

# A THREE-DIMENSIONAL CHRISTMAS

## AMAZING PREDICTIONS

ISAIAH 7:14; 9:6–7; 11:1–5; 61:1–3; MATTHEW 1:21–23; LUKE 4:14–22, 28–30



### The Heart of the Matter

If you aren't Jewish, then you're what the Bible calls a "Gentile." Most folks who follow the Jewish Messiah, Jesus, are just that — Gentiles. And as Gentiles, most of us don't always understand Jewish Scripture, the Old Testament. This is particularly true when it comes to reading the prophetic books of the Bible. It's helpful, however, to keep in mind that the Old Testament makes the first announcements of Messiah's coming and ministry. And few prophetic books have more prophecies about Messiah Jesus than the book of Isaiah.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. A Prophecy of Messiah's Coming (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21–23)

Seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, Isaiah foretold that the Messiah would be born of a virgin.

#### 2. A Prophecy of Messiah's Ministry Yet to Be Fulfilled (Isaiah 9:6–7)

Isaiah also foretold of Messiah's ministry as King and Lord — a prediction not fulfilled by Jesus during His earthly ministry but one waiting fulfillment.

#### 3. A Prophecy and Fulfillment of Messiah's Mission (Isaiah 61:1–3; Luke 4:14–22, 28–30)

Isaiah foretold that Messiah would proclaim the good news of liberty and bring comfort to those who mourn. Jesus Himself stated that the reason for His birth was to share this good news.



### Starting Your Journey

The Jews reacted with confusion when Jesus announced that He was Messiah. Others were outraged. What is your reaction to Jesus the Messiah — disbelief or belief?



### Tools for Digging Deeper



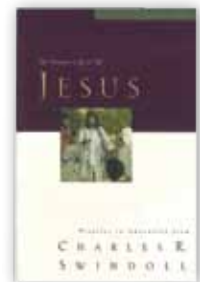
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