

## Advent

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am  
To be discussed – 10/28/24

Lesson 2  
Prophecies and Hope

Biblical scholars may disagree on the exact number of OT prophecies that were fulfilled by Jesus Christ, but they pretty much all agree that there are at least over 300 them. They include prophecies of his birth, life and ministry, death and resurrection, and his titles and attributes. Some were given more than 1200 years before his birth, some over 800 years and others 500 years.

1. What was the very first one? (We had it last week – Genesis 3:15)
  
2. Consider the following prophecies. What do they tell us about Jesus?
  - Gen 12:2-3, 18:17-19
  
  - Gen 17:6-8, 19
  
  - Gen 28:13-14
  
  - Gen. 49:10
  
  - Micah 5:2
  
  - Isaiah 7:14
  
  - Isaiah 9:7
  
  - Jeremiah 23:5-6
  
3. Why would God have given all those prophecies, and done so over such a long period of time? What do you think were His purposes in doing so – then and now?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Read Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, looking carefully at each phrase.
  - V. 2 – What was the condition of humanity before Christ’s coming? What did mankind need?
  
  - V. 6a – How did He come into the world? What dual nature is given here?
  
  - V. 6b – What would “be on his shoulders?” Why?
  
  - V. 6c – What would he be called? What do each of the four names tell us about him?
  
  
  - V. 7 – How long would his reign last? How will it be accomplished?
  
5. What is the real basis for experiencing hope and joy at Christmas?