

The Coming of Jesus

I. Isaiah 9:6 For Unto us (Israel) 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, Counselor, the Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

He came to be the answer to Israel's prayer for Messiah and God's provision of salvation, first for the Jew then for the Gentiles

A. Application of the scripture

“Wonderful” = something amazing and complex, not easily understood (i.e. “a WONDER”)

1. Does wonderful things for the believing individual

“Counselor” = one to give advice and direction for the complexities of life

1. Gives the believer counsel in complex conditions

“The Mighty God” - Jesus was absolutely DIVINITY, not a great human only!

1. Believers WORSHIP him, we don't just give him the honor due to a great human being

“The Everlasting Father” – Jesus is Jehovah in human form

I and my Father are one (John 10:30)

He that hath seen me hath seen the Father (John 14:9)

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14)

God was manifested in the flesh (I Timothy 3:16)

God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself (II Cor. 5:19)

1. He is absolutely the FULNESS OF GOD to those who know the word (Colossians 2:9)

“The Prince of Peace” – Jesus is the only spiritual leader who will ever be able to bring peace to the world and to the heart of the individual

1. He brings peace to those who believe in Him.

II. Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his son, made of a woman, made under the law. (5. To redeem them that were under the law that we might have the adoption of sons.)

Jesus came right on God's schedule – in precise fulfillment of prophecy as to time, place and circumstance of birth.

A. Application of the scripture– Note God's ability to perform His perfect will. Hundreds of prophecies put God's Word under scrutiny – city Bethlehem, a virgin mother, tribe of Judah, family of David, 483 years after Artaxerxes' decree, etc.

III. John 5:39 - Search the scriptures, for in them you THINK ye have eternal life, but they are they that testify of me.

JESUS' COMING WAS GOD'S REDEMPTION FOR ISRAEL –

God did his part, sincerely offering salvation to the Jews, who failed to receive because they were unwilling to do their part. It was not a cynical set-up on God's part: It was a failure of humanity to do their due spiritual diligence.

A. Application of the scripture – Don't be careless and miss even any portion of the blessings that God has for you! Love the Word! Live in the Word! Come to Bible Study! Budget your time so that the understandable pleasures of life do not “choke out the Word so that it becomes unfruitful.” (Matt 13)

GOD DID HIS PART – WHAT ABOUT US!

IV. Luke 19:41 – 44 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, 42. Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes. 43. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side. 44. And they shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

They rejected him because they did not sincerely STUDY the Word of God. (They accepted handed-down traditions rather than examining the scriptures for themselves.) The result is tragedy and rejection by God.

He came first as the Suffering Messiah – it is only later that he will come as the Reigning Messiah!

A. Application – Natural, physical Israel missed their Messiah.

Conquered by Roman in AD 70 after a siege that led to cannibalism (Josephus). Not one stone left standing on another

**DON'T MISS GOD IN YOUR LIFE! DON'T MISS YOUR DAY OF VISITATION!
TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION! NOW IS THE ACCEPTABLE TIME!**