

Pastor George Pearsons' spoke this past Sunday on: "The Foretold King—Part 1 of 2."

Prophecy Fulfilled

Matthew 1:18-23; (KJV)

"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.

¹⁹Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

*²⁰But 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.*

²¹And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.

²²Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

²³Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

Isaiah 7:14; (KJV)

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

Every Christmas season gives us another opportunity to gain more revelation regarding our Lord and our Savior, Jesus Christ. We will look at the purposes of His coming and see how that affects us.

God spoke through the prophets of old. "There is One coming."

We see the first covenant is filled with prophecies of the 'Chosen One.'

At the fullness of time (perfect moment in time), Jesus was born to fulfill God's plan of redemption.

What is the “Fullness of Time”

- 1) There was a great anticipation among the Jews of that time that the Messiah would come. The Roman rule over Israel made the Jews hungry for the Messiah’s coming.
- 2) Rome had unified much of the world under its government, giving a sense of unity to the various lands. Because the empire was relatively peaceful, travel was possible, allowing the early Christians to spread the gospel. Such freedom to travel would have been impossible in other eras.
- 3) While Rome had conquered militarily, Greece had conquered culturally. A “common” form of the Greek language (different from classical Greek) was the trade language and was spoken throughout the empire, making it possible to communicate the gospel to many different people groups through one common language.

Galatians 4:1-3 gives us a clue as to what verse 4 means:

If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they own everything their father had. They must obey their guardians until they reach whatever age their father set. And that’s the way it was with us before Christ came. We were like children; we were slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world.

When the right time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent Him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that He could adopt us as His very own. And because we are His, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out “Abba, Father.” Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are His child, God has made you, His heir.

Simeon and Anna

Luke 2:21-40; (KJV)

“And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, His name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

²² And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought Him to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord;

²³ (As it is written in the law of the LORD, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

²⁴ And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

²⁵ And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and **the Holy Ghost was upon him.**

²⁶ And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

²⁷ And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

²⁸ Then took he Him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

²⁹ Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

³⁰ **For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,**

³¹ **Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;**

³² **A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.**

³³ And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

³⁴ And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

³⁵ (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

³⁶ And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

*37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but **served God with fastings and prayers night and day.***

38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of Him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

39 And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon Him."

The prophetic Word is a gift.

Simeon waited a lifetime to see the Messiah. That was his greatest passion and desire. Our greatest passion and desire should also be to see the coming of the Lord.

He knew what the prophets had written about the coming King. He waited expectantly to see this infant. He was promised that he would not die until he saw the Messiah (sent one). He immediately recognized Jesus.

v. 27 He was led by Holy Spirit.

Pastor George read two excerpts from Rick Renner's book, "[The Rest of the Story](#)."

Vv. 30-34 The Spirit of fulfilled prophecy came over Simeon as he prophesied over Jesus' future.

Vv. 36-38 The prophetess Anna

Anna was the daughter of Phanuel. Her name means, Face of God. She also longed to see the Messiah.

Simeon and Anna knew about Jesus. They knew Him by the Spirit. And they knew Him by reading the prophecies. The First Covenant prophets looked down the tunnel of time and saw what was going to happen. Those prophecies made the way clear for the first coming of the Lord.

- Are we praying with an expectation that Jesus is coming today?
- Are we praying and singing in the Holy Spirit each day?
- What are we setting aside (fasting) to turn down the shouting voices on the inside?

Pastor George had all of us pray in tongues before the service flow changed and focused on ministering to individuals.