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I. A Story Foretold in History

OT Prophecy	Content of Prophecy	NT Fulfillment
Genesis 12:1-3	He would be a descendant of Abraham.	Matthew 1:1, Luke 3:34
Genesis 49:8-9	He would be from the tribe of Judah.	Matthew 1:2, Luke 3:33
2 Samuel 7:12-16	He would be from the kingly line of David.	Matthew 1:1, Luke 1:32
Isaiah 7:14	He would be born of a virgin.	Matthew 1:25, Luke 1:34
Numbers 24:17	His birth would be accompanied by astronomical signs.	Matthew 2:2
Micah 5:2	He would be born in Bethlehem.	Matthew 2:6, Luke 2:4
Jeremiah 31:15	His birth would elicit a slaughter of innocents.	Matthew 2:16-18
Hosea 11:1	He would flee to and be called out of Egypt.	Matthew 2:14-15

What are the chances that all these prophecies would be fulfilled by one man?

II. A Story Set in the Context of History

- A. The Genealogies (Matthew 1:1-17, Luke 3:23-38)
- B. Luke's Prologue (Luke 1:1-4)
- C. Luke's historical context setting (Luke 1:5, 2:1-2)

III. A Story Changing the Course of History

- A. Heart transformation
- B. Social transformation . . .

**This side of the page is normally used for Growth Group questions.
What are Growth Groups?**

- Growth Groups are groups of 6-12 people who meet regularly for prayer, care and Bible study.
- Growth Groups are a sermon based “lecture-lab” model that provide the opportunity to not just hear a sermon, but also grapple, study, discuss and apply God’s Word in the context of honest and open relationships.
- Growth Groups are a great way for new folks and long time attenders to enter deeper into “Life at Grace” by providing an opportunity to move beyond Sunday morning chit-chat.
- Growth Groups help make a large church feel like a small church by providing smaller settings where the Biblical “one anothers” are practiced and experienced.
- Growth Groups are settings where timeless Biblical truth is internalized through the shared practice of prescribed Biblical functions in the context of real Biblical community.
- Growth Groups are the “front line” for care and shepherding at Grace.

**Growth Groups are on break right now through the
Christmas Season.**

The Winter quarter will begin on January 13th.