

## CHRIST'S BIRTH FORETOLD!

Isaiah 7:1-16

INTRODUCTION: In our politically correct, anti-Christian culture the very word "Christmas" has become a word of great debate. Some 90% of our Christmas programming had no spiritual theme anymore. 7 % of our Christmas programming has a religious theme but never mentions Jesus. Our Lord Jesus' birth was only focused on 3 % of the time. Although it may not be politically correct in our society to mention the birth of Christ it is still scripturally correct, theologically correct, and eternally correct because there can be no Christmas without Jesus Christ birth!

### I. THE MESSAGE WAS ETERNALLY DETERMINED!

The date of the writing of Isaiah chapter 7 is 735 BC. The nation it was written to was Judah and the king was Ahaz. This was a time of national disgrace, indecency, iniquity, immorality, and idolatry. Ahaz rejected the Word of God in every area of his life. Right in the middle of this wickedness Isaiah brings a message from God, of God and about God! Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 7:10-13. This sign did not originate with Isaiah. It originated with God in the ions of eternity past: 1 Peter 1:20-21. The first promise we see of the coming Messiah was given back in the Garden of Eden: Genesis 3:15. Notice there are two seeds mentioned in that verse: "thy seed" and "her seed." Galatians 4:4; Revelations 20:1-3. In Isaiah 7:14 we see this plan originated and was orchestrated by God. This promise was not of man's doing but the doings of our God! Luke 1:35-37: This was to be the birth of a son, but not just any son. This was to be the birth of the God-man!

### II. THE MESSAGE WAS PROPHETICALLY DECLARED!

After Genesis 3, we find traces of the promise of Christ's birth throughout the pages of the Old Testament. However, when we come to Isaiah's prophecy in Isaiah 7 the promise sounds emphatically, and prophetically. This prophecy given 735 years before the birth of our Savior we fulfilled to the very letter! Isaiah 7:14. First, Isaiah declares the person who would be to be birth the one called Immanuel would be a "virgin." Jesus had to be born of a virgin in order to be "A Lamb without blemish and without spot." The birth of Jesus Christ of a virgin is a foundational truth of the Christian faith. Second, Isaiah declares the process: Isaiah 7:14: Marry would not only conceive as a virgin, she would also bear the Messiah. Isaiah 9:6: "a child is born" This speaks of Jesus human side. "A son is given" refers to Jesus' deity! Thirdly, Isaiah makes reference to the personality: Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6. We must also look to see Jesus sinless life: Isaiah 7:14-15. Our Lord Jesus could not sin! 1 Peter 1:18-22; Hebrews 4:14-16.

### III. THE MESSAGE WAS INDIVIDUALLY DETERMINED!

The truth of Christmas is much more than just eternal truth, it is an individual truth that must be received by each individual. Our God says that man's problem is sin! Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 3:10-12; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23. The problem of sin is exclusive as well as inclusive. Sin separates us from a holy God! The Christmas story is the answer to meet our need! Isaiah 7:14. The name "Immanuel" means "God with us!" John 3:16-21.