

Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus Christ (2)

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As we continue to prepare our hearts for Christmas and the Christ Child, the GLC Series is focusing on the sacred gift of the life of Jesus Christ, and specifically, on a few of the many prophetic words spoken by the Holy Spirit through prophets of the Lord 600 to 700 years before they were fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Jesus coming in human form and being born of the seed of a woman is the greatest declaration of the *Sanctity of Human Life*, and of the value of every one of our lives. May these Scriptures help prepare you and your family to remember Him and His birth, and receive Him.

Conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin:

Prophecies:

Isaiah 7:14: "(T)he 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." [The Spirit of God spoke these words through Isaiah the prophet about 700 years before Jesus was born.]

Luke 1:30-35: "The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. 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; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' 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.'"

Prophecies fulfilled:

Matthew 1:20-25: "(A)n angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.' Now this took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, '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.' And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took her as his wife, and kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus."

Luke 2:7: "And she [Mary] 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."

Born in Bethlehem:

Prophecies:

Micah 5:1-5: “Now muster yourselves in troops, daughter of troops; they have laid siege against us; with a rod they will smite the judge of Israel on the cheek. 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.’ Therefore He will give them *up* until the time when she who is in labor has borne a child. Then the remainder of His brethren will return to the sons of Israel. And He will arise and shepherd *His flock* in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will remain, because at that time He will be great to the ends of the earth. This One will be *our* peace.” [The Spirit of God spoke these words through Micah the prophet about 700 years before Jesus was born in Bethlehem.]

Prophecies fulfilled:

Matthew 2:1: “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea”

Luke 2:1-20: “Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. 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.

“In the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.’

“When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds *began* saying to one another, ‘Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.”

Born a King:

Prophecies:

Jeremiah 30:9: "But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them." [The Spirit of God spoke these words through Jeremiah the prophet about 400 years after King David lived, and 600 years before Jesus Christ was born, so this king could not refer to David, but to one descended from Him.]

Prophecies fulfilled:

Matthew 2:1-2: "Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.'"

John 18:37: "Therefore Pilate said to Him, 'So You are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.'"

Revelation 1:5: "Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth."

Merry Christmas!

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