The Promised Messiah

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• MICAH 5:2

 But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.



Bethlehem Ephrathah

- Bethlehem = House of bread
- Ephrathah = Place of fruitfulness
- Doesn't matter where you start from it's where you finish.
- SIZE DOESN'T MATTER
- Nazareth was the ghetto

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• Genesis 49:10

 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.



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• Isaiah 7:14

 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.



A Messiah Now and Later

At the time this word was given, Israel had aligned with Aram to fight against Judah -Judah is where the scepter was to remain forever. The Lord sent a sign that Judah would not be defeated - a boy named Immanuel -God with us.

- 3 Elements to the sign:
 - The boy would be born of a virgin.
- He would be raised in a time of National Calamity.
- An alliance between Aram and Israel would be broken.



Messianic Prophecies in Isaiah...

- 1. He will be called before His birth to be God's Servant (49:1).
- 2. He will be born of a virgin (7:14).
- 3. He will be a Descendant of Jesse and thus in the Davidic line (11:1, 10).
- 4. He will be empowered by the Holy Spirit (11:2; 42:1).
- 5. He will be gentle toward the weak (42:3).
- 6. He will be obedient to the Lord in His mission (50:4-9).
- 7. He will voluntarily submit to suffering (50:6; 53:7-8).

- 8. He will be rejected by Israel (49:7; 53:1, 3).
- 9. He will take on Himself the sins of the world (53:4-6, 10-12).
- 10. He will triumph over death (53:10).
- 11. He will be exalted (52:13; 53:12).
- 12. He will come to comfort Israel and to bring vengeance on the wicked (61:1-3).
- 13. He will manifest God's glory (49:3).
- 14. He will restore Israel spiritually to God (49:5) and physically to the land (49:8).

- 15. He will reign on David's throne (9:7).
- 16. He will bring joy to Israel (9:2).
- 17. He will make a new covenant with Israel (42:6; 49:8-9).
- 18. He will be a light to the Gentiles (42:6; 49:6).
- 19. He will restore the nations (11:10).
- 20. He will be worshiped by the Gentiles (49:7, 52:15).
- 21. He will govern the world (9:6).
- 22. He will judge in righteousness, justice, and faithfulness (11:3-5; 42:1-4).

Isaiah's Birth Announcement

- Isaiah 9:6-7
- WONDERFUL COUNSELOR
- MIGHTY GOD
- EVERLASTING FATHER
- PRINCE OF PEACE

- 1) He had to be born a child so he could experience every facet of life that we as humans experience.
 "...which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities..."
- Unto "US" Israel he came unto His own as a child.
- A SON of the nation of Israel as a covenant promise.

- 2) He would rule over God's people and the world (Zech. 14:9 – "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: In that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one."). The government will be upon His shoulders.
- After all those not-so-good leaders over Judah and Israel, Jesus would come along and prove to be the right one who rules well.

• 3) He will have 4 descriptive names that reveal His character.

IS HE WONDERFUL OR A WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

- Depends on who you ask
- Masoretic Text added the comma.
- He is Wonderful
- He is a wonderful Counselor - an "excellent strategist"

Mighty God

• He would be the hero who came to save the day.

 Isaiah is saying that the Messiah would have to be God to accomplish everything in verses 2-5

Everlasting Father

 How can a son be a father at the same time.

 2nd person of the trinity with all the attributes of God and GOD IS ONE.

• Everlasting refers to the Messiah's relationship to time and the "foreverness" of the kingdom

• Fatherly Ruler

Prince of Peace

• The one who will bring in and maintain the time of millennial peace in the nation will be properly related to the Lord. (A bride prepared for her husband)

- 4) The Messiah, seated on David's Throne will have an eternal rule of peace and justice. His rule will have no end; it will go on forever.
- Luke 1:32-33; Daniel 7:14
- He will maintain Righteousness even after the earth has passed away and will rule for eternity. His rule will conform to God's Holy character and demands.

- 5) This will be accomplished by the zeal of the Lord Almighty. The coming millennial reign depends on God, not Israel, The Messiah will rule because God promised it and will zealously see that His kingdom comes. Without His sovereign intervention there would be no kingdom for Israel and no hope for US.
- THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN...

Go online for our Takeaways... "Old Testament clues about the coming Messiah."

Read the birth narratives from Matthew 1-2 and Luke 2:1-32 - differences and similarities - 2 perspectives.

HOMEWORK

God's Christmas Gift to you has 3 unique qualities:

• 1) It's the most expensive gift you will ever receive.

 2) It's the only gift you receive that will last forever.

• 3) It's extremely practical - you will use it every day for the rest of your life.

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