

Jesus is *Born*



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The prophecies of the Christ



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Prophecies in the Old Testament foretelling the birth of Christ

- Why Prophecies are important
- Look at some prophecies
- What's it mean for us

Why Prophecies are important

What is a prophecy?

- Prediction
- Biblically: Warning from God, hope from God
- God uses them to direct his people
- How to tell if prophecies are true?
 - Deuteronomy 18:21-22

Prophecy 1, 2

Book of Isaiah

- Isaiah lived during divided Kingdom
- 700 years before Christ
- Juda threatened by neighboring countries
- 7:14 and 9:6
 - God shows even in despair, there is hope
 - Even when we disobey, God will keep his promises

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Prophecy 3

Micah 5:2

- Lived at same time as Isaiah
- Lived on border of 2 kingdoms
- Northern Kingdom has fallen
- Prophesied that the Messiah will be born in Bethlehem
 - Shows God continues to reaffirm hope
 - God can and will use the small and weak

What does this all mean?

God offers hope

God delivers on his promises

Final Nuggets

Fulfillments:

Isaiah 7:14 - Luke 1:35

Isaiah 9:6 - Jesus

Micah 5:2 - Matthew 2:4-6

Final Nuggets

Deuteronomy 18:21-22

21 And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?'-- **22** when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

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