

**Merry Christmas**  
**Let us rejoice in the Light**  
**of the World, Jesus!**



**Bits of Home Chat:** Carl was thinking of you folks the other day and decided to share the scripture with you that gives us reason to glorify God at Christmas, God sent his son! He noted that the date is questionable, but the reality of Christ's birth is both unquestionable and wondrous, lending credence to glorifying God as we do on a special day! Here are Carl's thoughts he wrote down just for you:

**A son is given:** This was prophesied 700 years before his birth. See Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 9:6&7.

Isaiah 53:1-5. Now, as then, we wonder, "Who believes what we are saying; who is really listening? He would live and grow up with the people around him hardly noticing. Though he would minister to us, he would be despised and rejected, with people turning their faces from him. They would think little of his suffering, little of him. And yet, he would take on himself, our griefs and sorrows. In general, men would not recognize him as the Saviour, nor would they praise him! Yet, God, all knowing God, gave forth prophecy that described exactly how man reacted to Jesus!

**A son is born:** See the prophecy of Micah 5:2. 300 Years after Isaiah's prophecy, Micah prophesied that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem! Now read Luke 2:4-7, and Matthew 1: 17,21, 22, and 23 which was the fulfillment of Micah's prophesy of 400 years earlier! God counts the exact timing of Christ's birth in generations. There were 14 generations from Abraham to David and 14 generations from David til the Babylonian defeat of Judah. Then there were 14 generations to the birth of Jesus, the Saviour! A son is born!

This was done to fulfil prophecy that Isaiah gave in Is. 7:14, 700 years prior. He was born, and they did call his name Emmanuel, meaning *God with us*.

Read John 3:15-17 and answer the question, do you believe in Jesus (that He is the Christ, the Saviour)? If yes, you have eternal life. God gave his son that if you believe, you shall have everlasting life. God sent not his son to condemn the world, but that the world, through him, might be saved.

**Do you believe and receive that Christmas gift?**

**Wishing you and yours a blessed Christmas,  
Carl and Kay Earley with Bible To You**