

# Christmas



## Scriptures

- **Genesis 22:18**  
“In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed...”
- **Genesis 49:10**  
10 “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes...”
- **Jeremiah 23:5**  
“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord, “When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch;”
- **Psalms 2:7**  
“...You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.”
- **Isaiah 7:14**  
“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son...”
- **Malachi 3:1**  
“Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me...”
- **Isaiah 35:5**  
“Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.”
- **Isaiah 42:1**  
“Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My spirit upon Him; He will bring justice to the nations.
- **Luke 2:32**  
“...A light of revelation to the Gentiles...”

## Other Scriptures

- Galatians 3:16-18
- Matthew 1:1, 18-25
- Genesis 32:24-32
- Rev. 5:5; 22:16
- Daniel 7:13-14
- John 1:1, 23; 14:4,20; 16:7; 17:3, 21
- Luke 12:14

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## Main Points

- The lineage of Jesus was prophesied in advance.
- Jesus was prophesied to be a descendant from the tribe of Judah.
- The Hebrew Bible prophesied Jesus would be born of a virgin.
  - Immanuel-means “God with Us”
- The Hebrew Bible prophesied that Jesus would be a light to the Gentiles.
- The Hebrew Bible prophesied that Jesus would do miracles.
- Jesus would be rejected by His own people, but would be a light to the Gentile nations.
- Jesus is the Messiah that was prophesied to come from the tribe of Judah.
- His birth is the fulfillment of Messianic prophecy.
- Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of being born of a virgin.
- Jesus fulfills Old Testament prophecy.
- True satisfaction comes from knowing God.
- Christmas is about celebrating our fellowship with Jesus!

## Discussion Questions

1. What makes Christmas a Jewish event? How does this knowledge deepen the meaning of Christmas? Does it lift it out of the materialistic and humanistic realm?
2. Why is the virgin birth important to the coming of the Messiah?
3. Who did God promise to send to let people know that the Messiah was coming soon and how was Jesus’ Messianic essence authenticated?
4. Do you have certainty within your heart of a deep relationship with Jesus? How can you become certain of that today?