

First Advent Prophecies

The Scriptures Foretelling the First Advent of Our Lord Jesus Christ

- The Seed of the Woman
 - Immediately following the fall of Adam, God promised that He would put enmity between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent [Gen 3:15].
 - This expression is interesting because the “seed” (זרע - zeh-rah) is ascribed to the woman, not the man, a subtle reference to the virgin birth.
 - The ultimate fulfillment of this promise will occur at the 2nd Advent of Christ when He destroys the Antichrist, but He was established as the seed of the woman when He came in the flesh at the 1st Advent.
- In the Line of Shem (see The Line of Christ below)
 - After pronouncing a curse upon Canaan [Gen 9:25] Noah called the Lord “the God of Shem” [Gen 9:26], ascribing blessings to Shem and his descendants and giving us an indication that the Savior would come through the line of Shem.
 - Biblical genealogies confirm this [Luke 3:23-36].
- Of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (see The Line of Christ below)
 - God told Abraham that his seed (descendant) would bless all the nations [Gen 12:3; 22:18] foretelling of Jesus Christ coming as the Savior.
 - God also told Abraham that through Isaac his seed would be called [Gen 21:12], thus declaring the line of Christ to be through Isaac, not Ishmael.
 - God then told Jacob that the land which had been promised to Abraham and Isaac would be given to him and his seed [Gen 35:10-12], thus establishing that the Promised One would be Jewish.
- From the Tribe of Judah (see The Line of Christ below)
 - When Jacob declared that “the scepter shall not depart from Judah” and that “to him shall be the obedience of the peoples” [Gen 49:10] he is stating that the Messiah will come from the tribe of Judah.
 - Biblical genealogies confirm this [Luke 3:33].
- In the Line of David (see The Line of Christ below)
 - God gave a message to Nathan to deliver to David concerning David’s seed who would reign forever on his throne [2 Sam 7:12-13, 16], thus establishing that the line of Christ would be through David.
 - Biblical genealogies confirm this [Luke 3:31].
 - Jesus was given the titles “son of Abraham” and “son of David” [Matt 1:1].

- The Line of Christ

Noah

Shem Ham Japheth

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Abraham Nahor Haran

Isaac Ishmael

Jacob Esau

Judah Reuben Simeon Levi Issachar Zebulun Joseph Benjamin Dan Naphtali Gad Asher

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David Eliab Abinadab Shimea Nethanel Raddai Ozem

- Details of His Birth

- God told the House of David that a sign would be given – a child would be born of a virgin [Isa 7:14] and this child would be “God with us” (Immanuel).
- Bethlehem Ephrathah, a very small clan among the tribe of Judah, is promised that a ruler, One whose “goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity”, would arise from among them [Mic 5:2].
- Mary was visited by an angel (Gabriel) who explained to her that, as a virgin, she would give birth to a son and name him Jesus [Luke 1:26-38].

- Prophecies Literally Fulfilled

- All of these prophecies concerning the Messiah were literally fulfilled at Jesus’ birth [Luke 2:1-32].
- Knowing that God has literally fulfilled the prophecies concerning His Son at 1st Advent, we should have the same expectation regarding prophecies given in Scripture concerning His 2nd Advent.