

Isaiah 7:14

The Virgin Birth

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Introduction:

1. God had promised that the seed of woman would crush the head of the serpent and the enemy of man would be defeated (Genesis 3:15).
2. He showed that this victory would include blessedness for all through the seed of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3).
3. This Victor would be a mediator (Job 19:23-27), a ruler (Genesis 49:10), a star (Numbers 24:17), a prophet (Deuteronomy 18:15-19), a priest (1 Samuel 2:35), and a king (1 Samuel 2:10) - ruling from the throne of David (1 Chronicles 17:11-14).
4. During the time of David, the "sweet psalmist of Israel" (2 Samuel 23:1) recorded many prophecies of Jesus in the Psalms.
5. In the writings of the prophets, much more detail about the coming Messiah was given.
6. Isaiah declared that the Messiah would be born of a virgin...

I. THE BACKGROUND

(ISAIAH 7:1-13)

- A. The name Isaiah means, "Jehovah is salvation," "salvation is of Jehovah," or "Jehovah saves."
- B. Chapters 7 - 12 contain numerous references to the destruction of Israel and warnings of punishment against Judah.
- C. Israel and Syria united and attempted to overthrow King Ahaz of Judah.
- D. As a test of Ahaz, God sent Isaiah and his son to meet and encourage the king.
- E. To ground Ahaz's faith in evidence, God commanded him to ask for a sign.
- F. Ahaz refused and was rebuked by the prophet Isaiah (cf. 1:14).
- G. Thus, the choosing of the sign was taken from him and God would give a sign of His own.

II. THE SIGN

(ISAIAH 7:14)

- A. Notice that God spoke to the "house of David" (vs. 13) - indicating that this sign was for the nation of Judah concerning more than present problems.
- B. The sign to be given by God was the virgin birth of Immanuel, the Messiah.
 1. This sign would come from the Lord Himself (cf. chapter 6).
 2. The word "behold" is to draw attention to the statement that would follow.
 3. "A virgin shall conceive."
 - a. Literally, the Hebrew states "the virgin."
 - b. The word is *almah* - always referring to a virgin (Genesis 24:43 [cf. 24:16]; Exodus 2:8; Psalm 68:25; Song of Solomon 1:3; 6:8; Proverbs 30:19-20).
 - c. Matthew clearly explains what this word means (Matt. 1:22-23; cf. Luke 1:35ff).
- C. This son was Immanuel - "God with us."
- D. He was completely human, yet sinless (vs. 15).
- E. The coming of the Messiah would be a sign of the victory of God in His purpose of salvation for the world.

Prophecy of Jesus

III. THE VIRGIN BIRTH

- A. Fulfilled Prophecy
 1. Genesis 3:15; cf. Galatians 4:4
 2. Jeremiah 31:22
 3. Micah 5:2
- B. Occurred Supernaturally
 1. John 1:1-14 - Not by the will of man
 2. Matthew 1:1-16 - Not by the action of man
 3. Luke 1:34-35 - Begotten of the Holy Spirit
- C. Happened Factually
 1. Genesis 2:7 - Not greater than any other miracle of God
 2. The Holy Spirit declared it.
 3. The angel Gabriel announced it.
 4. Joseph accepted it.
 5. Matthew and Luke recorded it.
 6. God verified it (Matthew 3:16-17; cf. John 3:16).
 7. Jesus proclaimed it (John 14:9).
 8. The resurrection proved it (Romans 1:3-4).
- D. Jesus is the virgin born Son of God and only Savior of mankind.