



**PASTOR BOB**  
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**“A CULTURE of PROPHECY”**  
*To fulfill what the Lord said through the Prophets*  
MATTHEW 1 & 2

- **“CULTURE”** – *Cultural norms are \_\_\_\_\_ we live by -- the shared \_\_\_\_\_ and rules that guide the behavior of people in a specific social group.*
  - *Christmas Around the World*
  - *“A Christmas Carol”*

**THE \_\_\_\_\_ COMING of JESUS** MATTHEW 1 & 2

- **His Coming was prophesied.**
- **His Virgin Birth was prophesied.**
- **His Name was prophesied.**
- **His Role and Purpose were prophesied.**
- **The Timing of His birth was prophesied.**
- **His Place of birth was prophesied.**
- **His Family of birth was prophesied.**
- **His Escape to and Return from Egypt was prophesied.**
- **Herod’s slaughter of the infants was prophesied.**
- **His Home Town was prophesied.**

**THE \_\_\_\_\_ COMING of JESUS** DANIEL 7:13, 14; 12:1,2; MATTHEW 24:29-31; 2  
PETER 3:3, 4

- **That He will come on Clouds is prophesied**
- **That He will come with Angels is prophesied**
- **That He will come with a Trumpet blast is prophesied**
- **That He will come to Gather His Saints is prophesied**
- **That He will come to Mount Zion is prophesied.**
- **That He will conquer his Enemies is prophesied.**
- **That He will establish his Kingdom is prophesied.**
- **That Scoffers will refuse to believe.**

**LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES**  
**“A CULTURE of PROPHECY”**  
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**GETTING STARTED** *“In your opinion...”*

1. Sunday’s sermon focused on the fact that both of Jesus’ comings were prophesied, and the fulfillment of His first coming is affirmation for His second. Was there anything in the sermon that was helpful, eye opening, troubling, or confusing?
2. Do you believe the first coming of Jesus was legitimately and accurately prophesied and fulfilled? Explain.
3. How does fulfilled prophecies enrich your Christmas celebrations? How can this enrich your faith throughout the year?
4. Is it legitimate to claim that the prophecies and fulfillment the first coming give legitimacy to His second coming? Explain.

**GOING DEEPER** *“According to the Bible...”*

*Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading*

***Read the following Old and New Testament verses and discuss how the Old Testament prophecies found their fulfillment in the New Testament.***

- **Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:20-23**
- **Micah 5:2 and Matthew 2:5, 6**
- **Hosea 11:1 and Matthew 2:15**
- **Jeremiah 31:15 and Matthew 2:17, 18**
- **Isaiah 11:1-5 and Matthew 2:23**  
(Note: The Hebrew word for “branch” in Isaiah 11:1 is “netzer”. ‘Netzer’ is the root word for the name of the town “Nazareth” Growing up in *Nazareth* made Jesus a *Nazarene*, or ‘Netzer’ene)
- **Read Isaiah 9:6, 7. How does this prophecy find fulfillment in Jesus? How does this prophecy describe Jesus?**

***Read the following passages about Jesus’ Second Coming. What word is used to describe when this coming occurs in relation to the tribulation/anguish/distress of those days, “before” or “after”?***

- **Daniel 7:13, 14; Daniel 12:1,2; Joel 2:29-32 and Matthew 24:29-31; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4**

**LIVING OUT**

- **Study the prophecies for yourself!**