

Prophecies of

Christmas

in the

Old Testament Workbook

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Christ Born of Mary

2 And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

2 This census first took place when Quirinius was governing Syria

3 So all went to be registered

Old Testament Names for Jesus, The Christ

The Old Testament sets the stage, prophesies, and foretells the events of that special occasion of Jesus' birth.

Here are a few definitions to understand the context of the Old Testament.

Emanuel - (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:22-23) _____

YHWH - _____

LORD - _____

Jehovah (1 Corinthians 10) _____

Yeshua - _____

Jesus - _____

Christ - _____

Messiah (Ps. 2:2; Isa. 61:1-3) _____

Anointed One - _____

Christmas -
Christ - _____

Mass - _____

Christmas - “ _____ ”

God sent Jehovah to help us, let's help all recognize this gift

Imagine you lived before the birth of our Savior. What questions would you have about His coming?

The Old Testament tells us much about His first coming:

What tribe of Israel will Christ be from? What is his Lineage?

What will be the Savior's name?

How old will he be when he comes?

Who will be his parents? How will we recognize His mother?

Where will he be born?

What shall he wear?

Who will witness his coming? birth?

Why will the shepherds out at night?

Will there be animals that witness His birth?

What will be the social and financial status of His family?

What will the angels in heaven be doing?

How will the world know he is coming?

How will they know to watch for a star?

What did it mean to "follow" the star (stars move across the sky all night long)?

Will Christ receive gifts when He comes?

Will He be accepted by His peers? Country?

Where will the Messiah grow up?

By what other names will He be known?

What tribe of Israel will Christ be from? What is his Lineage?

Shilo, The lawgiver bearing the scepter [king] would be a descendant of _____.

~ Genesis 49:10 (Jacob)

The Messiah will be from the tribes of _____ and _____
(an uncle on his mother's side.)

What is your heritage? _____



What will the Savior's name be?

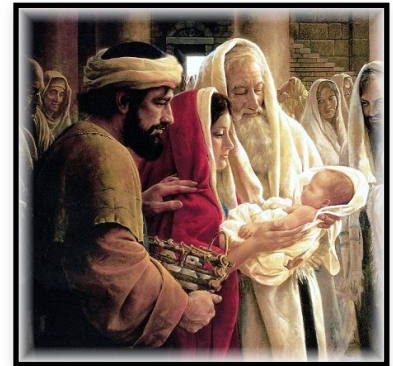
A sign; a virgin shall bear a son and call his name

_____ ~ Isaiah 7:14, Ex. 15:2; Isa. 12:2-6

...they shall call his name _____ with being interpreted
is God [is] with us. ~Jeremiah 23:15

Joseph was asked by angel Gabriel to name him “_____” a
common name with a powerful meaning, “to save, Savior or
Salvation.”

The Hebrews name their children by the meaning of the name. Do you know the meaning
for your name? What is it? _____



How old will he be when he comes?



Christ was born as a _____. Isaiah said, “...unto us a
_____ 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.” ~Isaiah 9:6

Christ's first coming he came as an innocent _____ full of
meekness, his second coming will be as an adult. What are
the other details about his second coming?

Who will be his parents? How will we recognize His mother?



Jesus was born the son of _____ and a _____, as foretold by Isaiah (Isa. 7:14) and we learn her name is _____ from other prophets (1 Ne 11:13-21; Alma 7:9-10).

_____ was foreordained, understood and heeded her call - symbolic of our lives and as an example of how we can hear, heed, and accept our calling. What is your calling? What hints have you found in your life?

Where will He be born?



Jesus chose to be born in a city close to Jerusalem called _____ (*Micah 5:2*), meaning _____, appropriate for _____ (*John 6:48*).

Jesus came forth from the house of bread symbolic of him being the Bread of Life providing _____ and _____ to all living things. How has Christ nourished you?

What shall He wear?

The _____ for the shepherds was the baby would be wrapped in _____ (*Job 38:8-9*). The Israelites were given “a _____ by day and a pillar of fire by night,” for _____ from the heat during the day and warm during the nights. The clouds brought rain or life!



Jesus was wrapped in _____ clothes for warmth, _____ and life just as he gives us warmth, protection, and eternal life! When have you felt his protection and warmth?

Will there be animals that witness His birth?



We know from the Old Testament that there were _____ (Isaiah 60:8); _____, (Isaiah 60:6) and the ____ & _____, (Isaiah 1:3).

Jesus had animals witness his birth as a symbol that he would be brought low. He also described himself as animals, what are some examples?

Who will witness his coming? birth?

At the birth of the “**Good Shepherd**” (John 10:14), _____ were the first to receive the announcement of His holy birth. (Luke 2: 8-16)
Many ancient prophets compared Jesus to a _____. “The Lord is my shepherd.” (Ps. 23:1) “He shall feed his flock like a shepherd.” (Isa. 40:11)



Jesus’ birth was witnessed and visited by _____ - symbolic of him becoming our “Good Shepherd” (John 10:11,14), who watches over, leads and corrects His followers and keeps them safe on their journey! When have you felt his correction?

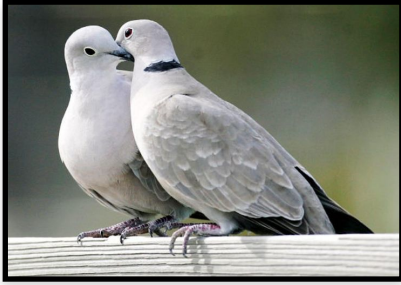


Why were the shepherds out at night?

These were the shepherds that were in the temple fields. It was their duty to _____ the birth of the lambs! Many gave birth at _____. Some had two lambs and they needed to know the first born. They would mark the first born males with a red cord around the neck to identify it with belonging to the _____.

This special night they got to witness the first born son of God - the _____.
How would you feel if you were ask to witness the birth of Christ? _____
What things have you been asked to witness? _____

What will be the social and financial status of His family?



At the temple Joseph and Mary bought _____ for their peace (thank) offering. An animal not usually accepted for a thank offering. God accepted their sacrifice as small as it was.

The ancient prophet knew they would offer a sacrifice of “a pair of _____, or two young _____.” (Lev. 1:14; 5:7) In other words, they could not afford to buy larger animals for their sacrifice.

The smallest price was offered for the redemption of Jesus - symbolic of him becoming the ultimate sacrifice for us all! How has God accepted your merger offerings? _____

What will the angels in heaven be doing?

The angels, _____ the Old Testament prophecies of them _____ and _____ for joy. “All the morning stars would sing and all the sons of God would _____ for Joy at the 'laying of the Cornerstone' and at the birth.” ~ Job 38:7



This was fulfilled in Luke 2:13, “suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host _____ God.” Have you felt like shouting for joy? When? Explain:

How will the world know He is coming?



At the birth of him who identified himself the “bright and morning _____” (Rev 22:16), a new _____ appeared in the heavens. (Matt 2:2; 3 Ne 1:21) Shining brightly over Bethlehem, that _____ had been placed in orbit far in advance of the foretold event in order that its light could be at the same time and place as his blessed birth.

Christ is our _____, he is consistent and constant and just as the _____ announced his first coming we can look up to see the signs of his second coming. What signs have you seen so far?



How will they know to watch for a star?

The Jews quoted Balaam, the non-Israelite Prophet and man of integrity, daily by saying, “I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a _____ [’s constellation, Leo], and a Sceptre [king planet, Jupiter or a comet] shall rise out of Israel [constellation],” (Number 24:17)

What prophecies are you aware of that can be found in the stars? _____

What did it mean to “follow” the star (stars move across the sky all night long)?

Each of the twelve Zodiac constellation tell of a mission of Jesus Christ, Leo, testifies of his second coming as King of Kings. Christ is the “the Lion [Leo] of the tribe of Judah” (Revelations 5:5).

It is believed a _____ or a _____ came _____ the _____, announcing the birth of Jesus. The wise men “followed” the star through the constellation and knew of his birth.

The wisemen followed the star that witnessed of Jesus’ birth, what are you following you that leads you to Jesus? _____



Will Christ receive gifts when He comes?



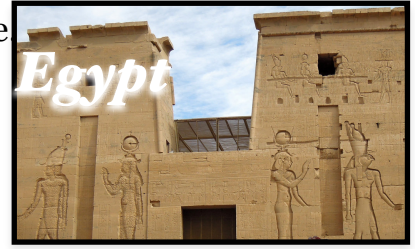
Isaiah spoke of the gifts that would be given to the Messiah “... all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring _____ and _____ [Frankincense and Myrrh are made from the sap of a tree and used as _____]; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord.” (Isaiah 60:8)

- _____ - representing his _____
- _____ - representing him as the _____ This oil was used in the temple at the prayer alter.
- _____ - representing his _____ this oil was used in the temple for anointing and for burial.

Gifts given to Messiah are symbolic of the God giving us of His son, Jesus, the Christ and many other thing including the ultimate gift of Eternal Life. What other gifts has God given you relating to your mission? _____

Will he be accepted by His peers? Country?

Joseph and Mary fled to a foreign country to help save Jesus' life. Bethlehem was in close proximity to _____ as prophesied: "[Joseph] took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: ... that it might be _____ which was spoken of by the Lord by the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt" [Hosea 11:1] have I called my son" (Matt. 2:14-15)



Jesus escaped his own country and was brought back out of Egypt once the danger was over - symbolic of the times he was not accepted by his own friends or from the Satan's grasp. Have you been rejected? We are promised we'll be taken out of darkness. Explain what this means to you

Where will Messiah grow up?



The prophesy that he would dwell in _____ and "be called a _____" (Matthew 2:23) is no longer found in the Old Testament as it did when Matthew wrote his witness. However, it is found in the Book of Mormon. "And it came to pass that I looked and beheld the great city of Jerusalem, and also other cities. And I beheld the city of _____..." (1 Nephi 11:13)

Jesus was brought up in _____, a small village in Galilee. Jesus was a teased child in a city where "nothing good comes from." Have you ever felt like you didn't belong? How do you respond to this feeling? How did Christ?

By what other names will He be known?

After Egypt Jesus was brought to the village of Nazareth. Some scholars suggest that the word Nazareth is derived from the Hebrew word *berserk* which means "branch." Jesus, the divine Branch, was to be reared in the place with the name meaning "branch." Jeremiah further prophesied that the Lord would "cause the _____ to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land" (Jer. 33:15)



What other names for the Messiah do you find in the Old Testament? _____

Pre-Christmas Prophecies

Prophecy	Speaker/Writer	Scripture Reference
HIS COMING		
• The Creator, Jehovah, would be born with a mortal body in order to redeem mankind.	The brother of Jared, Isaiah, Nephi, Zenos, Jacob, King Benjamin, Abinadi, Ammon, Lamoni, John the Baptist	<u>Ether 3:6–16; Isa. 44:24; 1 Ne. 19:7–12; 2 Ne. 9:5; Mosiah 3:5; Mosiah 7:27; Mosiah 13:34; Mosiah 15:1; Alma 19:13; D&C 93:6–11</u>
• He would be the God of Israel, the Only Begotten of the Father in the flesh.	Adam, Enoch, Moses, Isaiah, Nephi, Jacob, Abinadi, Alma, John the Baptist	<u>Moses 1:6, 33; Moses 2:1, 26; Moses 6:52; Isa. 9:6–7; 1 Ne. 11:20–21; 1 Ne. 22:12; 2 Ne. 25:12; Jacob 4:5; Mosiah 15:2–5; Alma 5:48; D&C 93:11–14</u>
• His mother would be a virgin, a descendant of King David; she would be from Nazareth; her name would be Mary.	Jacob, Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Nephi, King Benjamin, Alma	<u>Gen. 49:24; Isa. 7:14; Isa. 11:1; Jer. 23:5–6; Jer. 33:15–16; 1 Ne. 11:13–21; Mosiah 3:8; Alma 7:10</u>
• Signs would attend his birth.	Samuel the Lamanite	<u>Hel. 14:3–7</u>
HIS NAME		
• The Messiah would be called “Salvation” (in Hebrew, Yeshua; in English, Jesus).	Moses, Isaiah	<u>Ex. 15:2; Isa. 12:2–6</u>
• His name would be Jesus, the Christ.	Adam, Enoch, Noah, brother of Jared, Moses, Nephi, Jacob, King Benjamin, Abinadi, Alma	<u>Moses 6:52, 57; Moses 8:23–24; Ether 3:14–16; 2 Ne. 25:19; Jacob 4:4–6; Mosiah 3:8, 17; Mosiah 15:21; Alma 5:48</u>
HIS TIME OF BIRTH		
• Jesus would be born in the meridian of time, 600 years after Lehi left Jerusalem and 5 years after Samuel’s prophecy.	Adam, Enoch, Moses, Lehi, Nephi, Samuel the Lamanite	<u>Moses 5:57; Moses 6:57, 62; Moses 7:45–46; 1 Ne. 10:4; 1 Ne. 19:8; 2 Ne. 25:19; Hel. 14:2</u>
* the coming Messiah would come first as a child	Isaiah	Isaiah 9:6
* he. will be identified wearing swaddling clothes.	Job	Job 38:8-9
There will be those that bring him gifts	Isaiah	Isaiah 60:8
HIS PLACE OF COMING		
• Christ would be born near Jerusalem at Bethlehem.	Micah, Jacob, Alma	<u>Micah 5:2; 2 Ne. 10:3; Alma 7:10</u>