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Isaiah 9:6

About 2700 years ago, two of God's prophets (Isaiah & Micah) wrote about the future birth of a male child to a virgin, in Bethlehem, in Judea.

About 700 years after these prophecies were made, a young woman, named Mary, said to be a virgin, gave birth to a male child in Bethlehem, in Judea.

The baby was given the name Jesus [*God's Salvation*] and He was called Immanuel [*God with us*]. This child would be the only source of salvation for mankind, and He would also be the fullness of God in human flesh.

God told the people of world ahead of time, so that when it happened people would believe in His Son and receive forgiveness for their sins.

Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birth, it is a compound word formed from the words **Christ** [the Anointed or Holy One], and **Mass** [an assembly or gathering for religious observances]. Christmas celebrates the good news that the Savior has come.

The next time you go out to a merchandise store or a shopping mall, consider, "If you weren't a Christian and didn't know about God's Son, is there anything in the commercial stores that would point you to Jesus?" Probably not!

And yet, Isaiah & Micah, foretold how God's Son would be born to a virgin, in Bethlehem, in Judea; that He would be God in human flesh and the Savior of those who believe in Him; and that He would accomplish this by dying for our sins.

Isaiah 9:6a, "**For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us...**" This speaks of God's divine proclamation and provision of Jesus Christ, God's Son.

Isaiah 7:14, "*Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.*"

Micah 5:2, "*But as for you, Bethlehem [House of Bread] Ephrathah [Fruitful land], too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.*"

See **Matthew 1:18-25...** God's Son came in the flesh of a baby boy, born in Bethlehem. This child was fully God, while also being fully man; more than any other title that Jesus used for Himself, He used the title "Son of Man," because He loved us so much, and was one of us, and yet He was one with God..

Isaiah 9:6b, "**And the government will rest on His shoulders...**" This speaks of God's Ultimate, Universal, and Unilateral Authority on earth.

Zechariah 14:9, "*And the Lord will be king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one.*"

Revelation 19:15-16, "*From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, 'KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.'*"

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Christ will, in the future, reign for a thousand years over a literal, earthly kingdom, and *everyone* will humbly and reverently bow in submission to Him; although, at present, only those who acknowledge Him as Savior give testimony to His authority and rule in their lives as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Isaiah 9:6c, "**And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor...**" This speaks of God's Supernatural Wisdom.

John 14:16-17, 25-26, "*I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.*" "*These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you.*" "*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.*"

The NT records Jesus' encounters with a variety of people; and that He always knew just what to say, for He spoke the words and wisdom of God.

Temple guards were sent to arrest Jesus (**John 7:46**), but they returned to the Chief Priests without Him, saying, "*No one ever spoke the way this man speaks.*"

Matthew 7:29 says, *He [Jesus] was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their [own] scribes [teachers of the law].*"

Only Jesus can make sense out of life's confusion and provide hope for eternity; and yet, most of the world turns to the counsel of psychiatrists, philosophers, astrologers, and other so-called experts, instead of turning to God's Word.

1Corinthians 2:12-16, "*Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.* But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ."

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, provide eternal, authoritative, sovereign, divine, and supernatural wisdom for all who believe.

Isaiah 9:6d, "**And His name will be called Mighty God...**" This speaks of God's Sovereign Power and Strength for all of eternity.

Deuteronomy 10:17, "*For the Lord your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality nor take a bribe.*"

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Jeremiah 32:17-19, "Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You, who shows lovingkindness to thousands, but repays the iniquity of fathers into the bosom of their children after them, O great and mighty God. The Lord of hosts is His name; great in counsel and mighty in deed, whose eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, giving to everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds."

John 14:2-3, "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also."

Hebrews 1:1-3, "God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."

Revelation 1:8, 17-18, "'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.'" "When [John] saw Him, [he] fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on [John], saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades."

God forgives sin, grants eternal life, answers prayer, heals broken hearts and bodies, defeats Satan, brings order to the chaos and purpose to the confusion in our lives; all this, while sustaining the universe and preparing eternity for those who belong to Him.

Isaiah 9:6e, "**And His name will be called Eternal Father...**" This speaks of God's Eternal and Intrinsic Nature as the Originator and Giver of Life.

Psalms 90:2, "Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God."

Isaiah 40:28, "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable."

John 10:30, Jesus said, "I and the Father are one."

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John 14:1, 6-7; 18-20, "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God [the Father], believe also in Me." "Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you."

Colossians 1:15-20, "He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven."

Jesus is God the Son, equal with the Father (who is Immortal, Invisible, Eternal, and the Creator of all). Jesus Christ (who is also Immortal, Eternal, and the Creator of all) has made God the Father known to us. Only Christians can rightfully call God their Father, for through God's Son we become God's children, forever!

Isaiah 9:6f, "**And His name will be called Prince of Peace...** This speaks of God's removal of enmity, condemnation, conflict, chaos, confusion, anxiety, fear, and oppression, replacing these with God's Perfect Peace.

Luke 2:14, "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

Romans 5:1-2, "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God."

Romans 5:9-11, "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation."

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Philippians 4:6-7, *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

Except for the first few days of Creation, before the curse of sin came upon creation, there has not been peace on earth; but God continually provides Peace in the hearts of everyone who believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

When Jesus came the first time, in the flesh of a baby, only a few witnessed His advent; but when He returns, the whole world will see Him.

Revelation 1:7, *"Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen."*

Philippians 2:9-11, *"For this reason also, God highly exalted Him [Jesus Christ], and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

Jesus Christ is God's greatest Gift to the world. He is not only the Reason for Christmas, He is Christmas; remember, Christmas is a compound word formed from the words **Christ** [the Anointed or Holy One], and **Mass** [an assembly or gathering for special observance].

As you celebrate this Christmas season, make sure that you deeply consider and contemplate all that has been said in God's Word about God's Son, Jesus Christ.

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Christmas celebrates the good news that the Savior has indeed come.

No wonder Paul declares

(2Corinthians 9:15)

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable Gift!"

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