

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COMING OF MESSIAH



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In the Old Testament
By the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 7:13-14 : "13 Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? 14 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 is considered one of the greatest prophets of God in the Old Testament. He was a counselor to kings and a respected prophet of God's people. And what Isaiah said in the ancient time is quoted more often in the New Testament than what other prophets have said.

Even our Lord Jesus Himself, when He started His ministry, quoted in Luke 4:16-19 what the prophet Isaiah said previous.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit Isaiah said many unbelievable things that no one had ever said before. One of the things was about the physical presence of God on earth. Also he was bold enough to say that a virgin would conceive and give birth to a son, and that son was God Himself among us.

He told the Israelites that God Himself will give them a sign of His mighty, He will perform miracle, he will do what has never happened before, He will be born as a baby, and live among us as a boy, as a youngster and as an adult.

Through Isaiah, God is telling us that He will do the miracle of creation that transcends natural laws, that transcends human understanding. Indeed making a woman who has never been married and has never been in sexual relationship with men pregnant is unconceivable and unexplainable. Only God can do that. He is able and almighty.

God called Himself Immanuel which means, God with us. In other words, God Himself is coming to us, dwelling among us, showing us the way to the father and reconciling us with the father.

God's timing is not our timing, Isaiah prophesized the coming of the Messiah Jesus Christ about 700 years before the birth of Jesus Christ. About 700 years after Isaiah spoke these words, a teenage girl who had to marry a man named Joseph had a visit from an angel, who told her that she will be pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit and will give birth to the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

And Isaiah 9:2-6 confirms this good news of the birth of the Lord : "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. 3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. 4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. 5. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. 6 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."

This child is not a symbol of God among us, but the child himself is God, Mighty God. Jesus is the author of Eternity. He is the father of Eternity. He is Everlasting Lord and Everlasting Savior!

He came to give us peace that surpasses any understanding, to make it possible that we are in peace with the father. He came with a mission to set us free from sin, to pay our debt in full and set us apart. Jesus is full of wonders in all the aspects of life. He came to guide, counsel, advise us and show us the way to the father.

May this period of remembrance of the birth of Jesus be filled joy, peace and celebration in our homes.

There is nothing that is impossible to God, indeed He came to live among us. Let us remember His birth. His important birth, which facilitates our reconciliation with the father.

Peace and joy