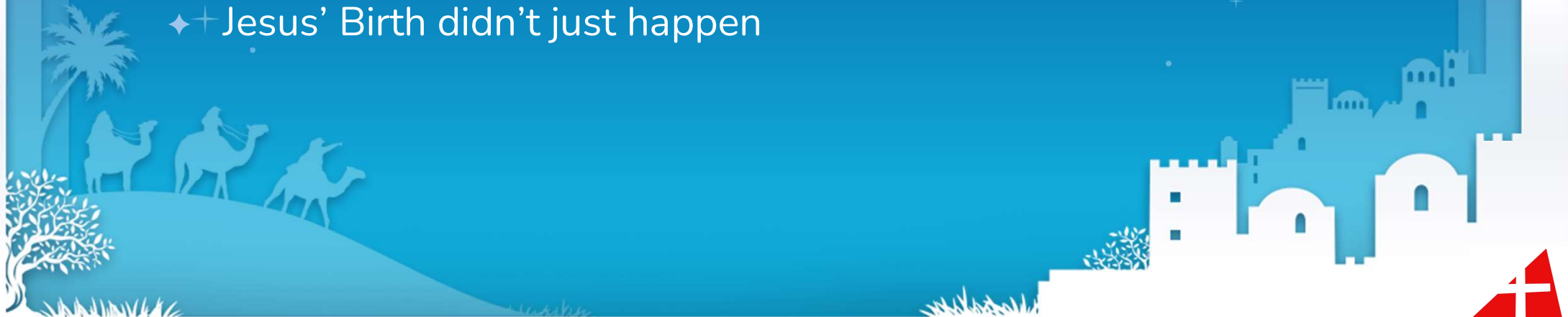


# CHRISTMAS PROMISES



# GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED AT CHRISTMAS

◆+ Jesus' Birth didn't just happen



## GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED AT CHRISTMAS

◆ Born of a virgin

◆ *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.

*Matthew 1:18* Now the birth of Jesus Christ happened this way: When his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit.



## GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED AT CHRISTMAS

◆ Born in Bethlehem

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

◆ *Matthew 2:1* Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,



## GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED AT CHRISTMAS

◆ Descendent of King David

◆ *Jeremiah 33:17* For thus says the LORD; David shall never lack a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

◆ *Luke 1:32* He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:



## GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED AT CHRISTMAS

- ◆ Fully man and fully God

*Isaiah 9:6* For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

*Luke 2:10-11* And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.



## GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED AT CHRISTMAS

- ◆ The massacre of innocent children

*Jeremiah 31:15* Thus says the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.

*Matthew 2:16* Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked by the wise men, was exceedingly angry, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the region thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.





## GOD'S PROMISE TO SIMEON

*Luke 2:25-32* And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ...





## GOD'S PROMISE TO SIMEON

*...And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, Then he took him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word: For my eyes have seen your salvation, Which you have prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.*



## BOTTOM LINE

- ◆ God fulfilled all His promises and prophecies in Jesus' Birth
  - ◆ General promises
  - ◆ Personal promises



## WHY DOES IT MATTER?

- ◆ The fulfillment of the promises at Christmas in the past should give us confidence in God's promises in the future



## GOD'S PROMISES

- ◆ Peace

*Luke 2:14* Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

*John 14:27* Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.



## GOD'S PROMISES

### ◆ Comfort

*2 Corinthians 1:3-4 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them who are in any trouble, by the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted of God.*



## GOD'S PROMISES

### ◆ Favor

*Psalm 90:17* And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish you the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish it.

*Psalm 5:12* For you, LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor will you surround him with a shield.



## GOD'S PROMISES

- ✦ Reconciliation
  - ✦ With God
  - ✦ With one another

*2 Corinthians 5:18* And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation;





## GOD'S PROMISES

### ◆ Provisions

*Philippians 4:19* But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.



## GOD'S PROMISES

- ◆ Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> coming

**Matthew 24:30-31** *And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*



## GOD'S PROMISES

- ◆ Eternal life

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*



# GOD'S PROMISES

◆ Personal Promises



## IN CONCLUSION

- ◆ Jesus' Birth should be a reminder of God's Faithfulness to all His promises
- ◆ Jesus' Birth should give us confidence in God's promises which are yet to be fulfilled

