JESUS AT THE CENTER OF CHRISTMAS

PREDICTED BY PROPHECY

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The arrival of Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Messiah. Read the passages below to see God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises.

- **Ancestry** – The Messiah would come from the line of Abraham and Judah.
  - Prophecies – Genesis 18:18, 49:10; Numbers 24:17; Jeremiah 23:5-6.
  - Fulfillment – Matthew 1:1-2, 16.
- **Conception** – The Messiah would be born of a virgin.
  - Prophecies – Isaiah 7:14.
  - Fulfillment – Matthew 1:18; Galatians 4:4-5.
- **Birth** – The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.
  - Prophecies – Micah 5:2.
  - Fulfillment – Luke 2:1,3-6 19:36-38.
- **Circumstances** – The birth of the Messiah would be accompanied by a great tragedy.
  - Prophecy – Jeremiah 31:15.
  - Fulfillment – Matthew 2:16-18.
- **Egypt** – The Messiah would be called out of Egypt.
  - Prophecy – Hosea 11:1.
  - Fulfillment – Matthew 2:13-15.

Questions for reflection or discussion:

1. Which promise from the Bible is most significant to you and why?

2. Why would the fulfillment of these prophecies help someone to trust God more?

3. Celebrating the birth of Jesus provides us with tremendous hope. What are you hopeful for this Christmas season?