

December 4, 2011

# The Branch of Christmas

## Predictions

A righteous branch

*“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land”.*

Jeremiah 23:5  
[626-586 B.C.]

*A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse, from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.*

Isaiah 11:1

A despised Messiah

<sup>2</sup> *He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.*

Isaiah 53:2-3

A despised location

*And he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.*

Matthew 2:23

<sup>45</sup> *Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”<sup>46</sup> “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip.<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”<sup>48</sup> “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”<sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”*

John 1:45-49

## COMMENTS, PRAYERS AND PRAISES

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