

## Extra Study Teen Lesson 6

The Birth of Christ — Luke 1:56–2:40 and Matthew 1:18–2:23

### Prophecies of Christ's Birth

The Jews living at the time of Christ knew the prophecies in the Old Testament about a coming Messiah and were actively looking for Him. Over the years a number of men had proclaimed themselves to be the Messiah, but none of them had fulfilled the conditions revealed in these prophecies about His identity. Only Christ fulfilled all of the prophecies concerning His first coming and the gospel writers quoted many scriptures from the Old Testament to prove this.

Before you move on to the next lesson, please take the time to read the following prophecies that relate to the birth of the Messiah and the scriptures that show how these were fulfilled by Jesus Christ.

#### Prophecy

Isaiah 7:14  
Isaiah 9:6-7  
Micah 5:2  
Hosea 11:1  
Jeremiah 31:15

#### Fulfilled by Christ

Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:26-31  
Luke 1:32-33  
Luke 2:4-7  
Matthew 2:14-15  
Matthew 2:16-18

To help you in your study, here is a summary of how the prophecies were fulfilled. But please read the scriptures so that you can see this for yourselves:

- Isaiah 7:14 explains that a virgin will conceive and the child will be called "Immanuel", which means "God with us." Matthew 1:18-23 & Luke 1:26-31 show that this is exactly what happened.
- Isaiah 9:6-7 talks about the child who will be born, describes his names and explains that he will sit on the throne of David and rule over a kingdom that will never end. Part of this prophecy will be fulfilled in the future, but Luke 1:23-33 shows that it is referring to Jesus.
- Micah 5:2 says that the ruler of Israel will come out of Bethlehem. Luke 2:4-7 explains that Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
- Matthew 2:14-15 explains that Joseph's flight into Egypt with his wife and son is a fulfilment of Hosea 11:1. So even though Jesus was born in Bethlehem, He also came out of Egypt.
- Matthew 2:16-18 is a description of the grief of the mothers when Herod had all boys under two years old killed and is a fulfilment of Jeremiah 31:15.