

“His Coming”

From eternity God has had a plan of redemption for humanity. The cross is not “Plan B.” Today I want us to look at some passages in scripture that point to the coming of our Savior and that give details concerning His identity and ministry. In this season each year our culture celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. Or at least that is the ostensible reason for the holiday. Not overweight elf, not magical reindeer. The holiday (“holy day”) exists to commemorate the fulfillment of God’s promise that a Redeemer would come. Join me as we look to the word.

1. Genesis 49:8-12 Jacob’s prophecy regarding Judah and a coming ruler:

- God had made a promise to Satan (Gen 3:14-15).
- God had made a promise to Eve (Gen 3:16).
- Judah’s (“praise”) brothers would praise him, his father’s sons would bow down to him (Gen 37:1-12).
- The scepter (“rod, leader’s staff/symbol of office”) and ruler’s staff (“lawgiver”) would not depart from his feet until it comes to its rightful owner (“He whose it is”). Ps 60:7, 108:8.
- Stuff would fall apart before He came, but come He would (Jer 23:5-6, Ez 1:24-27).
- The obedience of the nations would be His (Ez 21:24-27, Ps 2:6, Is 42:1-9, 49:1-7).

2. Numbers 24:17-19 Balaam, the prophet relates a vision of a coming ruler:

- “I see Him,” but not near, (in the then-distant future).
- A star will come out of Jacob
- A scepter (Ruler) out of Israel
- He will defend His people. (Ps 18:40).

3. Micah 5:1-9 The coming of the everlasting One

- Bethlehem Ephratha, not a large city but a village in Judah.
- Yet, from it would come Him whose goings forth have been from “days of eternity.” (Mtt 2:6, Jn 7:42 - the Jews understood that this passage spoke of the Messiah).
- He would defend His people.
- He will be our peace (Eph 2:11-17)

4. Isaiah 9:1-7 The coming of the God-Man Israel had been judged and Judah was heading that way. God would pour out on them the due penalty for their rebellion. Hard times would come. But:

- The people who walked in darkness would see a great light (In Galilee).
- God would cause them to rejoice.
- The yoke on their shoulders would be broken.
- Human conflict would be caused to cease and the equipment of war burned.
- Why?
 - * To us a child is born, a son is given. God’s people would have life on the other side of their judgment because of this child. God always keeps His promises.
 - * He will rule.
 - * His name reflects Him: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Jn 16:12-16, 1 Cor 1:24, Col 2:2-3 - He is the embodiment of wisdom. He is Lord Phil 2:5-11, He is eternal 1 Jn 5:20, He is our Maker (Jn 1:1-5, 1 Cor 8:6 ,Heb 1:1-3).
 - * His reign is eternal.

5. Dan 7:13/Mtt 24:30,26:64/Lk 21:27, Acts 1:6-11 He’s Coming again.

- To set all things in order (the restoration).
- To reign
- To reward His saints.