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· Be at peace in the vastness of our sovereign God	· Be at peace in the vastness of our sovereign God
o He is in complete control of world history	o He is in complete control of world history
o His word never fails	o His word never fails
· Be at peace in the nearness of our loving God	· Be at peace in the nearness of our loving God
o He is born "to you" – "God with us"	o He is born "to you" – "God with us"
o He is born for all of us	o He is born for all of us
Have you called on Jesus to give you peace with God? Are you trusting in God for real peace today?	Have you called on Jesus to give you peace with God? Are you trusting in God for real peace today?

The Promise of Christmas: Prophecies Fulfilled in the Birth of Jesus

Prophecy	Fulfillment
Messiah would come from the seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15)	Jesus came through the womb of Mary (Matthew 1:25, Luke 1:30-31)
Messiah would come from the line of Abraham (Genesis 12:3), Isaac (Genesis 26:4), Jacob (Genesis 28:14), Judah (Genesis 49:8-12), Jesse (Isaiah 11:1), and David (Isaiah 9:7) Messiah would come as a child (Isaiah 9:6)	Joseph descended from Abraham and David (Matthew 1:1-17). Mary, whose genealogy is recorded by Luke, was also a descendent of David (Luke 3:23-31) ¹ Jesus was born an infant (Matthew 2:1, Luke 2:6-7)
Messiah would be born to a virgin (Isaiah 7:14)	Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born to Mary, a virgin (Matthew 1:20-23, Luke 2:29-37)
Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)	Jesus was born in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1-6, Luke 2:4-7)
Messiah would come out of Egypt (Hosea 11:1)	Joseph and Mary fled to Egypt to escape Herod and remained there until Herod died (Matthew 2:14-15, 19-20)
Messiah's coming would bring weeping to Israel (Jeremiah 31:15)	Herod murdered all the boys in Bethlehem two years old or younger (Matthew 2:16-18)
Messiah would be despised and rejected (Isaiah 53:3, Psalm 22:6)	Jesus was raised in Nazareth and called a Nazarene (Matthew 2:23)

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49:8-12), Jesse (Isaiah 11:1),	was also a descendent of
and David (Isaiah 9:7)	David (Luke 3:23-31) ²
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31:15)	younger (Matthew 2:16-18)
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and rejected (Isaiah 53:3,	and called a Nazarene
Psalm 22:6)	(Matthew 2:23)

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