

Weekly Study Guide for December 7, 2025 | Christmas Before Christ

This four-part Christmas series explores several prominent Old Testament prophecies related to Christ's birth. Let's see what God's Word has to say about it!

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this."
—Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." —Genesis 3:15

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." —Isaiah 7:14

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." —Micah 5:2

"The time is coming," says the Lord, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land."
—Jeremiah 23:5

He (Jesus) said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." —Luke 24:44

Reference: [Isaiah 9:1-7](#); [Matthew 4:12-17](#); [Genesis 3:15](#); [Isaiah 7:14](#); [Matthew 1:23](#); [Micah 5:2](#); [Matthew 2:6](#); [Jeremiah 23:5](#); [Luke 24:44](#)

Questions:

1. Which of these scriptures speaks to you the most? Why?
2. What are some things you notice regarding the prophecies related to the birth of Christ?

3. How does the promise of a “great light” reshape our understanding of hope in dark times? What does the imagery of the serpent’s head being crushed reveal about the ultimate victory of good over evil? How does this add meaning to the Christmas season? How does this encourage you?
4. Why do you think God chose a miraculous sign—a virgin conceiving—to mark the arrival of Immanuel? What does the choice of humble Bethlehem as the birthplace of Jesus teach us about God’s values versus human expectations?
5. What is a takeaway for this lesson? What difference does this lesson make to your understanding of Christmas? What is a practical way you can apply what you learned to your life?

Summary: The Old Testament is rich with prophecies that foreshadow the birth of Jesus, revealing God’s plan of salvation and laying out the script for the Christmas story. Long before Christ arrived in a humble manger in first-century Bethlehem—an event celebrated in the Gospel narratives—Scripture had already laid the groundwork for His coming.

- Without His light, the world is a dark place.
- Without His light, we are hopelessly lost. We cannot save ourselves or dispel the darkness.
- Without His light, we look forward only to darkness, mankind’s greatest fear.
- Good news! The light has come! Jesus is the light who has overcome the darkness.

Christmas is a time to celebrate the fulfillment of these promises—God’s promise to redeem humanity through His Son. As we reflect on these Old Testament prophecies, let us remember that the birth of Jesus was not just a historical moment, but the culmination of God’s eternal plan for our salvation. Let these verses remind us of the hope, peace, and joy that come with the birth of Christ, the Savior of the world.