

December 22, 2019

We Wish You A Merry Christmas!

The English term **Christmas** means “mass on Christ’s day” and its earliest usage was traced back to 1043 A.D. The first celebration of Christmas was in Rome on **December 25**, 354 A.D.

Christ: anointed or Messiah. Messiah was translated into Greek as *Christos*, thus the name Jesus Christ.

Mass: the celebration of our communion with God through Jesus.

Merry: joy or light spirited.

To wish: have hope, and as used here, specifically hope in Christ.

Wishing someone a Merry Christmas: a short prayer hoping that through Christ they will have fellowship with God and it will bring them great joy! “Happy Holiday” is not the same because even Pagan worship have “Holidays.”

The Bible consists of 66 books, written over a 1500-year period by over 40 authors all being inspired of God. The New Testament is the best attested ancient document in the world. The Dead Sea Scrolls that were found in 1947 are dated back to 100 B.C. and prove the accuracy of the Old Testament. We also know the existence of Jesus Christ of Nazareth is a historical fact. The Old Testament has 60 major prophecies about the coming Messiah, and Jesus fulfilled every one. The mathematical odds of a person fulfilling just 8 major prophecies is 1 in 10 the 17th power. We now know the names of the Three Wise Men were Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The palace of Gaspar was discovered as an archeology find in the middle east. The Bible is the best-selling book of all time. From start to finish it is the prophecy of Jesus.

Today is December 22, 2019 A.D. **Anno Domini**; Webster, Latin for “In the year of the Lord,” Which indicates how many years ago Christ was born. A.D. has been changed to C.E. meaning “common era,” but all history is still marked by the birth of Jesus, Yeshua Hamashiach.

The Book of Micah was written around 700BC and prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (**Mic 5:2**) Mary is pregnant, expecting any day, living in **Nazareth** which is almost **100 miles from Bethlehem**. The census of Caesar Augustus for taxes: every family had to journey to the town where the ancestral records were kept. Joseph’s records were in Bethlehem, also called “The City of David.”

Bible Prophecy about Jesus’ Birth:

Prophecy: Seed of a woman **Gen 3:15** Fulfilled: **Luke 1:31**. Another understanding of “seed” is “blood line.”

Prophecy: Seed of Abraham **Gen. 12:3** Fulfilled: **Luke 3:34**

Prophecy: From the tribe of Judah **Gen 49:10** Fulfilled: **Luke 3:3**

Prophecy: Born in Bethlehem **Mic. 5:2** Fulfilled: **Luke 2:4,5,6**

Prophecy: Born of a virgin **Is. 7:14** Fulfilled: **Luke 1:26-31**

Prophecy: Slaughter of the innocents **Jer. 31:15** Fulfilled: **Matt. 2:16-18**

Bible Prophecy about Jesus’ Life and Death:

Prophecy: Called out from Egypt **Hosea 11:1** Fulfilled: **Matt 2:13-15, 19-21**

Prophecy: Would live around Galilee **Isa 9:1,2** Fulfilled: **Matt 21:11**

Prophecy: Rejected by His brothers **Ps 69:8** Fulfilled: **Jn 7:3-5**

Prophecy: The King riding on a donkey **Zech 9:9** Fulfilled: **Mk 11:1-10**

Prophecy: Passover sacrifice with no broken bones **Ex 12:46, Nu 9:12** Fulfilled: **Jn 19:31-36**

Prophecy: Hung on a tree as a curse for us **Deut 21:23** Fulfilled: **Gal 3:13**

Prophecy: Hands and feet pierced **Ps 22:16 Zech 12:10** Fulfilled: **Mtt 27:35 Jn 20:25-29**

Prophecy: Betrayed by a friend **Ps 41:9 and 55:12-14** Fulfilled: **Mtt 26:14-16, 26:23**

Prophecy: Sold for 30 pieces of silver **Zech 11:12** Fulfilled: **Mtt 26:14-15**

Prophecy: Raised from the dead **Ps 16:8-11** Fulfilled: **Lk 24:6-8**

There are more prophecies about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ than about His birth, but they are yet to be fulfilled.

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