

Story 26



Jesus' Coming Foretold

Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 53:1-12; Micah 5:2

The Bridge: Throughout the Old Testament God used His prophets to give prophecies that would point the way to the Deliverer He promised in Genesis 3:15. The Apostle Paul wrote that the Hebrew Scriptures were written as “mere shadows” of that which was to come (Galatians 2:17). The prophets God used to foretell the coming of the long-awaited Messiah [Deliverer] of God’s people included Micah, Isaiah, and Jeremiah.

The Story:

- The prophets told of the Promised One coming out of the house of David (Isaiah 11:11; Jeremiah 23:5-6). Isaiah said, "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" (Isaiah 7:14). Immanuel means God who is living with us.
- Isaiah also gave this prophecy; “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” (Isaiah 9:6-7).
- The prophet Micah foretold where He would be born. "But as for you, Bethlehem... 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” (Micah 5:25).
- It was also foretold that He would come to be the sacrificial lamb, without spot or blemish, Who would bear “the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.” (Isaiah 53:12)
- Isaiah prophesied that even though He would be “pierced through for our transgressions” and “crushed for our iniquities” (Isaiah 53:4-6), He would also be raised from the dead. “But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting *Him* to grief; If He would render Himself *as* a guilt offering, He will see *His* offspring, He will prolong *His* days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand” (Isaiah 53:10 cf. Psalm 22:19-24).



How does what the Prophets did and said relate to Jesus?