

# Christmas

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## The Coming of Jesus as "Fulfillment"

## Fulfilled in Jesus

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### What did Jesus fulfill?

- *Prophecy* – verbal propositions predicting the coming of a deliverer-king
- *Typology* – people, events, structures that foreshadow the person and work of Jesus

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*Jesus fulfills the storyline of the Bible expressed in God's promise to Abraham*

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### Matthew 1-2

#### 1. Genealogy: Son of Abraham

- Jesus is the "seed" in whom the promises to Abraham would ultimately be fulfilled

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#### 2. Miraculous Birth

- Jesus is the unique, "Isaac-like" son of promise
- Jesus is the unique Son of God ("Emmanuel")

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#### 3. Worship of the Magi

- Anticipated the salvation/blessing of the nations through the seed of Abraham (Gen. 22:18)

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#### 4. Sojourn in Egypt

- Jesus' movements re-enact Israel's sojourn in and exodus from Egypt ("fulfills" Hosea 11:1)
- Jesus, as God's Son, is the true Israel – sums up the people of God in Himself

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#### 5. Preservation from Herod's Massacre

- Jesus is a Moses-like deliverer whom God preserved
- The weeping of exile is "fulfilled" (climaxed and ended) because the Deliverer is here

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### Additional: Matthew 4:1-11

#### ➤ Temptation in the Wilderness

- Jesus repeated the kind of testing that Israel faced during the 40 years in the wilderness
- Whereas the national "son" failed, the true Son (true Israel) obeys and triumphs

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### Significance: *Good News!*

- Through faith in Jesus, we are the seed of Abraham, heirs of the promise
  - Gentiles are full members of the people of God – we are "sons of God"
  - Jesus, by spiritual union with Him, is our perfect representative – His obedience is ours!