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**Deuteronomy 7:8-10** 

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<sup>8</sup> "But because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

<sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

<sup>10</sup> but repays those who hate Him to their faces, to destroy them; He will not delay with him who hates Him, He will repay him to his face.

God is the only One who never disappoints. From the beginning of time, His Word has remained true. Every prophecy is a promise that has been or will be fulfilled.

Perhaps the greatest of these foretelling's were the ones that told of the Messiah, and throughout the ages, believers longed for His coming. Prophets spoke about the Anointed One (2 Samuel 7:12-16; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; Daniel 9:25; Micah 5:2).

2 Samuel 7:12-16 (NASB)

<sup>12</sup> "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

<sup>14</sup> "I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,

 $^{15}$  but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

<sup>16</sup> "Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.""

**Isaiah 7:14 (NASB)** 

<sup>14</sup> "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6 (NASB)

<sup>6</sup> For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

**Daniel 9:25 (NASB)** 

<sup>25</sup> "So you are to know and discern *that* from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince *there will be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress."

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**Micah 5:2 (NASB)** 

<sup>2</sup> "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Too* little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."

Although there was no further prophecy on the subject during the four centuries leading up to Christ's birth, when the time was right, Jesus came to reconcile mankind to the Father.

Surely, people must have questioned whether the Savior would ever come. After all, 400 years is a long time to wait without any word. But, as history proves, God never falls short on His promises. He is trustworthy, even when His timetable differs from what we hoped.

Knowing this, we can read Scripture's assurances with expectation. For instance, if we believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior and choose to follow Him, the Bible promises our salvation. We can rest assured that we are forgiven and redeemed. What's more, nothing can separate us from God's love (Romans 8:38-39), and we can trust that He will provide everything we need to accomplish His purpose in our lives.

**Romans 8:38-39 (NASB)** 

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

<sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

These are but a few foundational promises; the Word contains many more. Consider God's faithfulness throughout the Bible and in your own life, and realize that He will be steadfast in the future as well. By living obediently, you can have full confidence that He will do all He has promised.