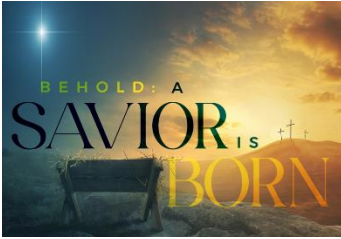


SERMON NOTES



Prophecies Give Peace!

December 24, 2023

FACT: No other religious leader has had any prophecy _____ his birth that he then _____ in his birth.

1. HOW assures us...God is _____ us!

*Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, **the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son**, and shall call His name **Immanuel**. (Is. 7:14)*

*Matthew 1:18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, **she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit**. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.*

*20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because **what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit**. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

*22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "**The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel**" (which means "God with us").*

2. WHAT assures us...Jesus _____ over us!

*Isaiah 9:7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, **on the throne of David** and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

*Matthew 1:30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. **The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,** 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; **his kingdom will never end.**"*

3. WHERE assures us...Jesus _____ over us!

*Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler **Who will shepherd My people Israel.**"*

*Luke 2:4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, **to Bethlehem the town of David,** because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.*

*⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, **keeping watch** over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹**Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;** he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

The prophecies of Jesus' birth bring _____ to our lives!

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

*¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth **peace to those on whom his favor rests.**"*

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

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SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life

The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message: