

## Christmas Prophecy

### Ez 28:12-17, Satan's Rebellion

"You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and exquisite in beauty. <sup>13</sup> You were in Eden, the garden of God. Your clothing was adorned with every precious stone<sup>[b]</sup> -red carnelian, pale-green peridot, white moonstone, blue-green beryl, onyx, green jasper, blue lapis lazuli, turquoise, and emerald—all beautifully crafted for you and set in the finest gold. They were given to you on the day you were created. <sup>14</sup> I ordained and anointed you as the mighty angelic guardian.<sup>[c]</sup> You had access to the holy mountain of God and walked among the stones of fire <sup>15</sup> "You were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you. <sup>16</sup> Your rich commerce led you to violence, and you sinned. So I banished you in disgrace from the mountain of God. I expelled you, O mighty guardian, from your place among the stones of fire. <sup>17</sup> Your heart was filled with pride because of all your beauty. Your wisdom was corrupted by your love of splendor. So I threw you to the ground and exposed you to the curious gaze of kings.

### Is 14:12-17 Satan's Fall

"How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world. <sup>13</sup> For you said to yourself, 'I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north.'<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>14</sup> I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.' <sup>15</sup> Instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead, down to its lowest depths. <sup>16</sup> Everyone there will stare at you and ask, 'Can this be the one who shook the earth and made the kingdoms of the world tremble? <sup>17</sup> Is this the one who destroyed the world and made it into a wasteland? Is this the king who demolished the world's greatest cities and had no mercy on his prisoners?'

### Gen 2:7-9, The Creation of Man

Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person.

<sup>8</sup> Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made. <sup>9</sup> The Lord God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

### **Gen 2:15-17, the Purpose of Man**

The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. <sup>16</sup> But the Lord God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— <sup>17</sup> except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”

### **Gen 3:1-5, Satan’s Pitch**

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?” <sup>2</sup> “Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. <sup>3</sup> “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’” <sup>4</sup> “You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. <sup>5</sup> “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”

### **Gen 3:6, We join Satan’s Rebellion**

The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.

### **Gen 3:7-8, 16-19, 22-24, the Consequences**

At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

<sup>8</sup> When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man<sup>[a]</sup> and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees

Then he said to the woman, “I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.<sup>[c]</sup>”<sup>17</sup> And to the man he said, “Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. <sup>18</sup> It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return.”

Then the Lord God said, “Look, the human beings<sup>[e]</sup> have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!” <sup>23</sup> So the Lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made. <sup>24</sup> After sending them out, the Lord God stationed mighty cherubim to

the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

### **Gen 3:14, The Promise of a Deliverer.**

So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring<sup>[a]</sup> and hers; he will crush<sup>[b]</sup> your head, and you will strike his heel.”

### **Gen 3:21, a type of our Salvation**

And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.

### **Gen 12:1-3 He will come through Abraham.**

The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup> “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”<sup>[b]</sup>

### **Gen 22:15**

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time<sup>16</sup> and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup> and through your offspring<sup>[b]</sup> all nations on earth will be blessed,<sup>[c]</sup> because you have obeyed me.”

### **Gen 26:1-6, He will come through Isaac**

Now there was a famine in the land—besides the previous famine in Abraham’s time—and Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines in Gerar. <sup>2</sup> The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, “Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live. <sup>3</sup> Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. <sup>4</sup> I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring<sup>[a]</sup> all nations on earth will be blessed,<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>5</sup> because Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him, keeping my commands, my decrees and my instructions.” <sup>6</sup> So Isaac stayed in Gerar.

**Gen 28:10, He will come through Jacob.**

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. <sup>11</sup> When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. <sup>12</sup> He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> There above it<sup>[c]</sup> stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. <sup>14</sup> Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>15</sup> I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

**Num 24:17**

"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel.

**Gen 49:8-10 He will come through Judah.**

"Judah,<sup>[b]</sup> your brothers will praise you; your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons will bow down to you. <sup>9</sup> You are a lion's cub, Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness—who dares to rouse him? <sup>10</sup> The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,<sup>[c]</sup> until he to whom it belongs<sup>[d]</sup> shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.

**1 Chron 17: 4-14 (2 Sam 7:5-16) He shall come through David.**

Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord says: You are not the one to build me a house to dwell in. <sup>5</sup> I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought Israel up out of Egypt to this day. I have moved from one tent site to another, from one dwelling place to another. <sup>6</sup> Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their leaders<sup>[a]</sup> whom I commanded to shepherd my people, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"'

<sup>7</sup> "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. <sup>8</sup> I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name like the names of the greatest men on earth. <sup>9</sup> And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress

them anymore, as they did at the beginning <sup>10</sup> and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also subdue all your enemies.

“I declare to you that the Lord will build a house for you: <sup>11</sup> When your days are over and you go to be with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>12</sup> He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. <sup>13</sup> I will be his father, and he will be my son. I will never take my love away from him, as I took it away from your predecessor. <sup>14</sup> I will set him over my house and my kingdom forever; his throne will be established forever.”

### **Isa 11:1**

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.  
<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—  
<sup>3</sup> and he will delight in the fear of the LORD

### **Jer 23:5**

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up for David<sup>[a]</sup> a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.  
<sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.  
This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

### **Isa 7:14 He will be born of a virgin.**

<sup>9</sup> Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup> “Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.” <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.”

<sup>13</sup> 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?<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you<sup>[c]</sup> a sign: The virgin<sup>[d]</sup> will conceive and give birth to a son, and<sup>[e]</sup> will call him Immanuel.<sup>[f]</sup>

### **Mic 5:2 He will be born in Bethlehem.**

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans<sup>[b]</sup> 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.

### **Gal 4:6 He came at the right time.**

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

**Ps 72:9 Kings will worship him.**

May the desert tribes bow before him and his enemies lick the dust.

<sup>10</sup> May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores bring tribute to him.

May the kings of Sheba and Seba present him gifts.

<sup>11</sup> May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him.

**Hos 11:1 He will come out of Egypt.**

“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

**Jer 31:15 There will be an attempt to kill him.**

This is what the LORD says: “A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

**Is 53:2-4 He would be despised, rejected, and suffer.**

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. <sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

**Is 53:5-6 He would bear our sins.**

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**2 Cor 5:21**

God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God.

**1 Pet 2:24**

He himself bore our sins in his body on a cross, that we may die to sin, and live for righteousness, for by his stripes we were healed. For we were like sheep that had gone astray but he has returned us to the shepherd of our souls.

**Phil 2:6-8 He is like us.**

Who, being in very nature<sup>[a]</sup> God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature<sup>[b]</sup> of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

### **Heb 2:15**

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—<sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. <sup>17</sup> For this reason he had to be made like them,<sup>[k]</sup> fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

### **1 Jn 1:1-3**

“The One who existed from the beginning is the One we have heard and seen. We saw Him with our own eyes and touched Him with our own hands. He is Jesus Christ, the Word of Life. This One who is life from God was shown to us, and we have seen Him. And now we testify and announce to you that He is the One who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then He was shown to us. We are telling you about what we ourselves have actually seen and heard, so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.”

### **Is 9:6-7 He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.**

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. <sup>7</sup> 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.

### **Rev 1:8**

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

### **Rev 5:12-13**

In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” <sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

**Phil 2:9-11**

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Our Response, Imitate the Wise Men, Mt 2:11**

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

They came which means they left. Things we may leave: family, residence, relationships, culture, sins, your past.

They worshipped. Make God first in your life.

They gave him gifts. Your gifts: time, money, skills, talents and spiritual gifts.