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Son of David

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Psalm 89:35-37; Isaiah 9:6-7; Matthew 1:18-22

Introduction. It should be noted that while the **prophets** faithfully and accurately foretold the coming of Christ, they did not distinguish between his **first** and **second** comings. Both the original context and **insight** from the New Testament can help us in determining whether a prophecy was fulfilled at the first advent or is yet to be fulfilled. Even so, Bible students are not always in complete agreement on some of these details.

Some of God's **promises** were fulfilled in a short time, SOME were fulfilled after many years, and some still have not been fulfilled. Not understanding **God's timing**, some have become **cynics**. Peter wrote of scoffers who said, "Where is the promise of his (Christ's) coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were" (2 Peter 3:4). A two-thousand year delay led many to discount Jesus' **promise**. This week's lesson examines some of God's **key promises**.

Psalm 89 was written at a difficult time in Israel's history. It is situated, in its title, to Ethan the Ezrahite, a man renowned for his wisdom in Solomon's time (cf. 1 Kings 4:31). If this ascription is correct, the psalm must have been written shortly after Solomon's death, when the kingdom split due to Rehoboam's arrogance (chap. 12). The psalmist may have been lamenting the **loss of ten tribes** by David's house or Rehoboam's later humiliation at the hands of Shishak (14:25-26).

Source: The Bible Expositor and Illuminator, Union Press Publication- Christian Life Series

Psalm 89:35-37, *Once have I SWORN by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His **seed** shall endure for ever, and his **throne** as the sun before me.*

*It shall be **established** for ever as the moon, and as a **faithful witness** in heaven. Selah.*

NOTE: God had sworn to David that "his SEED shall endure for ever." In fact, He now added, "His throne [shall endure] as the sun before me. "The sun is reliable in its rising each day, and God declared that it would be a permanent part of His creation (Gen. 1:16-18; 8:22). In the same way, God's **covenant** with **David's SEED** will be reliable and permanent (cf. Jer. 33:20-26).

David's throne, God declared further, "shall be established for ever as the moon" (Psalm 89:37). The moon, like the sun, had been ordained to mark light and darkness, and it was just a permanent. So, David's throne, in spite of any appearances to the contrary, will continue permanently. So also will the people of Israel, over whom **David's SEED** will rule (Jer. 31:35-36; 33:25-26).

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Isaiah 9:6, *For unto us a **child** is born, unto us a **SON** is given: and the government **shall be** upon his shoulder...*

NOTE: That “the government shall be upon his shoulder” “figuratively refers to the kingly robe to be worn by the **Messiah**. As **king**, he **will be** responsible to govern the nation. In Israel’s day, Judah’s leaders were incompetent in governing the people. But the Messiah will govern properly” (Walvoord and Zuck, eds., The Bible Knowledge Commentary, Cook).
Source: *The Bible Expositor and Illuminator, Union Press Publication- Christian Life Series*

Isaiah 9:6 ... and his name SHALL be called **Wonderful** (Marvelous), **Counselor**,
The **mighty God**, The **everlasting** (eternal) **FATHER**, The **Prince (head person) of Peace**.

Father defined 1, 'ab pronounced awb; father, in a literal and immediate, OR figurative and remote application):- CHIEF (chief signifies the HEAD).

Thought 1. Apart from this definition in the Hebrew, it appears that Jesus is the “everlasting Father,” since we know it’s about him that these verses are speaking. But, in the definition we see other meanings that are different from a literal “father.” As we know, when we find the truth, there will be more than one witness in scripture, and there will be NO contradictions. And if we can find at least one clear contradiction to what we believe is the truth, then, our conclusion is erroneous. Now, let’s see conclusively WHO really is “the Father .”

John 20:17, Jesus saith... **Touch me not**; for I am **not** yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto **MY Father**, and your **Father**; and to **MY God** (supreme [highest] **Divinity**), and your **God**.

Thought 2. First, we know Jesus is NOT the Father. He said it! And next, we know that even though Jesus is God the Son, he is NOT the God with the HIGHEST authority. Therefore, the Father: God Almighty, Jehovah: Yahweh, is the highest, the most high God with the highest authority.

Exodus 6:3, And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name **JEHOVAH** (Yahweh) was I not known to them.

Psalms 83:18, That men may KNOW that thou, whose name alone is **JEHOVAH** (Yahweh), art the **most high** over all the earth.

Luke 1:30-32, And the angel said unto her, Fear not, **Mary**: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name **JESUS**. He shall be great, and shall be called the **Son of the Highest (Supreme God, most high)**...

Acts 7:54-56, When they heard these things, they were **cut (exasperate** [anger, embitter] to the heart, and they **gnashed (grate the teeth in rage, [to growl])** on him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and **Jesus standing** on the right hand of **God (the supreme [highest] Divinity)**, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of **God**.

Ephesians 4:6, **One God** (supreme (Highest in authority) **Divinity**) and **Father** of ALL, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Revelation 1:1, The Revelation of **Jesus** Christ, which **God** (*the Father*) gave unto him...

Thought 3. So, from the above scriptures, we should be fully convinced that God Almighty, Yahweh is the one Father who is above all, and that Jesus is God the Son.

And since Isaiah 9:6, is speaking of Jesus, the literal meaning is NOT a “Father”, as it appears to be, and believed to be by some Christians.

To find what it does mean, we'll go back to the definition. **Father defined 1, 'ab pronounced awb; father, in a literal and immediate, OR figurative and remote application):--CHIEF** (chief signifies the HEAD). Now, we see the meaning is figurative and remote. So, Isaiah meant Jesus shall be called the “everlasting **HEAD.**”

Ephesians 1:18-23 ...the eyes of your **understanding** being **enlightened**; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward **who believe**, according to the working of his mighty power, which **HE** (*Yahweh, the Father*) wrought in Christ, when **HE** (*Yahweh the Father*) raised him (*Jesus*) from the **dead**, and set *him* at his own **right hand** in the heavenly *places*, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the **HEAD** (leader) over **all things** to the church, which is his body...

Thought 4. So, Father, who is Jesus' God, put all things under Jesus' feet. But, He didn't put himself under his feet. He, **Father**, Yahweh, is still the **most high**.

1 Corinthians 15:26-27, The last **enemy** that shall be destroyed is **death**. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, **all things** are put under him, it is **manifest (clear)** that **he (Father)** is excepted, which **did put** all things under him (*Jesus, God the Son*).

1 Corinthians 11:3, But I would have you know, that the head of every **man (husband)** is Christ; and the **head** of the **woman (wife)** is the **man; (husband)** and the **head** (leader) of **Christ IS God (Father)**.

Thought 5. As we can see, all of these scriptures are in agreement. Let's look at more.

Colossians 1:18, And he is the **HEAD** of the **body**, the **church**: who is the beginning, the **FIRSTBORN** from the **dead**; that in all things **he (Jesus)** might have the **PREEMINENCE**.

Firstborn defined 4416, protokos pronounced *pro-tot-ok'-os*; first-born (one that is FIRSTBORN [FIRST brought forth: FIRST in the order of ORIGIN [starting point], genesis, beginning).

Preeminence defined 4409, to be FIRST (in rank or influence): --have the preeminence (superiority in rank, POSITION, or authority).

Isaiah 9:7, 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.

Judgment defined 4941, a verdict [favorable or unfavorable] pronounced judicially, including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; JUSTICE.)

Justice defined 6666, rightness (correctness; conformity to truth or to the divine will, which is the standard of moral rectitude [uprightness of mind].).

NOTE: When Gabriel appeared to Mary, he told her that this Child would “be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the **throne** of his father **David**: and he shall **reign** over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end” (Luke 1:32-33).

These words echo the prophecy given hundreds of years before.

Indeed, we “look for **new heavens** and a **new earth**, wherein dwelleth **righteousness**” (2 Peter 3:13).

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2 Peter 3:13, Nevertheless we, according to his **promise**, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth **righteousness** (conformity of heart and life to the divine law).

Thought 1. The key word here is righteousness. During the millennium there will still be sin and death in the earth. And there will be sinners also!

Isaiah 65:17-20, For, behold, I create **new** heavens and a **new** earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create.

...There shall be no more hence an **infant** of days, nor an **old man** that has not filled his days: for the **child** shall **die** an hundred years old; but the **sinner** being a hundred years old shall be accursed.

Thought 2. This tells us Peter is speaking of a later time, after the millennium!

Revelation 21:1, 4, And I saw a **new heaven** and a **new earth**: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away...

...And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be **no more DEATH**, neither sorrow, nor **crying**, neither shall there be any more **pain**: for the **former** things are **passed away**.

Matthew 1:17-18, So all the generations from Abraham to David are **fourteen** generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are **fourteen** generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto **Christ** are **fourteen** generations. (42 Generations; close to 2,000 years) Now the **BIRTH** of **Jesus Christ** was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was **ESPOUSED** to Joseph, before they came together, SHE was **found** with **child** of the Holy Ghost.

Esposued defined 3423, betroth [to contract to any one, in order to a future marriage; to promise or pledge one to be the future spouse of another]; used of either sex].

NOTE: Once the arrangement to marry was entered into, there was a **betrothal** that was more **binding** than the engagement in contemporary society. A man that was **betrothed** to a woman, even though **not yet married**, was **exempted** from **military** service. (Deut. 20:7)

The **betrothal** could be broken only by a legal transaction (in effect, a **divorce**), and the ground for such **termination** was **adultery** (See Deuteronomy 22:24). Betrothal lasted for about **twelve** months, during which the **home** was to be prepared by the **groom**, and the wedding **clothes** would be prepared by the **bride**. The bride's **family** would prepare for the wedding festivities.

(Source: The New Manners & Customs of Bible Times)

Deuteronomy 22:23-24, If a damsel that is a **virgin** be **betrothed** unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her ...ye shall bring them **both** out unto the **gate** of that city ...**stone** them with **stones** that they **die**; the damsel, because she cried not, being in the city; ...the man, because he hath **humbled (defile)** his neighbour's **wife**: so thou shalt **put away** evil from among you.

Matthew 1:19, And **Joseph** her **husband**, being a **just (righteous.)** man, and not willing to

make her a public example, was minded to **put (divorce, let go)** her away **privily (secretly)**.

Thought 1. Evidently, God gave Mary his wisdom to let him reveal the truth to Joseph. Therefore she had not even tried to explain to him how God's power overshadowed her, and by this means impregnated her with HIS Word (seed), and so, she was carrying God's Son.

Luke 1:34-35, Then said Mary unto the angel, **HOW** shall this be, seeing I **know not** a man? ...the angel answered ...The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the **power** of the **Highest** shall **overshadow (envelope in a haze of brilliancy)** thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be BORN of thee shall be called the Son of **God**.

1 Chronicles 17:11, 13 (By Nathan, God said to David) ...when thy days be expired... ...I will raise up thy **SEED** after thee... **I will** be his father, and **he** shall be **MY son**...

Matthew 1:20-21 ...while he **thought** on these things, behold, the **angel** of the Lord appeared unto him in a **dream**, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, **fear not** to take unto thee **Mary** thy **wife**: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. ...she shall bring forth a **son**, and thou shalt call his name **Jesus (Jehoshua: Joshua)**: for he shall **save** his people from their **sins**.

NOTE: The name **Yehoshua** in **Hebrew** means "**Yahweh is Salvation**," "**Yahweh delivers**" or "**Yahweh rescues**" from the Hebrew root **יָשַׁע**, "**to deliver**," "**to be liberated**," or "**to be victorious**". (Source: Wikipedia.com)

Thought 1. Notice, the angel showed up giving God's word and truth to Joseph. So, dream books are NOT needed by any person, especially in God's Kingdom. In truth, the bible is our primary dream book! We also need a good dictionary, preferably Webster's, and a book on the customs of the people during bible times. With these books and with the Holy Spirit, if the dream is not clear, not being literal as it was with Joseph, we can still find out the meaning of any dream given to us by God. But, it'll require prayer (talking with our Father and the Lord Jesus, and listening to them), study and meditation.

The main **REALITY** we must understand is when it comes to dreams, or anything, our Father is the source of all **TRUTH**. Jesus, his son, is "the way, the truth, and the life, and the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. That being the case, any dream from God will show **TRUTH**, literally or figuratively. And everything seen in the dream means something!

Often, we will see symbolic things, but they represent real things! So, if we see a man's finger or hand, after realizing it's a dream from our Father, the hand represents his power! (See Ex. 8:19, Dan. 5:5, Ez. 14:13, Lk. 11:20) It was also that way in the past! An easy symbol is a snake. We know that it represents Satan, his spirits, or his children! (See Ex. 7:12, Revelation 12:9, Numbers 21:8, Matthew 10:16; 23:29-33) And actually anytime in a dream, God shows an animal, scripture will tell you if it represents God's spirits and/or children; or Satan's spirits and/or children. Leviticus 11 describes the clean animals and the unclean. Remember, in Acts 10:10-16, Peter saw unclean animals in a trance that were made clean by God. Even the dictionary gives us truth, literal or figurative, about everyday life, speech, all things in existence, and reality in general.

Matthew 1:22-23, Now **all this** was **done**, that it might be **fulfilled** which was **spoken** of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son...

NOTE: God's great prophets did not always know the true meaning of the words God gave them. Peter did not know the full meaning of what he prophesied on Pentecost (Acts 2:38, 39); and a miracle was required later (Acts 10) to convince Peter that the Gentiles should be permitted entry into the church. See 1 Peter 1:11, 12. In this verse, Matthew uses for the first time an expression found ten times in his gospel and nowhere else in the New Testament, "**that it might be fulfilled, etc.**" That the virgin birth is clearly included in Isaiah's prophecy is certain.

(Source: Coffman Commentaries on the Old & New Testament classic.studylight.org/com/bcc/)