

“WORD OF LIFE”

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34. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (13) – **In the Fulfillment of the OT Prophecies**

N11. As the Newborn Christ **Fleeing to Egypt
and Escaping to Galilee to **Dwell in Nazareth****

N12. A **Root out of a Dry Ground,
Having **No Form nor Comeliness****

Hymns: # 86 / # 36

✝ “ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED ...” (2Tim. 3:16)

- Hos 11:1** - When Israel was a child, I loved him, And **out of Egypt I called My son**.
- Mat 2:13** - ... the Lord appeared in a **dream** to Joseph, saying, Arise, take the child and His mother and **flee into Egypt**,
- Mat 2:14** - And he arose and took the child and His mother by night and **departed into Egypt**,
- Mat 2:15** - ... in order that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be **fulfilled**, saying, “**Out of Egypt I called My Son**.”
- Mat 2:19** - And when Herod had died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a **dream** to Joseph in Egypt,
- Mat 2:20** - Saying, Arise, take the child and His mother and **go into the land of Israel**, for those who seek the life of the child have died.
- Isa 53:2** - For He grew up like a **tender plant** before Him, And like **a root out of dry ground**. He has **no attracting form** nor majesty that we should look upon Him, Nor beautiful appearance that we should desire Him.
- Mat 13:55** - Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?
- Mat 13:56** - And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then *did* this man *get* all these things?
- Mat 13:57** - And they were stumbled because of Him. But Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honor except in his *own* country and in his *own* house.
- 2Co 8:9** - For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, for your sakes He became poor in order that you, because of His poverty, might become rich.

✝ “... COME TO THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.” (1Tim. 2:4)

CHRIST IN HIS PERSON	Prophecy	Fulfillment
1. The Creator Who Remains Unchanged and Whose Years Shall Not Fail	Psalms 102:25-27	Heb. 1:10-12
2. The Seed of the Woman	Gen. 3:15	Heb. 2:14; 1John 3:8
3. The Seed of Abraham	Gen. 17:8	Gal. 3:16
4. The Lion of Judah	Gen. 49:9	Rev. 5:5
5. The Root of David	Isa. 11:10	Rev. 5:5
6. The Seed of David	2Sam. 7:12-13	Rom. 1:3
7. God Whose Throne Is Forever and Ever and the Scepter of Whose Kingdom Is Uprightness, and the One Whose God Has Anointed Him with the Oil of Exultant Joy above His Partners	Psa. 45:6-7	Heb. 1:8-9
8. A Child Born to Us	Isa. 9:6	Luke 2:11-12
9. Emmanuel Born of a Virgin	Isa. 7:14	Matt. 1:23
10. The Christ Born at Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matt. 2:4-6
11. As the Newborn Christ Fleeing to Egypt and Escaping to Galilee to Dwell in Nazareth	Hos. 11:1	Matt. 2:13-15, 19-23
12. A Root out of a Dry Ground, Having No Form nor Comeliness	Isa. 53:2	Matt. 13:55-57

❖ As the Newborn Christ Fleeing to Egypt and Escaping to Galilee to Dwell in Nazareth

- The prophecy of **Hosea 11:1** that **Christ** would be **called out of Egypt**.
- Joseph received guidance in a **dream** to take the child **Jesus** to Egypt enabled God to **fulfill** the prophecy that **Christ** would be **called out of Egypt**.
 - The report of Christ's birth aroused the hatred and jealousy of King Herod.
 - The trouble occurred after the birth of Christ in Bethlehem, happened for Him to be taken to Egypt.
 - After Herod died, Joseph received word in **another dream** to **return** to the land of Israel (Matt. 2:19-20).
 - When Joseph returned, he was afraid to remain in the territory around **Bethlehem** (Matt. 2:22-23).
 - *"Being **warned in a dream**, he departed into the parts of Galilee,*
 - *...and **dwelt** in a city called **Nazareth**,*
 - *that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, **He shall be called a Nazarene**"*

❖ Root out of a Dry Ground, Having No Form nor Comeliness

- Isaiah 53:2 **prophesied** that,
 - *"He shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a **root out of a dry ground**:*
 - *he hath **no form nor comeliness**;*
 - *and when we shall see him, there is **no beauty** that we should desire him."*
- This word is **fulfilled** in **2 Corinthians 8:9b** and **Matthew 13:55-57**.
 - In the Gospels we see that **Christ** **grew up** like a tender plant and as a **root out of dry ground**.
 - He was raised in the home of a poor carpenter in the despised town of **Nazareth** and in the despised province of Galilee.

✚ "FOR YOU CAN ALL PROPHECY ONE BY ONE ..." (1 Cor. 14:31)

- ✚ The **Lord's human living** began with **suffering**.
 - ✓ Shortly after He was born, it was necessary for Him to escape to **Egypt**. In this way He became a **refugee**.
 - ✓ **After** fleeing to **Egypt**, He was **brought back** to the land of Israel.
 - ✓ **However**, because it was not safe to stay in Bethlehem, He was taken to **Galilee**, to the despised city of **Nazareth**, where He grew up in a poor family as a **root out of dry ground**.
 - ✓ Although He was the God-man, having divinity and humanity, He grew up in a poor family and had **no form** or **comeliness** that He should be desired.

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Hymn 86		Hymn 36
1 Though Thou art God , most glorious, high, Thou in the flesh to us came nigh, A lowly man become thereby; Lord, I remember Thee!	5 Thou as a man art tender, sweet , Balanced in every way, complete, Meal-offering to the Father meet; Lord, I remember Thee!	1 We praise Thee, glorious Father , As objects of Thy grace, Who for Thine own heart's pleasure Are now before Thy face: Thy sons marked out for glory Known from eternity With Christ Thy Well-beloved, Object supreme to Thee.
2 Glory divine was put away Under the tent of flesh to stay, No outward beauty to display; Lord, I remember Thee!	6 Doing the Father's will Thy prize, Never accepting Satan's lies, None like Thyself, so faithful, wise; Lord, I remember Thee!	2 Who else but Thee, O Father , Could in Thine only Son So bless us with Thy Spirit , And have us for Thine own? Soon shall we be forever With Christ in glory; then We'll shine in His blest image Eternally, Amen!
3 Thou art a root from out dry ground , Thou wast the Man of sorrows found, Hated, despised by man around; Lord, I remember Thee!	7 For Thine obedience to God's will, Willing to suffer deathly ill, E'en on the Cross my place to fill, Lord, I remember Thee!	
4 Gentle and lowly is Thy heart, Willing to suffer all Thou art, To God and man complaining not; Lord, I remember Thee!	8 Therefore hath God exalted Thee, Given Thee glory, majesty, Heaven and earth will bow the knee; O Lord, I worship Thee!	