

## LESSON FOUR - (Part Four)

# The Path of Scripture Leading us to Jesus Christ - His Gospel - His Church - And Beyond

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*"Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein" (Jeremiah 6:16).*

*" Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up" (Jeremiah 18:15).*

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**Title: "Personal Events Touching on the Life of Christ "**

**Standing Texts: (Jeremiah 6:16; 18:15)**

**Lesson Texts: (See body of outline)**

### **1. INTRODUCTION:**

#### **A. Reviewing again the Introduction of the Series from Lessons One and Two:**

As the texts suggest, there is a Path, Trail, or a Line which starts very early in Scripture which leads us to Jesus Christ as well as His Gospel and His Church. It is the purpose of this study to follow the directions given as well as the **Landmarks** (Prov.22:28) which will appear as we take this Journey. The way will be clear for it is **Lighted** by scripture itself (Psalm 119:105). As we make this journey, let us be sure to walk in the light and acknowledge the **Landmarks** as we go!

Today's Lesson will deal with "**Personal Events Touching on the Life of Christ.**" Again, the thing which we will touch on here will start in the Old Testament and take us on into the New Testament verifying the fulfillment thereof.

### **2. THE BIRTH OF CHRIST FORETOLD IN THE O.T. - (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7):**

#### **A. Introductions to the Lesson:**

- (1) Had we started this Series a week earlier, this lesson would have fallen on what is often called "Christmas Sunday."
- (2) We need to be careful that we do not only teach this great lesson during the month of December.
- (3) The beauty of what we will see in this lesson should be knowledgeable to all throughout the entire year.
- (4) It is just another "**Landmark**" posted in the Old Testament which reminds us of the overall Path of the divine scriptures leading up to Jesus Christ.

## **B. The Lesson Texts Plus Comments;**

**Scripture:** *"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (Isa. 7:14).*

**Scripture:** *"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" (Isa. 9:6-7).*

## **C. Comments by Commentators:**

- (1) **Matthew Henry** (On Isa. 7:14) - "The prophet, in God's name, gives them a sign: "You will not ask a sign, but the unbelief of man shall not make the promise of God of no effect: *The Lord himself shall give you a sign* a double sign. A sign in general of his good-will to Israel and to the house of David. You may conclude it that he has mercy in store for you, and that you are not forsaken of your God, how great soever your present distress and danger are; for of your nation, of your family, the Messiah is to be born, and you cannot be destroyed while that blessing is in you."  
**Matthew Henry** (On Isa. 9:6-7) - "But who, where, is he that shall undertake and accomplish these great things (meaning victory physically and spiritually - drs) for the church? The prophet tells us they shall be done by the Messiah, *Immanuel*, that son of a virgin whose birth he had foretold and now speaks of, in the prophetic style, as a thing already done: the *child is born*, not only because it was as certain, and he was as certain of it as if it had been done already."
- (2) **Adam-Clarke** (On Isa. 7:14 and 9:6-7) - "This is an illustrious prophecy of the *incarnation* of Christ, with an enumeration of those *characters* in which he stands most nearly related to mankind as their Saviour; and of others by which his infinite *majesty* and *Godhead* are shown. He shall appear as a *child, born of a woman*, born as a Jew, *under the law*, but not in the way of ordinary generation. He is a *Son given*-the human nature, in which the fulness of the Godhead was to dwell, being produced by the creative energy of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin."
- (3) **George DeHoff** (On Isa. 7:14 and 9:6-7) - (drs) Concerning those doubting the word "virgin," Bro DeHoff, after much researching many ancient manuscripts, writes the following): "It is disconcerting to find those who claim to believe the Bible and be defenders of the faith who accept the modernist view."  
**George DeHoff** (On Isa. 9:6-7) - "All of the names (in Isaiah 9:6) ) are applied to the Lord Jesus Christ. Everything about him was wonderful - - His birth, life, teaching, his death, and his glorious resurrection from the tomb. He is the Counsellor that explains the law of God to us. He is the mighty God prevailing against all enemies. He is the Father of all eternity and the Creator of the heaven and the earth (John 1:1). He is the Author of Peace."

## **3. THE BIRTH OF CHRIST FORETOLD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:**

### **A. His Birth Announced by an Angel and Verified by Two Different Inspired Writers:**

- (1) The visit to Joseph and the declaration of the coming birth of Jesus by an "Angel of the Lord" is one (Matt. 1:18-25 ; Luke 1:25-35).

**Scripture:** *"18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away*

privily. **20** But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. **21** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. **22** Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, **23** Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. **24** Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: **25** And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS."

(2) The Angel Gabriel's Visit to Joseph gives more evidence (Luke 1:25-35).

**Scripture:** " **26** And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, **27** To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. **28** And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. **29** And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. **30** And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. **31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. **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: **33** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. **34** Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? **35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:26-35).

#### **B. An Interesting Note from the Introduction of Isaiah by George DeHoff:**

**Quotation:** "The destruction of the nation (of Israel - drs) was accomplished in two periods. The Northern Kingdom fell B. C. 734-721. Preceding and during this period were Joel, Jonah, Amos, Hosea, **ISAIAH**, and Micah."

- (1) By referring to the **Historical Periods of the Bible Chart (Lesson Two)** you can see that over 700 years separated the Old Testament writer, Isaiah, from the New Testament writers, Matthew and Luke.
- (2) Again, referring to such things as the Dead Sea Scrolls which contained all the Old Testament books with the exception of Esther and Nehemiah, one would have to agree that it is more than a coincidence that prophecy matches up with the actual findings of archeology.
- (3) This is true of all the prophecies of the Old matching up with the New Testament.

#### **4. LET'S RETURN TO ISAIAH FOR MORE LESSONS AND COMMENTS ON THIS MOST IMPORTANT LANDMARK CONCERNING THE PROPHECY OF THE MESSIAH:**

**A. Isaiah 9:6-7:** - "...and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6-7).

(1) What is so Wonderful about Jesus Christ?

- (a) First, because he was and is the Son of God (Matt. 3:17; 17:5; John 3:16).
- (b) Second, because of the mission upon which he was sent (Luke 19:10; Matt. 1:21).
- (c) Third, because he took on the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of man (Philippians 2:6-8).
- (d) Fourth, because of his great love for humanity (1st John 4:19).
- (e) Others?

(2) In What Way Can We Call Him a Counsellor?

- (a) Because His Word advises us in the right way to live (Psalm 119:105).
- (b) It can direct our own steps toward a more complete and happy life (Jer. 10:23).
- (c) It explains our role in life as men and women and the proper relationships that we are to cherish in life (Eph. 5:21-33; Heb. 13:4).
- (d) If the Word and its message about Jesus "*delivers us from the power of darkness, and translates us into the Kingdom of God's dear Son*" (Col. 1:13), what greater counseling would we need?
- (e) Others?

(3) How is Christ "*The mighty God, The everlasting Father*"?

- (a) He said, "*I and my Father are One*" (John 10:30).
- (b) He was with God in the beginning (John 1:1-3; see also 1st John 5:7)
- (c) If God is "*from everlasting to everlasting*" (Psa. 90:2) and if they "*are One*", then Christ is also everlasting.
- (d) The Gospel of Christ has the "*power to save*" (Rom. 1:16).
- (e) Others?

(4) How is he "*The Prince of Peace*"?

- (a) This title was bestowed upon him in prophecy and declared by the heavenly host as one who could bring peace to the world (Luke 2:14).
- (b) Since he is "*The Prince of Peace*," he has the power to bestow that peace on others (John 14:27).
- (c) As "*The Prince of Peace*," he is able even amidst a world of conflict and sorrows to bestow upon his children "peace of God, which passeth all understanding" (Phil. 4:7).
- (d) Others?

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Next Lesson: "*The Promise to the Gentiles.*" (Isa. 42:1-9; 49:6; 60:1-3; 62:1-2 and others from the New Testament).

