

Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus Christ (3)

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Today is Christmas Eve, and the GLC Series focuses on the sacred gift of the life of Jesus Christ. This is the third part of a short collection of prophetic words spoken by the Holy Spirit through prophets of the Lord centuries before they were fulfilled in Jesus, speaking of God's heart for all the nations. When Father God gave the gift of His only Son Jesus, He demonstrated the greatness of His love for all mankind by giving the greatest gift and paying the highest price for our redemption. Also, 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 from conception. May these Scriptures help prepare you and your family to remember Him and His birth, receive Him, and be comforted by the truth that Jesus came to save people from every nation, tongue and tribe.

Flight into and living in Egypt:

Prophecies:

Hosea 11:1: "When Israel *was* a youth I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son."

Prophecies fulfilled:

Matthew 2:13-15: "(A)n angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him.' So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. He remained there until the death of Herod. *This was* to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called My Son'" [Hosea 11:1].

A Blessing to the Nations:

Prophecies:

Genesis 12:3: "The LORD said to Abram . . . 'in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.'"

Genesis 18:18: "The LORD said . . . 'Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed.'"

Prophecies fulfilled:

Galatians 3:6-9: "Even so Abraham 'believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness' [Genesis 15:6]. Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, *saying*, 'All the nations will be blessed in you' [Genesis 12:3; 18:18]. So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer."

A Blessing to the Gentiles:

Prophecies:

Genesis 22:18: "In your [Abraham's] seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

Genesis 26:3-5: "The LORD appeared to him [Isaac] and said . . . 'I will establish the oath which I swore to your father Abraham. I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands; and by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; because Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws.'"

Prophecies fulfilled:

Galatians 3:8: "The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, *saying*, 'All the nations will be blessed in you' [Genesis 12:3; 18:18; 22:18].

Galatians 3:16: "Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, 'And to seeds,' as *referring* to many, but *rather* to one, 'And to your seed,' that is, Christ" [Genesis 22:18].

A Light to the Nations:

Prophecies:

Isaiah 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.'"

Prophecies fulfilled:

Matthew 28:18-20 [Jesus spoke these words after His resurrection]: "And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'"

Luke 24:44-48: "Now He [Jesus] said to them, 'These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.' Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'"

Acts 13:46-47: "Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said . . . 'we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, "I have placed You as a light for the Gentiles, that You may bring salvation to the ends of the earth"' [Isaiah 49:6].

Merry Christmas!

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