

The FIRST Christmas is Prophetic

Moses Spoke of the Coming of Jesus in Deuteronomy

Deu 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

Deu 18:16 According to (*or because of*) all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly (*gathering to worship God*), saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

Deu 18:17 And the LORD said unto me (*Moses*), They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken.

Deu 18:18 I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

Deu 18:19 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him (*this him is whosoever will not hearken unto the word of God which he/ the Prophet like unto Moses, servant of God, Jesus shall speak in the name of God*).

How Jesus Will Come? Isaiah the Prophet

Isa 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 (*God with us*).

Where Jesus Will Come? Micah the Prophet

Mic 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 (*or from the beginning. Read John Chapter 1:1 through 1:18*).

When Will Jesus Come, and Confirm Covenant Promises from God? The Book of Daniel Chapter 9

It is about this time of Daniel Chapter 9 that Daniel is now an old man, and he has been in this foreign nation, Babylon, since being carried off as a captive by Nebuchadnezzar. And at the time of Daniel's captivity he was perhaps, in his teen years.

In verse 1 of Daniel Chapter 9, he identifies his present time by stating that it is the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus. This is believed to be the same Darius of Daniel Chapter 6, who's reigned included the years about 522 B.C.

Daniel is concerned about the length of time Judah has been in captivity. He is no doubt very aware of the prophecies of Jeremiah 25:11 through 25:12 and determines that the time of their captivity is near its' end, or should be over. Thus, Daniel seeks answers from God in fasting and prayer.

During this time of prayer and fasting, God not only clears up Daniel's concern about the end of Judah's seventy years of captivity, but he also reveals new prophecies to Daniel

that identify when the Messiah shall come; And mysteries surrounding Messiah's purpose on earth, when he comes.

Among these prophecies, God reveal a timeline of events from the time(s) of the end of the seventy years of Judah's captivity to the death burial and resurrection of the Messiah, Christ Jesus. However, the timeline does not end at the resurrection of Jesus, but at the second coming of Jesus.

The timeline is described in seventy weeks of years, where one week represents seven years, for a total of 490 years.

As our telling of this Daniel Chapter (9) prophecy unfolds, we shall see that the seventy weeks are consecutive until Messiah is cut off at the 69th and ½-week, **or 486 ½ years** (the time of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus).

At this point the clock of the timeline of Daniels 70 weeks is suspended, because the Jews rejected Jesus. And following the resurrection event of Jesus, God builds the body of believers called "The Church", with the invitation according to John 3:16. Then after the "Church Age", the final ½-week (or 3 ½-years) of Daniel's seventy weeks shall be resumed, and completed. This shall be the time of the end, and second coming of Jesus. Then judgment(s) are executed from God as described in the Book of Revelation.

It is for each "whosoever" to believe and accept John 3:16, or no. By this, even Gentiles are given a place in the family of God.

Dan 9:21 Yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning (***Daniel 8:16; but read all of Daniel 7 and 8***), being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

Dan 9:22 And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

Dan 9:23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew *thee*; for thou *art* greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city (***Jerusalem***), to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy (***Jesus is the most Holy, not the temple. Remember the temple represents Him, because He is the true access to God. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit after John the Baptist baptized him. Refer to Matthew 3:13 through 3:17***).

Dan 9:25 Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem (***after the Babylonian destruction of 586 B.C.***) unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks (***69 weeks, or 483 years***): the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Dan 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks (***62 weeks, or 434 years after the wall is built again***) shall Messiah be cut off (***crucified***), but not for himself: and the people of the prince (***or Roman's General, and army***) that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary (***this occurred in 70 A.D.***); and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood (***Israel will not be able to throw off her enemies throughout the centuries***), and unto

the end of the war (*against Israel throughout the centuries*) desolations are determined (*upon Israel. The desolation is that Israel has no place to worship, and the people shall be scattered. Refer to Luke 19:37 through 19:44*).

Dan 9:27 And he (*Messiah; not the man of sin*) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week [*or after one half week (three and one half years) of ministry*] he (*Jesus*) shall cause the (*animal*) sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make (*animal sacrifice*) desolate, even until the consummation (*which is at the time of the second coming of Jesus*), and that determined (*the sacrifice of Jesus/ Messiah, or the Cross of Jesus*) shall be poured upon (*or put in place of*) the desolate (*animal sacrifice*).

Then, the FIRST Christmas as it happened at the time of the Roman Empire, and recorded by the Gospels, is brought to pass: Let us look at the Gospel of Luke

Other ministers of the word in Luke's day write of the events they witnessed surrounding the Lord Jesus Christ:

Luk 1:1 Forasmuch as many (*witnesses*) have taken in hand to set forth (*write about*) in order (*of the occurrence of events,*) a declaration (*telling*) of those things which are most surely believed among us (*citizens*),

Luk 1:2 Even as they (*witnesses*) delivered them (*their writings/ records*) unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;

Luke writes of his collections of witnesses also, addressed to the new convert, Theophilus:

Luk 1:3 It seemed good to me (*Luke*) also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order (*as it happened*), most excellent Theophilus,

Luk 1:4 That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

The conception of John the Baptist is miraculous

Luk 1:5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia (*priestly assignment*): and his wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron (*Moses' brother, and High Priest in Old Testament Israel*), and her name *was* Elisabeth.

Luk 1:6 And they were both righteous (*according to dedication*) before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

Luk 1:7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were *now* well stricken in years.

Luk 1:8 And it came to pass, that while he (*Zacharias*) executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course (*of Abia*),

Luk 1:9 According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot (*duty*) was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

Luk 1:10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

Luk 1:11 And there appeared unto him (*Zacharias*) an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

Luk 1:12 And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

Luk 1:13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Luk 1:14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

Luk 1:15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

Luk 1:16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

Luk 1:17 And he (*John*) shall go before (*or ahead of*) him (*Jesus, the Lord God*) in the spirit and power of Elias (*Elijah*), to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children (*that the children would have the heart of their fathers toward God*), and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Luk 1:18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

Luk 1:19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

Zccharias is restrained from speaking because of his unbelief in the glad tidings of John's birth

Luk 1:20 And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

Luk 1:21 And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple.

Luk 1:22 And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned (*made hand signs*) unto them, and remained speechless.

Luk 1:23 And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration (*priestly duties*) were accomplished, he departed to his own house.

Luk 1:24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,

Luk 1:25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on *me*, to take away my reproach among men.

Next ...

Gabriel the angel is sent to Mary in Nazareth, where the conception of Jesus is made to transcend the miraculous. A certain religious denomination has termed the conception of Jesus as, the "immaculate conception".

Related Prophetic Scriptures: Numbers 17:1 through 17:8, Isaiah 11:1 through 11:5

Luk 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

Luk 1:27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name *was* Mary.

Luk 1:28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women.

Luk 1:29 And when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

Luk 1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

Luk 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

Luk 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

Luk 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Luk 1:34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

Luk 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Luk 1:36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

Luk 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Luk 1:38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her (*at this very instant Mary conceives the Babe in her womb. Do not try to understand it. God only requires one to believe Him. Without faith it is impossible to please Him. God/ the Word of God/ the Scriptures is the one you should want to believe (Mark 9:23).*)

Mary decides to visit her cousin, Elisabeth in the hill country

Luk 1:39 And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;

Luk 1:40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.

Elisabeth being filled with the Holy Spirit speak propheties concerning Mary, her cousin

Luk 1:41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

Luk 1:42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said (*of Mary*), Blessed *art* thou among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of thy womb.

Luk 1:43 And whence *is* this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

Luk 1:44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

Mary believed ...

Luk 1:45 And blessed *is* she (*Mary*) that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Mary, being filled with the Holy Spirit Magnifies the Lord God Almighty

Luk 1:46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

Luk 1:47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Luk 1:48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Luk 1:49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy *is* his name.

Luk 1:50 And his mercy *is* on them that fear him from generation to generation.

Luk 1:51 He hath shewed strength with his arm (***authority and power***); he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

Luk 1:52 He hath put down the mighty from *their* seats, and exalted them of low degree.

Luk 1:53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

Luk 1:54 He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of *his* mercy;

Luk 1:55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

Luk 1:56 And Mary abode with her (*Elizabeth*) about three months, and returned to her own house.

John the Baptist is born

Luk 1:57 Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.

Luk 1:58 And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her.

Luk 1:59 And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father.

Luk 1:60 And his mother answered and said, Not *so*; but he shall be called John.

Luk 1:61 And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name.

Luk 1:62 And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called.

Luk 1:63 And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all.

Luk 1:64 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue *loosed*, and he spake, and praised God.

Luk 1:65 And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea.

Luk 1:66 And all they that heard *them* laid *them* up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him.

Zacharias is filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied of the fulfilling of salvation from God, as promised in the Old Testament

Luk 1:67 And his (*John's*) father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

Luk 1:68 Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

Luk 1:69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

Luk 1:70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

Luk 1:71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

Luk 1:72 To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

Luk 1:73 The oath which he swore to our father Abraham,

Luk 1:74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

Luk 1:75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

Luk 1:76 And thou, child (*John the Baptist*), shalt be called the prophet of the Highest (*Jesus*): for thou shalt go before (*ahead of*) the face of the Lord (*Jesus*) to prepare his ways;

Luk 1:77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

Luk 1:78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring (*Jesus*) from on high hath visited us,

Luk 1:79 To give light to them (*including the Gentiles*) that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luk 1:80 And the child (*John the Baptist*) grew, and waxed strong in spirit (*and faith*), and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing (*ministry*) unto Israel.

The miracle birth of Jesus; Savior is of the world. Even after the birth of Jesus, Mary was still a virgin

Luk 2:1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

Luk 2:2 (*And* this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

Luk 2:3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

Luk 2:4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

Luk 2:5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child (*the Lord Jesus Christ*).

Luk 2:6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

Luk 2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Lowly shepherds are given the good tidings of great joy, first; not the powerful, rich, authoritative, religious, learned, and great men of Judah. Even the wise men from the east came later!!

Luk 2:8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Luk 2:9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

Luk 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Luk 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luk 2:12 And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes (*bandage-like strips of clothing*), lying in a manger (*livestock feeding trough*).

Peace between God, and the disobedient, sinful human race is in Jesus

Luk 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Luk 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luk 2:15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

Luk 2:16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Luk 2:17 And when they had seen, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

Luk 2:18 And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

Luk 2:19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart.

Luk 2:20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Luk 2:21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel (*Gabriel*) before he was conceived in the womb.