**Notes**

****December 8th 2019**



**It’s beginning to look like Christmas – Part 1**

***“Prophecy”***

Welcome

2019

**It’s beginning to look like**

**Christmas – Part 1**

**Prophecy**

God tells us of things to come

**Isaiah 7:14-15**

*Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.*

But why?

1. To help us play our part: to co labor with Him.

Eg. **Luke 2:36-38** – Anna the prophetess

1. Prophecy promotes hope – something to put our faith to.

Eg. **Hebrews 11:1**

1. Prophecy helps us ‘endure’ in times when all seems lost.

Eg. **1 Timothy 1:18-19**

**Two types of prophecy**

1. Conditional: **2 Chronicles 7:14** – heal the land if …
2. Unconditional: **Matthew 24:2** – Jesus prophesies temple destruction

**John the Baptist**

**Matthew 3:1-4**

***3****For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying:*

*“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
Make His paths straight.’ ”*

**What Jesus said about His Cousin**

**Matthew 11:9-11**

***9****But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.****10****For this is he of whom it is written:*

**On the road to Emmaus**

**Luke 24:19**

*And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people,*

**Question**

***Could it be that Jesus wants us to prophesy things in advance over our own lives?***

**Communion**

(Back to Christmas)

**Luke 2:16-18**

*16And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.*

*17And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.*

*18And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.*

This was after the angels had told them that

the much prophesied about Messiah

had been born in Bethlehem