



**Part 3 – December 16, 2018**

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*Matthew 1:22-23, All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: 'Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'*

## **Old Testament Prophecies of the Virgin Birth**

*Genesis 3:15, I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.*

A holy war has been going on between the forces of righteousness and the forces of evil since this judgment of God was pronounced.

*Isaiah 7:14, Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel.*

This was 700 years before Christ was born. By giving the world a virgin-birth Messiah, God eliminated the possibility that a false Messiah could come.

*Isaiah 9:6-7, For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.*

This clearly reveals that Jesus, born as a child of the Virgin Mary, is the only one who could claim these qualities. No ordinary birth of two human parents could possibly account for this God-man.

## **New Testament Teaching of the Virgin Birth**

Both Matthew and Luke explicitly teach about the Virgin Birth. They tell us that Jesus entered the world in a supernatural way, through a mighty miracle of God.

- Christ's birth was an exception to the universal laws of procreation because of its miraculous nature.
- His birth takes us beyond the limits of nature and ordinary experiences.
- Our New Testament Savior is a supernatural person, born of a Virgin, sinless in life, atoning in death, victorious in resurrection, and glorious in His return to rule the world.

## **Christ's Sinless Nature**

If Christ was to raise us from our filth, He himself must have been sinless.

Adam's sin, his spiritual disease, has passed on to every person a nature that is depraved, from one generation to another generation.

The answer to our sinful nature is found in the Virgin Birth.

*2 Corinthians 5:21, For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

## **Christ's Eternal State**

The birth of Christ marked the entrance into the sphere of time and space of One who had already existed from eternity.

*John 1:1-2, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God.*

At the birth of Christ, He was manifested in the flesh, but the Bible clearly teaches He existed before he was manifested in person.

In order for Jesus to be the Savior of the world, three conditions had to be met: He must be fully God, He must be fully man, and He must be sinless. The Virgin Birth guarantees all these conditions have been met!

## **God With Us**

The fact that the child of Mary would be called, “Emmanuel,” meaning “God with us,” is a clear indication that a sign would accompany the birth of the Redeemer.

No birth since the beginning of history has so affected the world as the birth of Christ.

Before the incarnation, there was a great chasm between God and man, but in the incarnation, He became a bridge between us and God.

He is “God with us” daily, through the work of the Holy Spirit.

*John 14:16-19*