

# Awe and Wonder

## *"The Prophets"*

Romans 16:25-27, Hebrews 1:1-4, and 1 Peter 1:10-12

### **Sermon Proposition**

Followers of Jesus can stand in awe and wonder as we look at the prophecies about Jesus and see how they were fulfilled.

### **Introduction - Mary**

## **1) What is a Prophet and what was their message?**

**2) What did the Prophets understand about their message?**

**3) What does God want from us?**

## Open It!

What is a book or movie that you had the ending revealed before you finished it? Or... do you have insight to guess how a book or movie will resolve, or if there will be a plot twist?

## Read It!

### **Read Romans 16:25-27**

What did the prophets reveal (and what was left concealed)?

Read the following verses and answer what the prophets showed about the birth of the coming Messiah and how they were fulfilled:

Genesis 12:3 → Acts 3:25-26

Genesis 49:10, Numbers 24:17 → Luke 3:33, Matthew 2:1-2

2 Samuel 7:12-13 → Matthew 1:1

Isaiah 7:14 → Luke 1:35

Hosea 11:1 → Matthew 2:14-15

Micah 5:2 → Matthew 2:4-6

How does the fulfillment of prophetic writings give support to the Gospel?

How would you respond to someone who said that the fulfilled prophecies were either vague and applicable to many people, or else manipulated by the Gospel writers to fit their narrative?

Matthew in particular is interested in the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies in writing to a Jewish audience. How does that impact those of us who are not Jewish?

## Consider It!

Read Hebrews 1:1-4

In what two ways does it say that God has spoken?

What do you think is the difference between God revealing things by the prophets and God revealing by Himself (the Son)? What might be more clear to us from the revealing of Jesus as Messiah than what those who heard the prophets understood? What might have been misunderstood?

What does verse 3 say is the reason why it would be more clear by the communication through Jesus, the Son?

To whom else does verse 4 contrast the revelation of Jesus?

### **Read 1 Peter 1:10-12**

What does this say about the nature of what the prophets told the people?

What do you think they understood, and what do you think was beyond their understanding?

Who else does verse 12 was intrigued by this interaction? What do you think that means?

### **Live It!**

What is the message and will of God for us in light of the fulfillment of the prophetic writings?

With whom can you share the fulfillment of the prophetic hope that might need encouragement in their Christian faith or evidence of a God who loves and cares about them?

Close in Prayer