

THE FIRST ADVENT

Various

a. Origin of Birth - Seed

i. Gen. 3:15 / Matt. 1:18

Gen. 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.*

Matt. 1:18 *Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.*

ii. Gen. 22:15-18 / Gal. 3:16

Gen.22:15 *And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven **16** and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, **17** I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, **18** and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."*

Gal. 3:16 *Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ.*

iii. II Sam. 7:8,12-13 / Rom. 1:1-3

II Samuel 7: 8 *Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. **12** When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. **13** He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*

Romans 1:1 *Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, **2** which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, **3** concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh...*

b. Virgin Birth

i. Seed of the woman (not plural as is the case in the rest of scripture...but singular)

ii. Isa. 7:14 / Luke 1:31-35

Isa. 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.*

Luke 1:31 *And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over the house of*

Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

34 And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

35 And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

- iii. The Hebrew word for virgin is "almah" which denotes any young woman unmarried, whether kept her virginity or not. In the Septuagint, we are given the word "parthenos" which denotes physical virginity and purity as well as state of unmarried. This is the word the angel used in speaking with Joseph.

c. Time of Birth

Daniel 9:25-26 / Luke 2:1,7,11; Gal. 4:4

Daniel 9:25 Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. **26** And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.

Luke 2:1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ... **7** And she gave birth to her

*firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.... **11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

Gal. 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law...

d. Place of Birth

- i. **Isa. 9:1,2; Hos. 11:1; Micah 5:2 / Matt. 2:1,14-15,23**

Isa. 9:1 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

Micah 5:2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Matt. 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,... **14** And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt

15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."...23 And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

- ii. **Micah prophesied, Jesus was born in Bethlehem, but soon after was taken into Egypt by Joseph and Mary, to escape the foul plot of Herod to destroy Him. Then settled in Nazareth.**

e. His Name at Birth

- i. **Just a few, also: Son, Prince of Peace, Governor, Mighty God, Counselor**
- ii. **"Yeshua" – means salvation; Joshua; Jesus**
- iii. **"Lord" – Psalm 2:7; 110:1 / Luke 2:11; John 13:13**

Psalm 2:7 I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

Psalm 110:1 The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." (Acts 2:34-35)

Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

John 13:13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.

- iv. **"Immanuel" – Isa. 7:14 / Matt. 1:22-23**

Isa. 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.

Matt. 1:22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

- v. **"King" – Ps. 2:6; Jer. 23:5 / Matt. 2:2; Luke 23:2-3**

Psalm 2:6 "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

Jer. 23:5 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land."

Matt. 2:1-2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Luke 23:2 And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." 3 And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so."

f. The Witnesses

- i. Trinity (Gen. 3:15)
- ii. The Devil (Gen. 3:15)
- iii. Zacharias
- iv. Elisabeth
- v. John, the forerunner
- vi. Virgin Mary
- vii. Angels
- viii. Shepherds
- ix. Cattle (Isa. 11:6-9)

6 *The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fatted calf together; and a little child shall lead them.*

7 *The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

8 *The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.*

9 *They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.*

- x. Innkeeper
- xi. Wise Men
- xii. Adoring Anna
- xiii. Cynical scribes
- xiv. Herod

g. The Purpose of His Birth

- i. John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

ii. I Peter 2:24; Isa. 53:5

Isa. 53:5 *But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.*

I Peter 2:24 *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.*

iii. Romans 15:8-13

8 *For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, 9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."*

10 *And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."*

11 *And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."*

12 *And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."*

13 *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*