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INTRODUCTION TO WEEK 1: GREAT EXPECTATIONS

- The main point of week 1 is that we have a DNA fingerprint of the Messiah in the Old Testament
- We will be looking at the main evidence, the key Messianic prophecies relating to the birth of the Messiah and, believe it or not, they start in the Garden of Eden!!
- However, we do have a problem!
- It's a bit like reading a murder mystery and before you touch page 1, you know "whodunit".
- It's not an academic exercise, but you are required to use your imagination.

- You could choose to be living in Old Testament times, or during the 400 year period between the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- The main thing is: you have all these jigsaw pieces and you don't know how to fit them together.
- The Gospels show us how to do that and this is the crucial bit: we have a DNA fingerprint that fits only Jesus!!
- The voice of prophecy silent through the 400 years between the Old Testament and the New Testament, bursts into vibrant life announcing the arrival of the Messiah!
- Follow with me, this week, the DNA trail and ponder on the theme of Great Expectations: an inheritance God promises his fallen creation almost from page 1 (Gen 3:15) !!

