

MORNING WORSHIP

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Text: Matthew 1; Luke 1; Isaiah 7:14

Title: Behold, the Virgin Shall Conceive and Bear a Son

PROPHECIES OF THE MESSIAH

1. His birthplace Micah 5:2
2. His royal lineage Isaiah 9:6
3. His virgin birth Isaiah 7:14

CHALLENGES TO THE SCRIPTURES

1. Objection to the idea of a Virgin Birth
2. A supposed alternative to the word “virgin”
 - a) A maiden
 - b) A young woman

A BIBLICAL DEFENCE

1. A word from the Lord Himself Isaiah 7
 - a) To King Ahaz
 - i) He did not believe
 - ii) He couldn't care less
 - b) Through Isaiah the prophet
 - i) Faithful
 - ii) Fearless
2. A prophetic Promise
 - a) A miraculous birth
 - b) A sign from God
 - c) Proof that this sign was from a Divine origin

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS WITH FULL ASSURANCE

1. The trustworthiness of the Scriptures
2. The faithfulness of God
3. The wisdom of the Lord to allow a long lapse of time
4. The fulfilment of the Scriptures
 - a) The surprise of Mary
 - b) The initial astonishment of Joseph
 - c) The word of assurance from an angel
5. Our faith
 - a) In God
 - b) In the Scriptures
 - c) The full assurance in our heart