"The great <u>Anticipation</u> of coming Christmas"

Isa. 9: 1-7

Matt. 1:18-25

MESSIANIC PROPHECIES

Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem. Micah 5:2

Messiah was to be born of a virgin. Isaiah 7:14

Messiah was to enter Jerusalem in triumph. Zech 9:9

Messiah was to be rejected by his own . Isaiah 53:1,

Messiah was to be betrayed. Psalm 41:9

Messiah was to be tried and condemned. Isaiah 53:8

Messiah was to be struck and spat on. Isaiah 50:6

Messiah was to be mocked and insulted. Psalm 22:7-8

Messiah was to die by crucifixion. Psalm 22:14-17

Messiah's bones were not to be broken. Exodus 12:46

Messiah was to be raised from the dead. Psalm 16:10

Why is it that we have such "anticipation " about Christmas?

- #1 Christmas brings the Promise of something new.
- #2 Christmas brings the Stress of the unknown.
- #3 Christmas brings the worry of failure.
- #4 Christmas brings a GREAT EXPENSE or COST.

Christ was content with a stable when he was born so that we could have a mansion when we die.