

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS

Galatians 4:4-5

I. Some Prophecies Concerning The Christ of Christmas

C. Why Would God Come Down To Us?

1. God came down that first Christmas because of the _____ that resulted from man's tragic _____ into sin and death (Gen 3)

- In light of His Holiness, God judged mankind and cursed a # of things:

a. He cursed the _____ who embodied the _____ (3:14)

b. He cursed both the _____ and the _____ for their disobedience to His will (3:16-19; Rom 5:12)

c. He cursed the _____ because of their sin (3:17b-19)

d. He cast Adam & Eve _____ of the Garden of God and kept them from _____ to the Tree of Life (3:22-24)

2. God came down that first Christmas based on the _____ made to Adam & Eve concerning a coming _____ (Gen 3:15), that Savior was referred to as, "*the _____ of the woman*".

God said....

a. The Promised Seed would be a _____ —notice the personal pronoun "*He*"

b. The Promised Seed would come through the _____ —"*the seed of the woman*"

c. The Promised Seed would _____ the serpent's head indicating ultimate _____ over God's adversary. This included _____ the adversary's _____ over man through an atonement of some kind.

d. The Adversary would _____ the Savior's heal... indicating this triumph would have a great _____ to it.

3. God came down that first Christmas morning because the word " _____ " has many meanings in scripture:

a. In scripture, the "seed" speaks of a line of chosen _____ from Eve to the Advent of the Savior.

b. The "Seed" refers to a specific _____ who would one day come and crush the Serpents head, and that Person would be _____. (John 12:31-33; 1 John 3:8)

c. The seed is also pictured as the grain of wheat that falls to the ground & _____ in order to bring forth much _____, indicating that Christ was born to _____. (John 12:24)

4. God promised Abraham that through his _____ all the world would be _____! (Gen 12:3)

D. What Did The Prophets Say:

1. The Prophets of Old _____ a number of things about Him:
 2. The scriptures perfectly _____ what was predicted in His first Advent.
 3. The final prophet John, and his _____ (Mt 3:1-12; John 1)
- Why was the “*lamb*” designation significant?

C. How It Came to Pass (Luke 2:1-14)

1. God sovereignly used Caesar Augustus to order a _____ to get Mary and Joseph out of their home town of Nazareth so the birthplace of Jesus could be according to _____. (2:1-5; Micah 5:2)
 2. While in Bethlehem, Mary gave _____ to the baby Jesus and laid him in a manger, (an animal feeding trough) because there was no _____ for them in the inn. (2:6-7)
 3. But on this first Christmas morning, with the birth of Jesus there were a # of _____:
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4. God choose to **reveal** the birth of the Savior, first, to lowly _____ by means of an angel. (Luke 2:8-9)
 5. The angel declared to the frightened shepherds a “_____” message which was to comfort them, and yet was for _____, not just Israel. (2:10)
- * What “signs” accompanied this announcement?

D. What Does This Mean To You?