

Prophets: Preparation and Expectation

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God coming to redeem and reconcile man

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” Genesis 3:15

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” Micah 5:2

1. Preparation Begins with Repentance

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Matthew 3:2

“Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.” Matthew 3:8

“I baptize you with water for repentance.” Matthew 3:11

Repentance - “to turn.”

“A broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise” Psalm 51:17

Avoiding sin was paramount. But redemption for sin was nearly ignored.

2. Preparation Increases with Expectation

3. Preparation Brings Fruit

“If you declare with your mouth ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

“Whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

4. Expected Rescue

Emmanuel - God with us. God has come.