7. A light to those in darkness

### A. The Christmas Story: The dedication of Jesus; Luke 2:21-39

Luke 2:30-32 prophecy of Simeon

For my eyes have seen Your salvation, 31 Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, And the glory of Your people Israel."

### B. Prophetic Promise

Isa 9:1 But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

Isa 60:1-3 Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 2 For behold, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you And His glory will appear upon you. 3 Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

### C. Prophetic Fulfillment

John 1:4-13 Jesus is the Light

In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light. 9 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Matt 4:13-16 His ministry fulfilled the prophetic promise

13 and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. 14 This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI, BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE GENTILES-- 16 "THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED."

## 8. A light to the Gentiles

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Luke 2:32 prophecy of Simeon

A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, And the glory of Your people Israel."

### B. Prophetic Promise

Isa 49:6 He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

### C. Prophetic Fulfillment

Acts 13:47-48 "For so the Lord has commanded us, ' I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.'" 48 When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

Acts 26:23 that the Christ was to suffer, and that by reason of His resurrection from the dead He would be the first to proclaim light both to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles."

## 9. His birthplace

### A. The Christmas Story: The visit of the Magi; Mat 2:1-12

Matt 2:5-6 religious leaders quote the prophetic promise of Micah

They said to him, " In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet: 6 'AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.'"

### B. Prophetic Promise

Mic 5:2 " 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."

### C. Prophetic Fulfillment

John 7:42 "Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"

## 10. The promised Seed of the woman

### A. The Christmas Story: The birth of Jesus; Luke 2:1-7

Luke 2:7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

### B. Prophetic Promise

Gen 3:15 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."

### C. Prophetic Fulfillment

Gal 4:4-5 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, 5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Rev 12:6 And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.