

# Christmas Foretold: Behold, He Is Coming

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## I. Christmas Hope

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## II. The Messiah Is Coming

Malachi 3:1

The Way Prepared

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The One Who Was Sought

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The New Covenant

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The Day Is Near

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## III. Lasting Hope

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### *Personal Reflection (Mid-Week Devotion)*

*Take time this week to pray & reflect on the following:*

*Troubling and difficult times foster a spirit of desperation and fear in society. People in desperate situations long for intervention and aid. They pray for a rescuer to save them. For those awaiting salvation, there is no greater news than “help is on the way.”*

*Long ago, the consequence of human sin and rebellion so moved the heart of God that He could no longer abide their shame and disgrace. He could have chosen to condemn the world in judgment, but instead God sent His Son into the world to save it. The Messiah is the hope of the world.*

*Christmas is the celebration of God’s Son coming to save the lost. To experience the true meaning and hope of Christmas however, one needs to receive the gift God gave in Jesus.*

*The Messiah has come to the world, but have you welcomed Him into your life? Are you placing your hope in tradition, material things or perhaps a sense of self-righteous entitlement? This Christmas, you will celebrate with family and friends, but will you rejoice in the Lord? Will Christmas be a brief escape from the challenges of life or will it be your reminder that lasting hope is available in Jesus Christ?*

*Prayerfully ask God to reveal the true foundation & nature of your hope. Thank Him for becoming the Messiah—for bringing hope into this lost world. Commit to be both a bearer of true hope and a proclaimer of it to others this Christmas season.*