



## ***PROPHECIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT FULFILLED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT***

Regarding the Incarnation of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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### ***The Genealogy of Our Lord Jesus Christ:***

#### ***Old Testament:***

“There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of His roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him” (Isaiah 11:1-2)



goings forth are from of old, from everlasting” (Micah 5:2).

#### ***New Testament:***

“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King...” (Matthew 2:1).

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“The book of genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham....Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king....and Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ” (Matthew 1: 1-16) *emphasized by St. Paul in his epistle=>* “...concerning His Son Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection from the dead” (Romans 1:3-4).

#### ***Explanation:***

The selective list of the Lord Christ’s ancestors is arranged in three groups of fourteen generations each. Fourteen is the numerical value of the consonants of the name David, underlining the Lord Jesus’ Davidic descent.

### ***The Place of the Lord Jesus’ Birth:***

#### ***Old Testament:***

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose

### ***The Annunciation Of the***

#### ***Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ***

#### ***Old Testament:***

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

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“He will pass through Judah, He will overflow and pass over, He will reach up to the neck; And the stretching out of his wings will fill the breadth of Your land, O Immanuel....speak the word, but it will not stand, For God is with us” (Isaiah 8:8-10).

#### ***New Testament:***

1. “‘Behold the virgin shall be with Child and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel’ which is translated ‘God with us’” (Matthew 1:23) *emphasized by St. Paul in his epistle=>*”but when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons” (Galatians 4:4-5).

2. “And the angel answered and said to her ‘The Holy



Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:35).

*Explanation of Verse 1:*

The conception of the Lord Jesus fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in the Septuagint, where we are told that a virgin (Gr *parthenos*) will conceive and bear a Son. He who is conceived in her is not a new Person coming into existence but the eternal Son of God, using her womb as His throne. The virginal conception through the Holy Spirit and the name of the Incarnate Son, Immanuel, God with us, are clear declarations of the Lord Jesus’ divinity.

*Explanation of Verse 2:*

The Holy Spirit and power of the highest are synonymous; this is a case of repetition for emphasis. Holy One is a messianic title. That He is to be born of St. Mary demonstrates the Lord Christ’s human nature. But that the Virgin will conceive and bear the Son of God reveals the divine nature of the Lord Christ. We note especially the reference to the Holy Trinity-God

the Father (the Highest), the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*The Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ: Old Testament:*

“For unto us a Child is born. Unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

*New Testament:*

“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” (John 1:14) *emphasized by St. Paul in his epistle=>*”and without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh” (1Timothy 3:16).

*Explanation:*

The Word became man without ceasing to be fully God: the mystery of God incarnate. He assumed complete human nature, both a physical body and a rational soul-everything we are, except for sin. As God and man in one Person, the Lord Christ accomplishes a redemption that fully heals and saves fallen humanity.

**The love of God is not taught. No one has taught us to enjoy the light or to be attached to life more than anything else. And no one has taught us to love the two people who brought us into the world and educated us. Which is all the more reason to believe that we did not learn to love God as a result of outside instruction. In the very nature of every human being has been sown the seed of the ability to love. You and I ought to welcome this seed, cultivate it carefully, nourish it attentively and foster its growth by going to the school of God’s commandments with the help of His grace.**

**St. Basil the Great**

