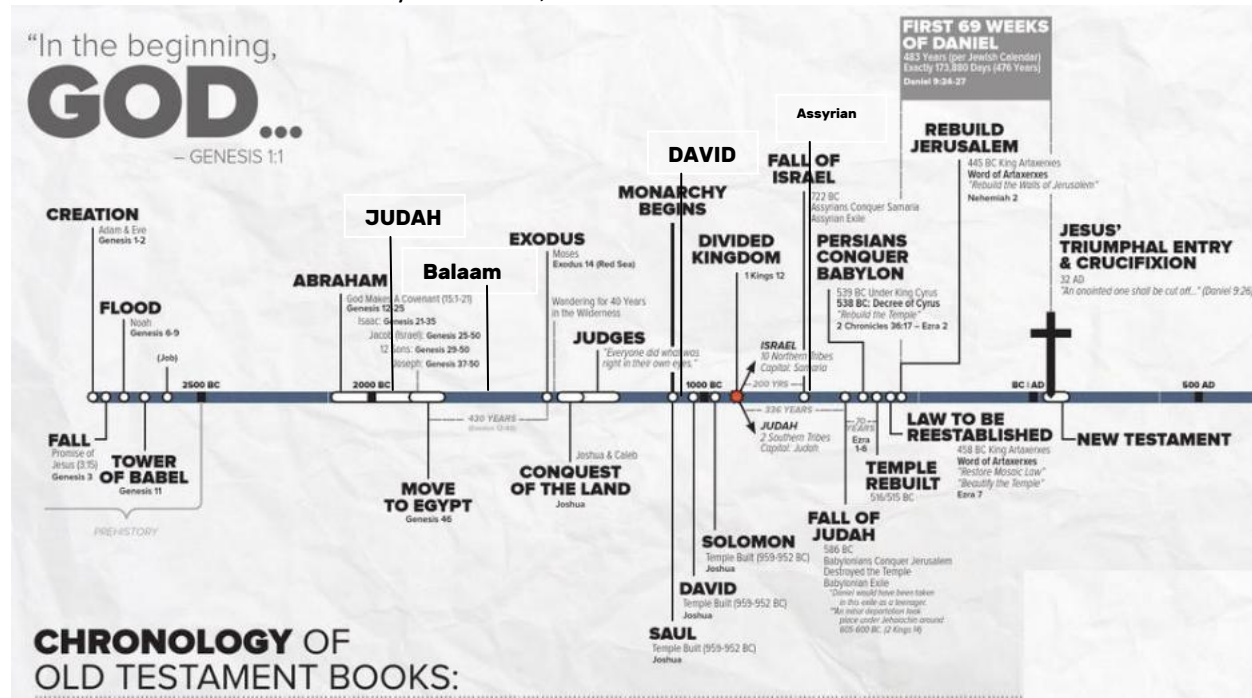


The Prophecies of Jesus Birth

Why are prophecies important? In 2 Peter 1:4 it tells us that “He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world on account of lust.” The fulfillment of His promises shows us that he knows and is involved in the future. Allow the knowledge of His power and wisdom to permeate your spirit so that you have great confidence in your walk the most high God, the Alpha and Omega. These are the prophecies concerning this event: Matt 1:16 Jacob fathered Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. Luke 2:11 For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.



Promise of WHO, a Savior.

Creation 3761 BC (Based on the beginning of the Jewish calendar) - Genesis 3:15 “And I will put enmity between you (the serpent) and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” – There is a battle on earth and the offspring God will bring forth overcomes evil. The promise is spoken to the devil, the loser.

THE FLOOD, the ABRAHAM

Promise of WHAT the Savior will do, Bless the nations.

1950 BC - Genesis 12:3 “I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” and Genesis 22:18 “And through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed.” The promise is spoken that through the descendents of Abraham that all nations will be blessed.

JACOB AND JUDAH

1690 BC - Genesis 49:10 “The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.” A descendent of Jacob will gain the obedience of all nations.

1440 BC - Balaam resistantly prophesied Numbers: 24:17 “A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel.”

DAVID

1040 BC - 2 Sam 7:12 Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever. 17 In accordance with all these words and all of this vision, so Nathan spoke to David. This was repeated in Psalm 89:3-4 “‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In His days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.’” The righteous Branch, Jesus, will come from David.

The Promise of HOW the Savior will come, born of a virgin.

740 BC - Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”

ASSYRIAN CAPTIVITY

WHAT the Savior will do, uphold righteousness and justice.

740 BC - Isaiah 9:6-7 "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this."

740 BC - Isaiah 11:1-10 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse (King David's father), And a Branch from his roots will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. 3 And He will delight in the fear of the Lord, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make decisions by what His ears hear; 4 But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the humble of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. 5 Also righteousness will be the belt around His hips, And faithfulness the belt around His waist.

BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY

600 BC - Jeremiah 23:5-6 "Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will live securely; and this is His name by which He will be called, 'The Lord Our Righteousness.'"

WHERE the Savior will appear? Bethlehem

742 BC - Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

WHEN the Savior will appear? 483 years after the command to rebuild Jerusalem.

605 BC - Daniel 9:25-26 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

"The seven weeks with the sixty-two weeks combine to make 69 weeks of years (483 years) until the coming of Messiah. Starting from 444 BC Nehemiah 2:1 And it came about in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes. 483 years of 360 days (based on Jewish lunar calendar) is 476 years in the Gregorian calendar. 444 BC - 476 = 33 AD, Jewish calendar 3554 + 483 = 4037. Jesus death = Messiah cut off.

WHO was waiting?

Wise men. Matt 2:2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 2 "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet..." – The wise men knew the king was to be born, the chief priests and scribes knew he would be born in Bethlehem.

Shepherds. Luke 2:10 And so the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; 11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. – The shepherds heard of the promise of the Messiah regularly in worship services.

Simeon and Anna. Luke 2:25 And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. – Simeon and Anna had been waiting all their lives to see the coming of the Messiah.

Are you expectant to have the Messiah, the Christ formed in you as it says in the Christmas song?

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels, The great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!