

## December Spotlight

*No surprises about our focus this month, for with Thanksgiving behind us, we come to the very best reason we have to be thankful. The gift of Jesus, sent so that we can all be reconciled with God, is the greatest gift ever given.*



*The Old Testament features hundreds of prophecies telling of God's gift of Jesus to save mankind, all of which were written hundreds of years before his arrival. They detail his birth, ministry and death, through which His ultimate gift is given, but this month, we focus upon celebrating his arrival! Here are three prophecies foretelling of his birth.*

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)*

*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. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)*

*But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. (Micah 5:2)*

*The New Testament, which details the life of Jesus Christ on earth is the fulfillment of the Old Testament and brings the answer that everyone needs. However, you spend Christmas this year, the most important thing to remember is that it is a celebration of the birth of Jesus, so have fun, decorate, play games and exchange gifts, but always remember the reason for the season. It will make the holiday season so much sweeter for you and yours.*

*God bless you this Christmas, and if you've not yet received the gift Jesus came to bring you, then may this Christmas be the one. For those who've already received His gift, do remember those around you who haven't and those who may be lonely. It's a great time for us to open our doors.*

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