



First Baptist Church of Cypress
The Prophecy of The King
Jeremiah 23:5-6

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"Then the shepherds returned, glorifying God and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told." **Luke 2:20** Thousands of Christians around the world choose to celebrate the birth of Jesus during this time of year. By putting on humanity, the Son of God became one of us to deal with our sin by dying in our place before conquering death when He rose from the dead. The events associated with the birth of Jesus fulfilled numerous Old Testament prophecies given centuries before the events they described. **Matthew 1:22** introduces a common statement: He wrote, *"So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet."* Let's look at some of these ancient proclamations before explaining why these give us a cause to celebrate.

1. Jesus' mother will be a VIRGIN.

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." **Isaiah 7:14**

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." **Isaiah 9:6**

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." **Matthew 1:21**

2. Jesus will come from the line of ABRAHAM

"I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." **Genesis 12:3**

3. Jesus will be a descendent of ISSAC and JACOB and of the tribe of JUDAH.

"God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him." **Genesis 17:19**

"The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples." **Genesis 49:10**

4. Jesus will be from the lineage of King DAVID.

*“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.” **Jeremiah 23:5***

- With that power, Christ will rule the nations of the world as the wisest KING, powerful WARRIOR, loving FATHER, and peace GIVER.

5. Jesus will be born in the town BETHLEHEM.

*“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel. His going forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.” **Micah 5:2***

*“Out of Egypt I called My Son.” **Hosea 11:1***

6. Jesus will be called out of EGYPT.

7. Jesus’ birth will be accompanied with great SORROW and SUFFERING

*“Thus says the LORD: “A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.” **Jeremiah 31:15***

8. Jesus will be called a NAZARENE.

- Nazareth comes from the root word “netzer”, which means BRANCH.

“And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.”

Matthew 2:23

BUT MY MAIN CONCERN OR QUESTION IS: WHY EGYPT?

Christmas traveling was rough. There are three reasons why we can rejoice this Christmas season:

1. God’s PLAN of salvation and redemption is given to the PEOPLE of God.

God shows mercy:

2. In the Old Testament, He saves his people by bringing the Messianic DELIVERANCE from Egypt.

*“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” **John 1:46***

*“He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.” **Isaiah 53:3***

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By His grace and for His glory, he has REDEEMED us. That’s the reason for this Season to Celebrate!