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Old Testament Prophecies

Concerning the Birth of Jesus



He shall be the offspring of the woman and shall bruise the serpent's head.

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➤ Genesis 3:14-15

The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

❖ Prophecy given more than 1400 years the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

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➤ Galatians 4:4

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law.

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➤ Hebrews 2:14

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil.

➤ 1 John 3:8

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

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All nations shall be blessed through Abraham

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➤ Genesis 18:17-18

The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?"

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➤ Genesis 12:3

I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

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➤ Genesis 22:18

And in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.

❖ Prophecy given more than 1400 years the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

➤ Genesis 26:4

I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.

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➤ Genesis 28:14

Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

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➤ Acts 3:25-26

You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, "And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed." God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.

➤ Matthew 1:1, 17

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ... So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

➤ Galatians 3:16

Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ.

He shall be of the Tribe of Judah

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➤ Genesis 49:8-10

Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

❖ Prophecy given more than 1400 years the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

➤ Micah 5:2

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

❖ Prophecy given more than 500 years the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

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➤ Matthew 1:1-3

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram.

➤ Hebrews 7:14

For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

➤ Revelation 5:5

And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

He shall be born in the town of Bethlehem of Judah (Judea)

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➤ Micah 5:2-5

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

❖ Prophecy given more than 500 years the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

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➤ Matthew 2:1-6

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O

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Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

He shall be born a king on the line of David

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➤ Isaiah 9:7

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

❖ Prophecy given more than 500 years the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

➤ 2 Samuel 7:12-13

When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

❖ Prophecy given more than 800 years the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

➤ Jeremiah 23:5

"Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land."

❖ Prophecy given more than 500 years the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

➤ Jeremiah 30:9

But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.

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➤ Matthew 1:1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

➤ Luke 1:32

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David.

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- Acts 13:23-24

Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

A child shall be born

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- Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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- Luke 2:11

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

He shall be born of a virgin

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- Isaiah 7:13-14

And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

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- Matthew 1:18-23

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ...

- Luke 1:26-35

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ...

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Kings shall bring him gifts and shall fall down before him

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- Psalm 72:10-11

May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

- ❖ Prophecy given more than 800 years the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

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- Matthew 2:1-11

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem ... And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

He shall be born of the seed of Abraham

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- Genesis 17:7-8

And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.

- ❖ Prophecy given more than 1400 years the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

- Genesis 26:3-4

Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.

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deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

➤ Galatians 3:16, 29

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➤ Hebrews 2:16

For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

He shall be born of the seed of Isaac

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➤ Genesis 17:19

God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him."

❖ Prophecy given more than 1400 years the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

➤ Genesis 21:12

But God said to Abraham, "Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for through Isaac shall your offspring be named."

❖ Prophecy given more than 1400 years the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

➤ Genesis 26:2-4

And the LORD appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed."

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- Matthew 1:2, 17

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. ... So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

- Romans 9:7

Not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."

- Hebrews 11:17-19

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

He shall be born of the seed of Jacob and be a star out of Jacob

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- Genesis 28:13-14

And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

❖ Prophecy given more than 1400 years the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

- Numbers 24:17, 19

I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth. ... And one from Jacob shall exercise dominion and destroy the survivors of cities!

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- Matthew 1:2

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.

- Luke 1:33

And he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

- Luke 3:23-38 {The Genealogy of Jesus}

He shall be a firstborn son, sanctified

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- Exodus 13:2

Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.

❖ Prophecy given more than 1400 years the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

- Numbers 3:13

For all the firstborn are Mine. On the day I struck down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, I consecrated to Myself all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast. They are Mine; I am the LORD.

❖ Prophecy given more than 1400 years the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

- Numbers 8:17

For every firstborn male in Israel is Mine, both man and beast. I set them apart for Myself on the day I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt.

❖ Prophecy given more than 1400 years the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

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- Luke 2:7, 23

She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. ... The law of the Lord says, "If a woman's first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the LORD."

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He shall be a rod out of the stem of Jesse

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➤ Isaiah 11:1-2

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

❖ Prophecy was given more than 500 years the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

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➤ Matthew 1:6

And Jesse the father of David the king...

➤ Acts 13:22-23

And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, "I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will." Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.

The massacre of the children

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➤ Jeremiah 31:15

Thus says the LORD: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more."

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➤ Matthew 2:16-18

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

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He shall have eternal existence

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➤ Micah 5:2

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

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➤ John 1:1, 4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

➤ John 8:58

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

➤ Colossians 1:15-19

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

This greatly expanded chart is based upon the *Rose Book of Charts, Maps & Time Lines*. (Torrance, CA: Rose Publishing, 2005), 81.