

The Virgin Birth

Why It Matters!

The First Prophecy in the Bible:

Gen 3:15 Messiah, The Seed of the Woman

A Divine Sign:

Isa 7:14 “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign;”

A Unique Miracle:

Jer 31:22 “...a woman shall compass a man.”

Nothing Less Would Save Man:

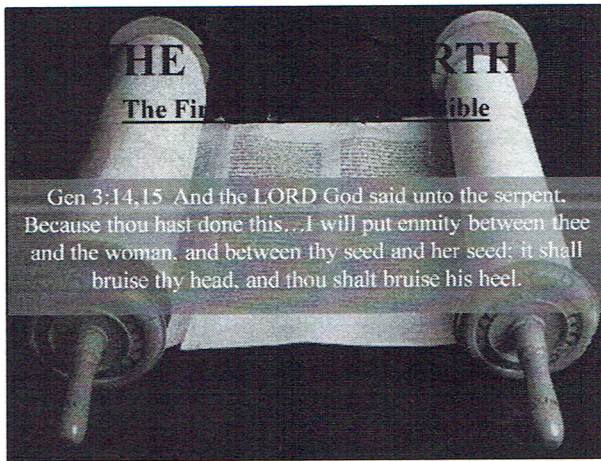
Jn 1:29 “Behold the Lamb of God...”

Questions about the Theology, Science and Philosophy of the Virgin Birth

1) Does the Bible teach that Jesus was born of a virgin? Answer: Yes - Gen 3:15; Isa 7:14; Lk 1:34,35; Mt 1:18,20,23

2) Does the doctrine of the Virgin Birth of Jesus matter? Answer: Yes – It is a forgone conclusion that if the Bible teaches something, it matters, but the reason it matters may or may not be apparent. The Virgin Birth matters because of two things. 1) It constitutes a Divine sign to humanity of God’s immeasurable grace and love and 2) it alone provides the person who can be the Lamb of God, mankind’s eternal redeemer.

3) Was a Virgin Birth necessary? Answer: Yes - Rom 5:12,18,19 “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: Heb 7:24-26 But this man, [Jesus] because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;



1st PROPHECY - Gen 3:15 The Lord says to the serpent. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed..."

In all the literature of the Middle East and throughout the rest Bible, children are called "the seed of a man" never "the seed of a woman".

In modern science the man is said to have the "seed" while the woman has the "eggs". This is the natural method that God established but He is announces an upcoming supernatural event that will change the course of human history. Here, in Gen 3, God foretells a miraculous birth which will use a woman to produce a child without an earthly father.

The world today has an obvious obsession with all things sexual... from attraction to reproduction; from passion to perversion.

One such obsession and perversion is those who are said to suffer from "Gender Identity Disorder" aka "Gender Dysphoria", (strong and persistent feelings of identification with the opposite gender);

For nearly 100 years science taught that other than the X and Y chromosomes, males and females were genetically the same... the plumbing was just arranged differently. But now we know better! The genetic difference between a man and a woman is 15 times greater than the differences found between two men or between two women.

The homosexual movement still claims, "Men and women are all the same, except for the way the plumbing is arranged". But they are wrong! If you are questioning your gender, just go get a blood test. Modern science can tell the gender of an unborn child just 10 weeks after conception with 95% accuracy. The Bible says four times, "the life of the flesh is in the blood". Gen 9:4; Lev 17:11,14; Deu 12:23 God made you in the gender you are and the life blood in your body knows what gender He made you.

Dr. David Page, Director of the world renown Whitehead Institute and professor of Biology at MIT, has shaped the modern understanding of genomics and reproductive health...he said, "both the X and Y chromosomes function throughout the entire body...every cell in our body knows, at the molecular level, what sex we are." The Bible says, "Male and female created He them"... Gen 1:27; 5:2; Mat 19:4; Mark 10:6... it ain't just the plumbing that's different! We are, at the elemental level of our creation, male or female. There is no such thing as being a man born in a woman's body or a woman born in a man's body.

No sex change operation can change the DNA proof of a male or a female. The appearance may be altered but the fact remains, if you are born male you are always male...you may act feminine but you won't be female; just as you may walk like a duck and quack like a duck, but you won't be a duck or make any baby ducks, because "you ain't no duck!"

These facts agree with the Biblical truth, it is obvious that gender identity disorder is not a physical problem... it is a spiritual problem; a spiritual problem brought on by the imagination of a person's evil heart. As God said in Gen 8:21, "...the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth;" The Bible states that fact in at least nine places - Gen 6:5, 8:21; Jer 3:17, 7:24, 11:8, 13:10, 16:12, 18:12; Mt 15:19

Another passion/perversion is the sin of homosexuality, in all its variations. The Word of God is clear that those who practice these "vile affections" are sinning and will be judged by God. Lev 18:22; 20:13; Eph 5:5; 1 Tim 1:9, 10; Heb 13:4; Jude 1:7; Rev 21:8

THE VIRGIN BIRTH



A Divine Sign

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A DIVINE SIGN - Isa 7:14

Evil King Ahaz of Judah is given a sign, “Therefore the Lord himself [Divine Supernatural] shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

While some scholars argue that the term “almah” in Hebrew does not precisely mean virgin, in the modern sense, they all agree that the term clearly refers to “a young unmarried girl.” This surely implies a “virgin” or the term for an immoral woman, a fornicator, would have been used. Besides, how would it constitute a sign from the Lord for a young girl to conceive out of wedlock unless she was a virgin?

God would not, could not, bring Messiah into the world through fornication, a sin which the Bible declares to be a sin against one’s own body. A sin which brings the wrath of God upon His children, as seen in Numbers 25 where a total of 24,000 were slain for it. 1 Cor 6:18; Col 3:5,6

The NT bears witness of the sign’s fulfilment in Jesus - Mat 1:18-25 “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 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.” (See also - Lk 1:30-35; Mark 1:1; Jn 1:14) “God with us”; Joh 1:1,14 says, “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God...And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

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A Unique Miracle



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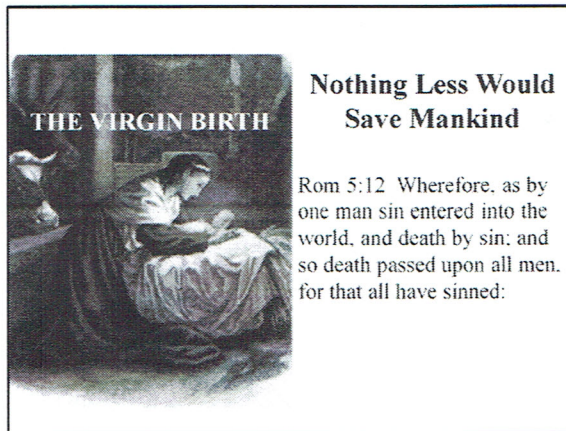
Luk 1:34,35 "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered... The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee:"

UNIQUE MIRACLE - Jer 31:22 "How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the LORD hath created [Divine power] a new thing in the earth [something unprecedented in the whole world], A woman shall compass [encircle as to conceive; and/or to bypass] a man. [a woman without a man, a virgin will conceive a man like no other, God and man together]."

Twice the Bible declares that the fusion of man and God took place in the womb of Mary. **Luke 1:30,31; 2:21** "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. Luk 2:21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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Paul points out the unique nature of this miracle when he states that Jesus "was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;" (Rm 1:3), to fulfill the Davidic covenant and yet "made of a woman" without the participation of a man...**Gal 4:4** "But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law..."



Rom 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 5:12,18,19 "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: 18) Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

19) For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Jesus had to be free from the contaminating influence of the sin of Adam or he would himself have had need of redemption and would not have been a holy sacrifice for mankind's sins. Born of a virgin, he didn't have the inherited sinful nature of the first Adam.

Those who teach the damnable doctrine of the "Spiritual Death of Jesus" are deceived and blaspheme the sinless life of Jesus Christ. Kenneth Copeland declares that "Christ's physical death on the cross was not enough to save us" (*How Jesus Obtained His Name Cassette # 44-H01*). "Jesus was the first born again man!"

If Christ was tainted by sin, through Adam's disobedience or by doing sin himself, then you and I are without hope of an eternal forgiveness by a perfect sacrifice!

I am so glad He is the eternal Son of God, the Lamb which God His Father offered for us and He "did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." 1 P 2:22.

By living a perfect and sinless life, he met every requirement of God for a holy, eternal, spotless, substitutionary, sacrificial lamb, to pay for the sins of the whole world. (Jn 1:29; 3:16,17; Rm 5:6,8; Gal 3:13; 1 Peter 1:18,19; 3:18)

It would take God Power to overcome the power of sin and death. Twice the Bible declares that the fusion of man and God took place in the womb of Mary. Luke 1:30,31; 2:21 "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. Luk 2:21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb."

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When conception occurs, the egg of the woman is joined with a seed (sperm) of a man, and the two are said to "fuse together and then travel to the womb"... Here is something to think about, the most powerful force known in the universe is fusion! We are familiar with nuclear fission...the result of exploding an atomic bomb. We have seen the pictures of the mushroom cloud and the tremendous power that is unleashed. But did you know that "fusion" is a far more powerful force. "Fission" splits atoms, but "fusion" combines them, and it produces many times more power. "Fusion" is the force that powers the sun. Like they say, "You can't make this stuff up!" It was the fusion of God's Deity with Mary's humanity that produced the most powerful man who would ever live, the only man capable of paying for the sins of humanity!

The Doctrine of the Virgin Birth is essential to our understanding of the person and work of Jesus Christ. If you rob Him of His Deity, you disqualify Him as Redeemer.

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