

JESUS CAME TO FULFILL THE PROPHECIES

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DAY 1 – THE MIRACLE OF JESUS' BIRTH

The blood of Jesus ratified all the covenants. The devil is powerless against God's WORD. We celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth at Christmas.

STUDY IT

- I. The blood of Jesus ratified all the covenants.
 - Jesus' blood is on the heavenly Mercy Seat now.
 - Blood covenants began in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sinned. An animal shed its blood to provide clothes for them.
 - The sacrifice of an animal for the sin of man continued through the centuries.
 - Now we are interested in Jesus' birth, because that's what He came to do—ratify the covenants with His blood.
 - All the laws, all the rules back through the years were satisfied, because Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8).
 - Jesus is the final payment. He paid the price. He overpaid what mankind owed. We receive that gift by faith; His grace gave that to us.

- II. The devil is powerless against God's WORD.
 - Once the Spirit of God through a prophet made a statement, the devil could not get that word out of the earth.
 - Over the years, prophets continued to speak the plan of God.
 - Then the prophet Micah introduced Bethlehem as the birthplace of the Messiah (Micah 5:2).
 - Each prophecy contained another piece of God's plan until Jesus came to the earth, lived a sinless life, died as our substitute, and broke the power of the curse and the devil.
 - God began revealing His plan worldwide with Adam and Eve. Then He narrowed it down to one man and his wife, Abraham and Sarah.
 - God's plan continued with that family: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, which became a nation. He continued to narrow it to one tribe in the nation, Judah, then to one city in the tribe, Bethlehem.



- At each narrowing point, the prophecies focused more clearly to the revelation of one person—Jesus.
- Matthew's Gospel is so thorough and so meticulous that 12 times he cited prophecies from the Old Testament in conjunction with the word *fulfilled*.
 - Through Matthew's writing, we understand that the Seed from a woman prophesied in the Garden of Eden is the Promised Seed (Genesis 3:15).
- Luke's Gospel is more of a documentary. He interviewed people and wrote their experiences with Jesus. He told Jesus' story as told to him by Mary.
 - Luke continued to write the account of the apostles in the book of Acts. He traveled with Paul.

III. We celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth at Christmas.

- Christmas is actually *Christ mass*. It's a celebration of the Anointing.
- *Christ* is the Greek word for the "Anointed One."
- Rick Renner's book, *Christmas, the Rest of the Story*, gives us much information about the birth of Jesus Christ.
 - Brother Renner relates much about the Magi coming to visit young Jesus, and Joseph's trip with Mary and Jesus to Egypt and back.
- Don't ever compromise about the things of God; not even Christmas.
- Go ahead and have the fun of Christmas; just don't lie to your children about mythical creatures being real.

IV. Our God created time. "In the beginning, God" (Genesis 1:1).

- God is the Master Coordinator of the universe. Everything is in order and on a time schedule.
- Jesus said, "No one knows when the end is except the Father. When this gospel is preached to all nations, then the end will come" (Matthew 24:36, 14).

MAKE IT PERSONAL

God has planned your life, just like He did Jesus' life.

Write down a prayer of thanksgiving for His loving care over you.





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DAY 2 – WHY DID GOD CHOOSE NAZARETH?

The timing of God is impeccable. Jesus was born of the lineage of David on Joseph's side and His mother's side. Nazareth was a small village near a large city named Sepphoris. Zacharias, John the Baptist's father, was a Jewish priest of the course of Abijah.

STUDY IT

- I. The timing of God is impeccable.
 - The Father is the only One who knows when things will happen.
 - An angel warned Joseph to take his family and escape to Egypt (Matthew 2:13).
 - King Herod planned to kill all the male babies in Bethlehem 2 years old and under (Matthew 2:16).
 - Later, when King Herod died, Joseph came back to Israel to the city of Nazareth.
 - Jesus was raised in Nazareth where everyone knew each other (Matthew 2:23).
 - A citizen of Nazareth was called a Nazarene.
 - As an adult, Jesus preached in the synagogue in Nazareth using the text from Isaiah 61:1-2 (Luke 4:18-19).
 - When Jesus preached in Nazareth, the people said, "We know Jesus. How could He fulfill these scriptures? He can't be the Messiah" (Luke 4:22, 28).
 - Jesus told them, "I am Anointed. God has Anointed Me." That meant He was the Messiah. Jesus found that out because He found Himself in the book of Isaiah.

- II. Jesus was born of the lineage of David on Joseph's side and His mother's side.
 - Mary came from a wealthy family. Her cousin, Elisabeth, was married to a priest.
 - Luke wrote his Gospel to describe the life of Jesus (Luke 1:1-4).
 - Luke continued his documentary in the account of the new Church (Acts 1:1).
 - Luke traveled with Paul, one of the most educated rabbis of his day.
 - Paul revealed things to Luke and to the churches as they traveled.

- III. Nazareth was a small village near a large city named Sepphoris.
 - Sepphoris was a large, modern city, the capital of the northern part of Galilee.





- It was known as “The jewel of Galilee. A light set on a hill.” It was full of beautiful, ornate buildings and Greek temples. The residents were wealthy, sophisticated Romans and Jews.
 - The gospels refer to Joseph as a carpenter. The Greek word translated *carpenter* is where we get our English word *technology*.
 - Joseph was probably more than a carpenter. He could have been an architect, an artisan. He probably helped build many of the buildings in Sepphoris.
- IV. Zacharias, John the Baptist’s father, was a Jewish priest of the course of Abijah (Luke 1:5).
- We know what course, or group, of priests was serving in the Temple when it was destroyed in 70 AD.
 - Working backward, we can know when Jesus was born; probably in September.
 - Jesus was probably conceived during the Feast of Dedication, the celebration of lights—Jesus, the Light of the world.
 - God had it all timed and events took place just like He planned.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

The account of the birth of Jesus is filled with miraculous events. Ask God to reveal to you some of the miraculous events that have taken place in your life.

Write down a few of the miracles you know of that happened in your life.



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DAY 3 – THE PROPHECIES ABOUT JESUS AND JOHN THE BAPTIST

Jesus announced in Nazareth that He was the Messiah. John the Baptist was the forerunner of the Messiah. There are many prophecies in the Old Testament about Jesus and about John the Baptist. God fulfills His WORD.

STUDY IT

- I. There are two men in heaven right now with natural flesh bodies—Elijah and Enoch.
 - Two witnesses will be killed and their bodies will be on display for three-and-a-half days (Revelation 11:9).
 - Years ago, people scoffed at this scripture because they couldn't understand how all the world could see something that was happening in Jerusalem at the time it was happening.
 - Now with the current technology, people all over the world can see an event in Jerusalem as it happens.
 - The Spirit of God chose to reveal to a Spirit-filled man and woman how to synchronize a satellite with the rotation of the earth.

- II. Jesus announced in Nazareth that He was the Messiah.
 - Jesus read from Isaiah 61:1-2, a specific book and a specific scripture (Luke 4:18-19).
 - Jesus was announcing, "I am the One, the Messiah. I am bringing the acceptable year of The LORD—the year of Jubilee" (Leviticus 25:10).
 - This scripture was inscribed on the United States Liberty Bell.
 - George Washington declared that this nation was one of the many nations prophesied to come from Abraham (Genesis 17:4).
 - Washington declared: "God will be our God, and we will be His people."

- III. John the Baptist was the forerunner of the Messiah.
 - Scriptures about John's role are found in Isaiah 40:3 and Malachi 3:1.
 - John the Baptist questioned if Jesus were really the Messiah.
 - Jesus sent John a message listing His fulfillment of the description of the Messiah in Isaiah 61:1-2: The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are



cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the gospel preached to them (Luke 7:22).

- John the Baptist, the forerunner, went before Jesus into Paradise.
- John and others who had previously died, watched Jesus being tormented in hell, then rising in victory!
- All of this was organized by the Father, the Son and the Spirit.

IV. There are many prophecies in the Old Testament about Jesus and about John the Baptist.

- Those prophecies had to happen because of what God said to the serpent in the Garden of Eden: "There's coming One who will bruise your head" (Genesis 3:15).
- There are 355 prophecies about Jesus that have been fulfilled.
- God watches over His WORD to perform it. If He said it, it has to come to pass.
- Whatever God has promised you has to happen.

V. God fulfills His WORD.

- God is not bound by linear time like we are.
- A man stopped at a train crossing waiting for a long train to pass.
 - Suddenly, he was caught up in the Spirit. He could see both ends of the train and all the cars between them at the same time. The LORD told him, *That's how I see time.*
- Genesis states, "Light be" (Genesis 1:3). That was light energy, not the light of the sun, moon and stars. That creative power is still going.
- Jesus referred to Himself as Light 27 times in the Gospels.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Professor Stephens said there are 355 prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament. That's a lot! Each prophecy fulfilled is proof that God keeps His WORD.

Write a declaration that you believe God will keep His WORD to you!



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DAY 4 – THE HISTORY OF THE MAGI

We're talking about Christmas—Christ Mass—the celebration of the Anointing. History tells us that in the 400 years between the Old and New Testaments, Israel was part of a battlefield for the ruling powers. Herod was disturbed with the news that the King of the Jews had been born.

STUDY IT

- I. We're talking about Christmas—Christ Mass—the celebration of the Anointing.
 - Matthew wrote about the wise men who came to see Jesus, the King of the Jews.
 - They were called Magi from the East. They were astronomers and very wealthy.
 - The wise men followed the star that led them to Jesus.
 - The wise men didn't show up with only three people. They had a large entourage.
 - They had to pass through some dangerous country to get there, so they brought an army for protection.
 - Also, they had many servants to prepare meals and care for everyone's needs—including the animals.
 - There were probably more than three wise men; possibly more than 500 people in this group.
 - The wise men did not come in time to be at the manger. When they arrived, Jesus was about 2 years old. Mary and Joseph were living in a house.
 - They worshipped Jesus and gave Him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh.
 - An angel told Joseph to take Jesus and Mary and escape to Egypt. The gifts of the wise men financed their trip and their time in Egypt.

- II. History tells us that in the 400 years between the Old and New Testaments, Alexander the Great was in power and many wars were fought between the Greeks, Babylonians, Persians and Assyrians.
 - When Jesus was born, Rome was the ruling government; yet Romans feared the Greeks.



- When Herod heard that wise men from the East were coming, he and all of Jerusalem were in fear.
 - Herod knew that one word from these men would end his political career and possibly his life.
 - Besides that, Herod was made the king of Israel by the Roman government.
 - His rule was illegitimate because he was not a descendant of David. If there were a descendant of David ready to take the throne, Herod would lose out.
 - The land of Israel was part of a battlefield between Rome and her enemies. That's why Herod was so nice to the wise men. He knew the influence they had.
 - The wise men came from Assyria. These were descendants of the Babylonians who came and destroyed the Temple years before.
 - The Jews were concerned to have the Romans here; now wise men from the East had come here, too.
- III. Herod was so disturbed by the news that a king, a descendant of David, had been born that he had all the male children in Bethlehem 2 years old and under killed.
- Killing children is nothing new.
 - The devil has always tried to destroy everything that belongs to God.
 - At one time, satan was an archangel. He was perfect when he was created. God created him. He was the archangel of music. But iniquity was found in him (Ezekiel 28:14-15).
 - In the Garden of Eden, the devil heard there was coming One who would bruise his head (Genesis 3:15).
 - The devil killed as many as possible who could possibly hurt him. He didn't know who the One was who would destroy him.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

God has always supernaturally protected His people, Israel. As you prepare for the celebration of Christmas, take time to pray protection, safety and BLESSING for the people and the nation of Israel.

Let us always be aware of the miracles of Jesus' birth and worship Him as our Redeemer and our victorious King!



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DAY 5 – JESUS FULFILLED THE PROPHECIES

Christ died for the ungodly. The LORD showed the Apostle Paul a vision of the last Passover meal Jesus shared with His disciples. The LORD promised to heal you of your wounds. The Spirit of God lives in you, so you are the tabernacle, or dwelling place, of the Holy Spirit.

STUDY IT

- I. Christ died for the ungodly (Romans 5:6). That's us!
 - His mercy is new every morning (Lamentation 3:22-23). We have hope!
 - Brother Copeland's Christian friend Dale Black was in a fatal airplane accident.
 - While the pilot was flying, the plane stalled and fell onto the top of a mausoleum.
 - Dale was awake, but he thought he was dead. He had no emotion about his circumstances.
 - He came in and out of his body. Sometimes he was in the ambulance, then he would be outside the ambulance following along.
 - At one point he went to heaven and happily saw family.
 - Then he was back in the hospital. His physical pain was intense, and he didn't want to stay in his body.
 - God's mercy caused Dale to come back to life and tell of his experience.

- II. The LORD showed the Apostle Paul a vision of the last Passover meal Jesus shared with His disciples.
 - That's why Paul could describe and give instructions to the church at Corinth on how to take Communion.
 - The LORD showed Paul and he wrote it down so we can do it correctly and not take it unworthily (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).
 - Brother Copeland needed wisdom to handle a certain situation, so he took Communion over it.
 - He placed the situation where it belonged, under the blood of Jesus.
 - He didn't meditate on the situation any more, because he would have had to go past the body and blood of Jesus.



- To plead the blood means to acknowledge that Jesus' sacrifice ratified all the covenants. God's promises are legal and sure, and we can depend on them.
 - God will keep His WORD concerning our safety, protection, provision and everything else.

- III. The LORD promised to heal you of your wounds (Jeremiah 30:17).
 - General West was at John Osteen's church. He had been ejected twice from fighter jets.
 - To be ejected, a rocket under the pilot seat is activated and shoots you up into the air high enough to open the parachute. The force of that rocket will compress your spine.
 - Gloria used the promise in Jeremiah 30:17 and prayed for him to be healed. He grew 2 inches which brought him back to his original height.

- IV. The Spirit of God lives in you, so you are the tabernacle, or dwelling place, of the Holy Spirit.
 - David returned the Ark back to Jerusalem, stopping along the way to offer sacrifices to God (2 Samuel 6:12-15).
 - That means there was a blood trail all the way back to Jerusalem.
 - David learned he couldn't touch the presence of God; but he could sit in the shadow of the wings of the seraphim over the Ark.
 - This was before the Ark was taken into the Holy of Holies. There was no Temple at this time.
 - A person could sit in the Ark's shadow and sing, and the priests would write down the song of The LORD as it was sung. That's possibly where Moses wrote Psalm 91.
 - Now that Jesus has been resurrected from the dead, we don't have to be in the Ark's shadow; we can enter the presence of God at any time.
 - We have been cleansed with better sacrifices (Hebrews 9:11).
 - The LORD inhabits the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3).

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Jesus fulfilled all the prophecies written about Him. That means He will keep His WORD to you, too. Please contact us by [clicking here](#), or on [Facebook™](#) with your testimonies.

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