

Eastern Mission

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And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene. Matthew 2:23

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. Isaiah 9: 6

He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. Daniel 3:25

When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. Hosea 11:1

But thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from old, from everlasting. Micah 5:2

It is the time of year that we celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Matthew writes of prophets plural, meaning many. I have listed a few to remind us of the proof that Jesus is the Son of God. In this world there are many who do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Many say he was a prophet only.

Even the wise men knew where he was to be born, as they answered Herod, "Bethlehem of Judaea" Matthew.2:5

The shepherds were told by an angel and went to the place where Jesus was born along with Mary & Joseph.

We see that Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection was prophesied in the Old and New Testaments. This message was the testimony of not just one prophet but many giving concrete assurance who Jesus is.

Jesus not only preached forgiveness to those in his day and time, but also gave his life for the human race. He was crucified, dead and buried but rose again the third day for our redemption.

This is a little note just to remind and uplift us where we stand. We stand in the works of our Lord Jesus Christ now and always.

When we have sin, doubts and fears, we have that throne of grace we can go to, confessing them all to a fellow traveler and again hearing that blessed gospel that our Lord left with us. May we all say as the Apostle Paul, "*I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:*" ...2 Timothy 4: 7

God's Peace

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