No Doubts

12-8-24

Isaiah 9:6 (ESV) O/H For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

This prophesy was made 800 years before Christ was born. Without a doubt, we know this event occurred. If this event occurred as prophesied in the Bible, why would we ever doubt anything else in the Bible? Even though the OT prophets did not fully understand what God told them, they believed what God said to be true and continue to search the Scripture. Remember last week:

1 Peter 1:10 (ESV)

The prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully (to understand the things revealed).

Before this prophesy, Isaiah had another prophesy he believed, but also didn't understand. However, we 2,800 years later fully understand.

Isaiah 7:14 (ESV)

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

We know that Jesus would be born of a Virgin in a stable and HIS name will be Immanuel, God with us, the Messiah, the Christ. In addition, Isaiah 9:6 tells us Jesus' name has even greater meaning: Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Verse 6 also tells us the government shall be upon his shoulder. Verse 7 describes the government of Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:7 (ESV)

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Going back to other OT prophesies, and 1000 of years' worth of history, just like the virgin birth everything mentioned here is going to happen. No Doubt. There will be increase of Jesus' government and its peace there will be no end. No Doubt we need to remember this in the nonsense of the world surrounding us. This kingdom and peace come through the baby, the child, that is of the lineage of David. Jesus earthly lineage is through King David, the king of Israel. There will be no end of Jesus' kingdom. Jesus will establish this kingdom and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. It is very clear who will intervene and work through all this chaos. Verse 7 ends with, "The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this." Do you doubt this? You believe the virgin birth, you must believe this also. As Beautiful Isaiah 7:14, and 9:6 are, there is another reason we should NOT Doubt what the Bible says. Later in Isaiah chapter 53, we have one of the best explanations of Christ and the crucifixion in the entire Bible. I know several people who have come to know Jesus by studying Isaiah 53. Again, which was written 800 years before Jesus was born. To close out Isaiah, with another reason we should Not Doubt, we have another crowning promise of our Coming Savior, the Christ. The LORD says, "I am the LORD; in its time I will hasten it." Then in Isaiah 61:1-2, HE says,

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,

Another OT promise and Jesus reads it 800 years later.

Luke 4:16-21 (ESV)

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Jesus just read (Isaiah 61:1-2). Now Jesus rocks the world! HE continues in verse 20,

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Whoa! Jesus just said this 800-year-old Scripture has just been fulfilled. Done deal – 1000s of years of prophecy have just been fulfilled. No Doubt! We should never have doubts about the Bible.

Hebrews 1:1-2 (ESV)

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Now with Jesus revealed to us in the NT, we have clearer and greater revelation than any of the OT prophets had. Through history and prophetic fulfillment, we have No Doubt.

Also, with Jesus speaking to us, we have double confirmation supporting No Doubt.

Luke 24:27 (ESV) O/H

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

We have full revelation of God laying in our lap. So, HE tells us in the Gospel of John:

John 20:21 (ESV) Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

No Doubt, we have full revelation and with No Doubt we proclaim the fulfilled truth of Jesus. We have No Doubt, we are forgiven and accepted by God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake God made Jesus - <u>Immanuel, God with us, who is</u> <u>Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince</u> <u>of Peace</u> - to be sin who knew no sin, so that in HIM we might become the righteousness of God.