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21 CHURCHES

# BC

*Before Christmas*



*Prophecies about a baby*  
**WHO WILL CHANGE THE WORLD**

# Markers of Greatness

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The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,  
the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

<sup>2</sup> Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob,  
and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers.

<sup>3</sup> Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar,  
Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot

Ram. <sup>4</sup> Ram begot Amminadab,

Amminadab begot Nahshon, and

Nahshon begot Salmon. <sup>5</sup> Salmon begot

Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth,

Obed begot Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse begot

David the king. David the king begot

Solomon by her *who had been the wife* of

Uriah.

Matthew 1:1-17

<sup>7</sup> Solomon begot Rehoboam,  
Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah  
begot Asa. <sup>8</sup> Asa begot Jehoshaphat,  
Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram  
begot Uzziah.

<sup>9</sup> Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot  
Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah.

<sup>10</sup> Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh  
begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah.

<sup>11</sup> Josiah begot Jeconiah and his  
brothers about the time they were  
carried away to Babylon.



<sup>12</sup> And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel.

<sup>13</sup> Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor.

<sup>14</sup> Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud.

<sup>15</sup> Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob.

<sup>16</sup> And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.

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<sup>17</sup> So all the generations from Abraham to David *are* fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon *are* fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ *are* fourteen generations.

Matthew 1:1-17

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Prophecies:  
Indicators  
Pointers  
signs

Road signs pointing to what God planned to do about our desperate need to be delivered/saved from our sins.

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*<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . .*

*<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.*

*<sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.*

John 1:1, 14, 10-11



# Markers of Jesus



- God's Markers are always mysterious, but never a mystery.
- The world's markers for greatness are always different than God's.

Isaiah 7:14 *“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.”*

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*Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress.*

*In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan--*

*<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned....*

Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7

# Markers of Jesus

*<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*<sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*

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*“The incarnation means that for whatever reason God chose to let us fall into suffering and to be subject to sorrows and death—He has nonetheless had the honesty and the courage to take His own medicine. . . . He Himself has gone through the whole of human experience . . . even to the worst horrors of pain and humiliation, defeat, despair, and death. He was born in poverty and suffered infinite pain—all for us—and thought it well worth His while.”*

Dorothy Sayers

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Which markers are you following now?  
Do you need to make a change?

