



Part 1: Prophet's Candle

December Memory Verse: John 1:9 *The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.*

Isaiah 8:22

And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.

Isaiah 9:1-2

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² *The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.*

God's Promise to be Fulfilled:

Jeremiah 33:14

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise, I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

Joshua 24:25

Not one word of all the good promises that the Lord has made to the House of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

Proverbs 23:12

*Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.*

John 14:1-3

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

God's Promise is done the way He said He would do it:

Jeremiah 33:15

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Isaiah 4:2

In that day the branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and honor of the survivors of Israel.

Zechariah 3:8

Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch.

Zechariah 6:12

And say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, “Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord.

Matthew 1:1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Acts 1:11

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

God’s Promise to save and secure:**Jeremiah 33:16**

In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

Jeremiah 52:31-34

And in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-fifth day of the month, Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, graciously freed^[a] Jehoiachin king of Judah and brought him out of prison. ³² And he spoke kindly to him and gave him a seat above the seats of the kings who were with him in Babylon. ³³ So Jehoiachin put off his prison garments. And every day of his life he dined regularly at the king’s table, ³⁴ and for his allowance, a regular allowance was given him by the king, according to his daily needs, until the day of his death, as long as he lived.

Matthew 1:11

...and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

John 1:9

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Follow Up/Grace Group Questions:

- What are the different ways you see our world under invasion? Where does your hope come from? (Be honest about this one).
- God fulfills His promises!
- Where have you seen Him fulfill His promises?
- In what ways are we still waiting?
- The knowledge of God keeping His promises (Joshua 24:25) gives us what?
- Why is it important that God not only does what He says, but does it in the way He says?
- Does lack of knowledge inspire you to study the Old Testament?
- Discuss Jeremiah 52:31-34. How do we see God using unlikely characters to fulfill His promises in the past and in the present?

Action Steps:

- Read the Genealogy of Christ in Matthew 1 and find out information about each person listed.
- Read Proverbs 23:12 again: Take some time to list the ways God's fulfilled promises have enhanced our world and *will* enhance our world.