
For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.

Luke 19:10

Coming up...

- 6/26: Luke 1:13-17; 30-33 (Foretold/Prophecy)
- 7/2: Luke 1 (Gabriel/Angels)
- 7/9: Ray & Denice Thorne (Missions Update)
- 7/16: Luke 1:26-38

“Foretold”

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“Now you may say in your heart, ‘How will we know the word which Yahweh has not spoken?’ “When a prophet speaks in the name of Yahweh, **if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which Yahweh has not spoken.** The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

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A voice is calling, "Prepare the way for Yahweh in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. "Let every valley be lifted up, And every mountain and hill be made low; And let the rough ground become a plain, And the rugged terrain a broad valley; Then the glory of Yahweh will be revealed, And all flesh will see it together; For the mouth of Yahweh has spoken."

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“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” says the LORD of hosts.

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Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

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Foretelling Jesus' Birth

- Genesis 22:18
- Numbers 24:17
- Isaiah 11:1
- Jeremiah 23:5-6
- 2 Samuel 7:12-13
- Micah 5:2
- Isaiah 7:14
- Psalm 72:9-10
- Jeremiah 31:15
- Hosea 11:1

“Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, ‘My counsel will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure...’

Isaiah 46:9-10

Why does prophecy matter today?

- It's proof for the existence of our God!
- Anchors our trust in God's Word!
- We don't have "blind" faith!

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1