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## Jesus the Son of God

Throughout the Old Testament there are many prophecies concerning the Messiah. Messiah simply means anointed one. Christianity stands in unison with the Jewish nation believing that the Old Testament reveals an anointed one that is to come.

To be a worshipper of Jesus Christ is to be a believer of the Old Testament and to search diligently of His prophesied coming within the Scripture!

### Old Testament Prophecies Concerning Jesus Christ

- **The Birthplace of the Messiah (Bethlehem)**

***Micah 5:2** But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*

The wise men came from the east to Jerusalem led by the Spirit of God to find the King of the Jews. Herod was very troubled and asked those that knew the writings of the prophets.

***Matthew 2:4-6***

*4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.*

*5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,*

*6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.*

- **The Virgin Birth**

***Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

***Luke 1:34-35***

*34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?*

*35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*

- **Out of Egypt**

Just as the life of Moses was threatened as a child and escaped death, there was prophecy concerning the birth of Jesus coming out of Egypt.

*Hosea 11:1* When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

**Matthew 2:14-15**

*14* When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

*15* And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

- **The Promised Forerunner – John the Baptist**

**Isaiah 40:3-5**

*3* The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

*4* Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

*5* And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

*John 1:23* He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

## **The New Testament is declaring the Fulfillment of the Old Testament concerning the Messiah**

- When searching through Scripture for an understanding of who Jesus Christ is, one must understand the intent of the Scripture.
- In interpreting the Old and New Testament revelation of Jesus, there is no written understanding to reveal a second person in the Godhead but rather an intent to prove Jesus, born of a woman truly was the Son of God, the Messiah, the Sent One.

*Isaiah 28:16* Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

- Peter declared Jesus to be that stone. “This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner” (**Acts 4:11**). Peter gave reference to the **Isaiah 28:16** prophecy, “Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded” (**1 Peter 2:6**).

- God called Abraham to leave his country and his family, to seek out a promised land. The Lord also spoke to him that not only would his family be blessed, but also every family/nation of the earth would be blessed through his seed. *“In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed” (Genesis 12:3).*
- Both Isaac and Jacob were included in the prophecies concerning their offspring. God told Abraham concerning Isaac, *“Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.” (Genesis 17:19).* God came to Jacob in a dream and told him what He had already promised Abraham, *“and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed” (Genesis 28:14).*
- These prophecies concerning the offspring of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were documented as fulfilled in the record of Jesus’ genealogy written in the Gospels. *“Which was the son of Jacob, which was the son of Isaac, which was the son of Abraham” (Luke 3:34).*
- The book of Acts chapter 3 records the healing of the lame man. When the news was spread about many came to hear an explanation. *“All the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon’s, greatly wondering” (Acts 3:11).* Peter began to preach a message about Jesus Christ, telling the crowd that the power was not his own, but rather the miracle was done by the power of Jesus, the Son of God. This sermon comes to an end with Peter reminding them of the promise to Abraham and declaring that Jesus was that promise fulfilled.

***Acts 3:24-26***

*24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.*

*25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, **And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.***

*26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.*

- Peter was telling the nation of Israel, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that they were first in receiving this Gospel and this opportunity to receive the Messiah.
- Psalm 45 tells us of a coming king anointed above all other kings.

***Psalm 45:6-7***

*6 Thy throne, O God, is **for ever and ever**: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a **right sceptre**.*

*7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness **above** thy fellows.*

- Hebrews 1 begins telling us the fulfillment of Psalm 45.

***Hebrews 1:6-8***

*6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.*

*7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.*

*8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.*

- Jesus is that Messiah of an eternal reign. That Jesus is the true King with the sceptre of absolute authority. That Jesus is the King above all kings!

### **Jesus was Begotten in the Flesh**

*Psalm 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.*

- The Spirit of God has no beginning and no ending. God was not begotten. This is nowhere noted in Scripture. Creation and humanity have a beginning and an ending. Divinity has no beginning and no ending. Divinity cannot be begotten or die. Jesus as a man was begotten in the flesh and became the Son of God. As God there never was a yesterday or past time to Him, nor a tomorrow or future time. As a man, Jesus experienced time; past, present and future.
- Five times in Scripture records Jesus as the “only-begotten”.  
*John 1:14, John 1:18, John 3:16, John 3:18, and 1 John 4:9.*  
Thayer’s Greek Lexicon defines this as “*single of its kind, only, used of only sons or daughters (viewed in relation to their parents).*”
- Jesus was conceived in the womb of the virgin Mary overshadowed by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the only one uniquely possessing fully both human and divine nature. Jesus pre-existed as the Spirit of God before He was begotten in flesh.
- The term “Son” refers to his humanity which began at the incarnation of Jesus. There was much contention from the leaders of Israel that Jesus was not who he said He was, but there is no confusion of what they were asking, “*I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God*” (**Matthew 23:63**). They wanted to know if Jesus who was born of a woman was claiming to be divinity. They were not asking whether He was the second person in a trinity.

Hebrews 1 tells us Jesus is the begotten of the Father and leads us to an understanding of Old Testament prophecy.

***Heb 1:5*** For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

***Heb 1:6*** And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

***Psalms 89:27*** Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

*The JESUS is the Begotten Son of God, King above all kings and Lord of Lords. This is why the New Testament is so purposeful to teach us Jesus is the Son of God.*

### **Jesus Christ – The Only Foundation of the Church**

- The foundation of the Church is Jesus Christ. This is why we must study Scripture concerning His sonship.

***1 Corinthians 3:11*** For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

- The four gospels proclaim the fulfillment of this coming of Messiah, but they also record the rejection of the Messiah. As you begin to study the New Testament you will find a deception so great that a majority of doctrine preached and taught in the New Testament is a response to it.
- The Rejection of Jesus Christ is addressed over and over throughout the New Testament. Since the origination of the Nicene Creed the subject of the sonship of Christ has been twisted from proving He is the Messiah to declaring He is the second person in the Trinity.
- Paul said the church was built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets. The revelation they had, the gospel they preached, the truths they declared. This truth was the understanding of who Jesus is.

***Ephesians 2:20*** And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.**

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*The second sentence of the Nicene Creed famously confesses belief...*

*...in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, **begotten of the Father before all worlds**; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.<sup>[1]</sup>*

*For 1,600 years, the church has echoed these words in its theology and liturgy. Today, however, an increasing number of voices are questioning the theology of eternal generation as outlined in the creed.*

*One critic worth considering is the noted philosopher and theologian, William Lane Craig. In a recent journal article entitled, *Is God the Son Begotten in His Divine Nature?*, Craig answers his own question with a resounding “no”.<sup>[3]</sup> Craig’s article offers a number of reasons for critiquing the doctrine of eternal generation*

*Craig summarizes his view in the abstract of the article, which reads:*

*The doctrine of the Father’s begetting the Son in his divine nature, despite its credal affirmation, enjoys no clear scriptural support and threatens to introduce an objectionable ontological subordinationism into the doctrine of the Trinity. We should therefore think of Christ’s sonship as a function of his incarnation, even if that role is assumed beginninglessly.*

*Craig argues that Christ’s “begottenness” applies only to His incarnation.<sup>[7]</sup> Thus he concludes that “Nothing in Scripture warrants us in thinking that Christ is begotten of the Father in his divine nature.”<sup>[8]</sup>*

*So if this doctrine did not arise from Scripture, from where did it come? Craig points to the 2nd and 3rd century Greek Apologists who sought to bridge the gap between Christian and pagan thought. Craig argues that one of the ways they did this was by combining the biblical language of the *λογος* with Greek connotations connected with the same word.<sup>[9]</sup> The *λογος* was understood as referring to God’s reason which proceeded from Him and was instrumental in the work of creation.<sup>[10]</sup> This understanding was passed on to the West through Irenaeus and became part of the theological toolbox which was used by the Nicene theologians as they grappled with Arianism in the centuries that followed. Thus, according to Craig’s understanding of the history, the doctrine of eternal generation is a philosophical intrusion into Christian theology and not a teaching which is drawn from the Bible itself.*