

ADVENT SERIES

“Announcing the Son of Man – Prophecy”

Luke 1: 26 – 38

As we read the scriptures, we find that Christianity had a supernatural origin. It was foretold many years before and we find here in Luke chapter 1 heavenly evidence. The event of the ages is near at hand. The Son of Man would be born of a virgin. Other supernatural events in this glorious announcement include, John the Baptist, known as the forerunner, born of a barren woman past the age of child bearing and angels coming from heaven with the announcement to the shepherds. Let's look at what we can learn from the prophecies in the Old Testament concerning this great announcement.

Where it all began! In the Garden of Eden after Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate fruit from the forbidden tree, God was about to expel them from the garden and he knew there would need to be help for all mankind in the future so he said in (Genesis 3:15), “And I will put enmity between you (Satan) and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” This was God understanding the need of fallen humanity to have a way to come back into fellowship with him.

There were marks given by God along the way through the years and centuries that would lead to the fulfillment of God's word in Genesis 3:15. (I would encourage you to take your Bible and follow the prophecies I will list here and see the faithfulness of the scriptures.)

Deuteronomy 18:15, The One to come would be great like Moses.

Isaiah 7:14, Continuing prophecy to the Davidic family.

Isaiah 9:2, A light to show the way.

Isaiah 9:6, The government would be upon his shoulders.

Isaiah 9:7, His would be an everlasting kingdom.

Isaiah 25:8, He would defeat death.

Isaiah 52:14, The brutal truth of his sufferings.

Isaiah 61:1, The aspects of his ministry.

Micah 5:2, His birthplace and evidence of his pre-existence.

Zechariah 9:7, The acclaim of the people.

Zechariah 11:12, The price of his betrayal.

Zechariah 12:10, The final thrust of this world.

The final word from the prophecies as recorded in (Malachi 3:1), "See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come, says the Lord Almighty." The work of John the Baptist was to prepare the way for Jesus who was the "messenger of the covenant", and this can allude to both the first and second advents.

Through the years, God used many people in various ways to tell of the coming of the Son of Man, the Savior of the world. It is up to each of us to accept the truth of these prophecies as we read of their fulfillment in the New Testament. "Yes, God promised a Savior"!!

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