

Jesus Month Part 2 (Prophesied Messiah)

I am thankful that when I was born...Jesus had already been born, died for my sins, and ascended into Heaven...

- **That His redeeming blood had already been shed for my sins....**
- **That His name had already been declared to this world, and I could call on that name to be saved!!!**
- **That The Holy Spirit had already been poured out that men would be drawn to Him...**

But there was a period of around 4000 years, where people didn't have that...

- **Didn't have the historical record of the birth and life of The Messiah**
- **Couldn't experience the grace of a loving Savior**
- **They were reliant on religion....**
- **All they could do was hope for a Messiah....**
- **All they had was a promise...**
- **Of a Savior...**

Today we want to talk about "The Prophesied Messiah"

Even before there was religion, there was a promise made about Jesus...

- **God made man**

Genesis 3:15

15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel."

After Adam and Eve fell for the devil's lie and sin was introduced to the world...

God let the devil know that he was already defeated!!

- **That his time was coming!!!**

We see a promise of the virgin birth in this verse

- **And between your seed and her Seed**
- **It is the man who carries "seed", typically the male would have been mentioned, but this is an often overlooked "clue" to the virgin birth**
- **Showing that this child's father would not be a man, but God**
- **And with that the first promise of a Messiah is mention of Anti-Christ**

Now to look at the Biblical age of the earth based on genealogies found in the Bible...

- Puts The Creation around 4000 BC (before Christ)
- And out time is 2017 AD (Anno Domini “The Year of our Lord”)
- Makes the earth around 6017 years old (give or take)
- Science says 4.6 billion years

So, roughly 2000 years after the introduction of sin in The Garden, we see a “promise of hope”

Genesis 22:2

2 Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

We see an illustration of the coming Messiah in this scripture:

- Isaac was the promised son who they had to wait a long time for
- Jesus the promised Son of God... had to wait 4000 years
- Isaac was the son loved of his father, given to sacrifice
- Jesus was The Father’s only begotten Son, given as a sacrifice for us
- Isaac was saved by a ram caught in the thicket, offered as a sacrifice ...
- We are saved by the sacrifice of “The Lamb” on the cross

Let’s jump ahead another 1300 years, and we start seeing some very specific prophecies about Jesus in Isaiah:

Isaiah 7:14-15

14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. 15 Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good.

- Confirming the “Virgin Birth”
- Immanuel “God With Us” Jesus as perfect man and perfect God
- That He would live a sinless life...

Isaiah 9:6

6 For unto us a Child is born,
 Unto us a Son is given;
 And the government will be upon His shoulder.

And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- **Our Savior would come as a child**
- **He will be God's own Son**

Isaiah 11:1-2

11 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,
And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

The prophecy that Jesus would come from the lineage of David

Matthew 1:6

And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.

- **Just as Jesus was adopted by a natural father...**
- **It's through the Spirit of adoption that we become sons and Daughters of God**
- **We are hand-picked by Him!!**

Micah 5:2-5

The Coming Messiah

2 "But you, **Bethlehem** Ephrathah,
Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me
The One to be Ruler in Israel,
Whose goings forth are from of old,
From everlasting."

3 Therefore He shall give them up,
Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth;
Then the remnant of His brethren
Shall return to the children of Israel.

4 And He shall stand and feed His flock
In the strength of the Lord,

In the majesty of the name of the Lord His God;
 And they shall abide,
 For now He shall be great
 To the ends of the earth;
 5 And this One shall be peace.

- **Jesus to be born in Bethlehem**
- **That happened...**
- **Coming from little**
- **Not someplace great, but in a borrowed barn**

Seeing that Jesus came to be an example for us, we can learn so much here about our own possibilities...

- **It doesn't matter how you start out... it matters how you finish!!**
- **You may not look like much now, but there's greatness inside of you**
- **Your present economic state doesn't define you..**
- **Jesus was born in a barn, and is The King of Kings**

Closing:

With seeing how long the wait was from the first promise of a Savior until Jesus was born...

We must also realize:

- **What God has promised will come to pass**
- **His promises are yes and amen!!!**

I know there are things that God has promised some of you here today, and it seems like you have been waiting a very long time....

- **But hold on to that promise and don't lose Hope!!!**

And just a final thought....

To know that there are some who do not know Jesus as their Savior...

With all of the clues that God has given throughout time

I can only pray that someone hears this today and make the decision to choose Jesus!!