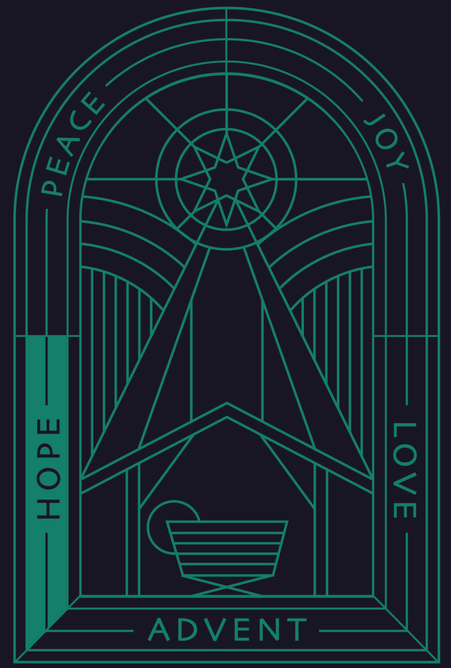

Hope Foretold

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Isaiah 9:2a NIV

The people walking in darkness...

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Isaiah 9:2 NIV

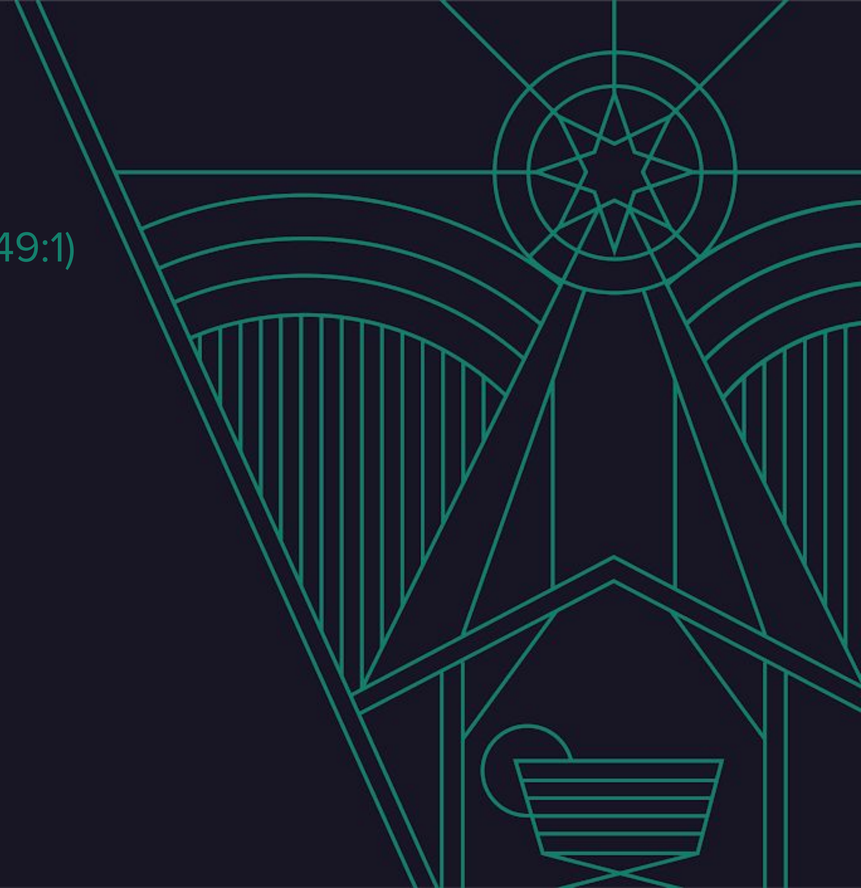
The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

“Christian hope is not a passion for the possible. It is a passion for the promise.”

- Lewis Smedes

Messianic Prophecies in the Book of Isaiah

1. He will be called before His birth to be God's Servant (49:1)
2. He will be born of a virgin (7:14)
3. He will be a Descendant of Jesse and thus in the Davidic line (11:1, 10)
4. He will be empowered by the Holy Spirit (11:2; 42:1)
5. He will be gentle toward the weak (42:3)
6. He will be obedient to the Lord in His mission (50:4-9)



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7. He will voluntarily submit to suffering (50:6; 53:7-8)
8. He will be rejected by Israel (49:7; 53:1, 3)
9. He will take on Himself the sins of the world (53:4-6, 10-12)
10. He will triumph over death (53:10)
11. He will be exalted (52:13; 53:12)
12. He will come to comfort Israel and to bring vengeance on the wicked (61:1-3)

Messianic Prophecies in the Book of Isaiah

13. He will manifest God's glory (49:3)
14. He will restore Israel spiritually to God (49:5) and physically to the land (49:8)
15. He will reign on David's throne (9:7)
16. He will bring joy to Israel (9:2)
17. He will make a new covenant with Israel (42:6; 49:8-9)
18. He will be a light to the Gentiles (42:6; 49:6)

Messianic Prophecies in the Book of Isaiah

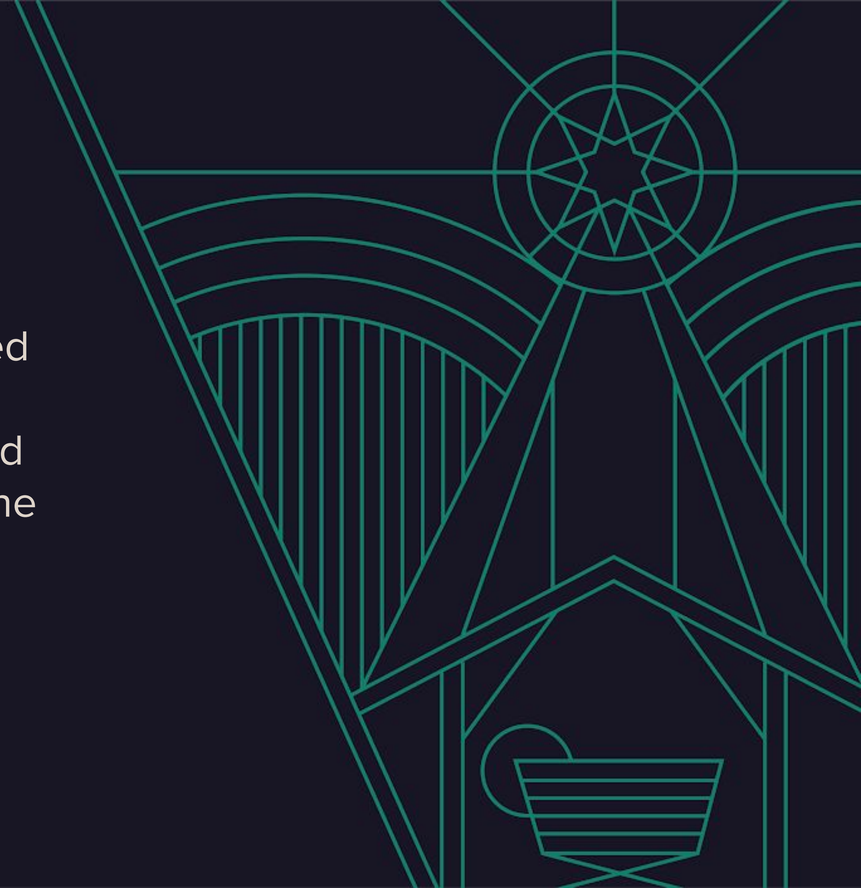
19. He will restore the nations (11:10)
20. He will be worshiped by the Gentiles (49:7, 52:15)
21. He will govern the world (9:6)
22. He will judge in righteousness, justice, and faithfulness (11:3-5; 42:1-4)

- **Roy B. Zuck**

The Purpose of His Birth

Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV

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. 7 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.



The Manner of His Birth

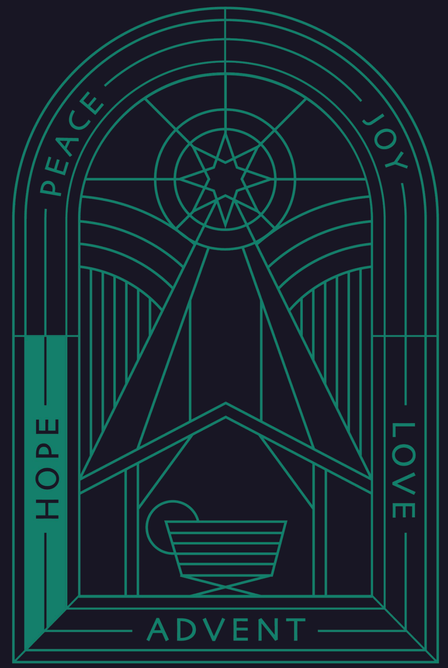
Isaiah 7:14 NIV

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and will call him Immanuel.

The Manner of His Birth

Matthew 1:22-23 NIV

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said
through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will conceive and
give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"
(which means "God with us").



“God with Us”

1 John 1:1-2 NIV

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

1 John 1:3-5 NIV

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that
you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship
is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We
write this to make our joy complete. 5 This is the message
we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light;
in him there is no darkness at all.

The Place of His Birth

Micah 5:2 NIV

"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."

The Celebration of His Coming

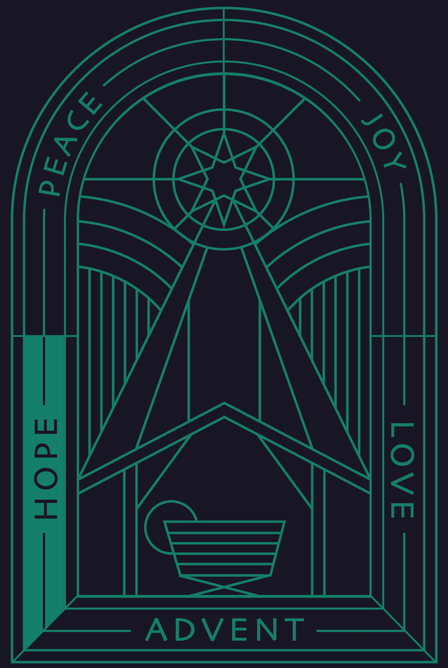
Isaiah 40:9 NIV

You who bring good news to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.
You who bring good news to Jerusalem,
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

The Celebration of His Coming

Isaiah 40:10-11 NIV

See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power,
  and he rules with a mighty arm.
See, his reward is with him,
  and his recompense accompanies him.
11 He tends his flock like a shepherd:
  He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
  he gently leads those that have young.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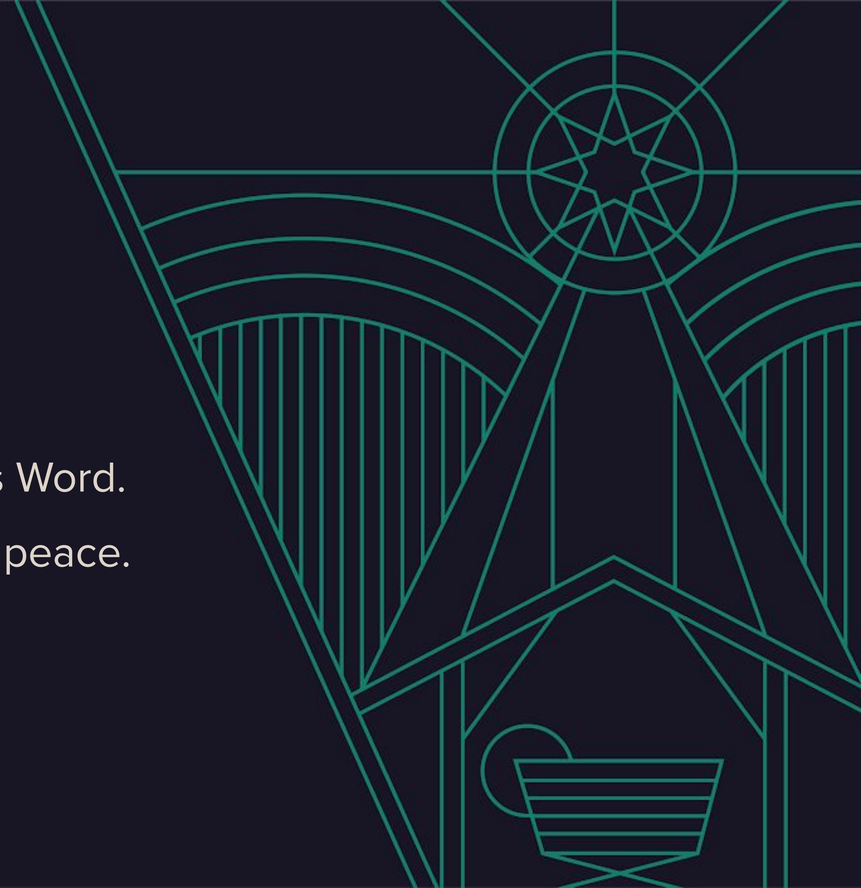

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