



Title: Christ's Incarnation (Part 2)

Text: Isaiah 7:10-14

Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, [11] Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. [12] But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. [13] And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? [14] Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

- After Uzziah, Jotham, a godly king, reigned for 16 years. He was followed by Ahaz, a wicked king who served Baal (2 Ch. 28:2-4).
- Toward the end of Jotham's reign, Syria and Israel had begun to attack Judah (2 Ki. 15:36-37). Now they felt emboldened to attempt to conquer Jerusalem itself to place their own king on the throne of Judah.
- Ahaz and the people of Judah were afraid (Isa. 7:2). Militarily, they could not defeat this alliance.

v.10-11

- The Lord requires Ahaz to ask of Him a sign.

v.12

- Ahaz feigns piety and refuses to reply, saying that he doesn't want to tempt the Lord (Isa. 7:12). Ahaz misquoted Scripture, taking Deuteronomy 6:16 out of context and abusing it, as if it would be tempting the Lord to obey His Word.
- In reality Ahaz was planning to ignore Jehovah God altogether and form an alliance with Assyria.

v.13-15

- God gives a sign anyway, the sign of the miraculous Messiah.
- This sign is not to Ahaz himself but to "the house of David."
- The prophecy looks far beyond the days of Ahaz.

"a virgin shall conceive"

- The Messiah will be virgin born. It is emphasized in the New Testament.
 - "before they came together" (Mt. 1:18)
 - "with child of the Holy Ghost" (Mt. 1:18)
 - "that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost" (Mt. 1:20)
 - "behold, a virgin shall be with child" (Mt. 1:23)

"Immanuel"

- "God with us"
- The Messiah will be God. Jesus is Almighty God.

"and bear a son"

- The Messiah will be man.
 - He will eat normal food (Isa. 7:15).
 - Jesus wearied (John 4:6)
 - and hungered (Mt. 21:18)
 - and sorrowed (Mt. 26:37-38)
 - and thirsted (Joh. 19:28)
 - and was in pain (Ps. 22:14-15)

- and died (1 Co. 15:3).
- He was a man during His incarnation and He is still a man. He is “the man Christ Jesus” (1 Ti. 2:5).
- He is fully God and fully man, though without sin (Heb. 4:15).

“God WITH us”

- He will fulfill God’s covenants with Israel and reign over redeemed Israel forever.

Isaiah 7:14 was quoted the book of Matthew when Mary, the virgin, conceived.

- Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Through the virgin birth Christ came into the world as a sinless man. The sin nature is inherited through the father.

- Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
- If Jesus Christ has a sin, He would just die for His own sin on the cross.

The conception of Christ was miraculous. The body of the Messiah was created directly by the power of God, agreeably to the declaration in Hebrews 10:5; “Wherefore, when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, **but a body hast thou prepared me.**”