

What Do We Know About Jesus? (2)

The Birth Of Jesus

In the Old Testament we have the following recorded (Prophecy) for us; "But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, which art little to be among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall one come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting." (Mic.5:2); "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." (Isa.7:14); "Jehovah thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; according to all that thou desiredst of Jehovah thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of Jehovah my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. And Jehovah said unto me, They have well said that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him." (Deu.18:15-19) Now what do these scriptures reveal for us? 1. Bethlehem will be His place of birth. 2. He was to be born of a virgin. 3. He was to be like Moses.

Now, did these events take place? Did they occur just as they were prophesied? God has stated the following in Proverbs 14:5,25;"A faithful witness will not lie; But a false witness uttereth lies., A true witness delivereth souls; But he that uttereth lies {causeth} deceit." So it is up to us to search the scriptures to see if these events occurred.

In Matthew 2:1 reveals; "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, Wise-men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying," That answers number 1. What about His virgin birth? In Luke 1:26-27 reveals "Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary." That answers number 2. But what about being like Moses. In the book of Acts (3:20-23) we have this revealed; "and that he may send the Christ who hath been appointed for you, {even} Jesus: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration

of all things, whereof God spake by the mouth of His holy prophets that have been from of old. Moses indeed said, A prophet shall the Lord God raise up unto you from among your brethren, like unto me. To him shall ye hearken in all things whatsoever he shall speak unto you. And it shall be, that every soul that shall not hearken to that prophet, shall be utterly destroyed from among the people." This answers number 3.

During this time of year people who profess to know about Jesus depict his birth something like this; "a beautiful baby, fluttering about on wings with a halo around his head". In reality nothing could be further from the truth. Look at Luke 2:1-7 "Now it came to pass in those days,... called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David; to enrol himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, being great with child. And it came to pass, while they were there, the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first- born son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

Herod sought to kill Jesus! (Matt.2:16)

The scriptures plainly teach that all that was prophesied about Jesus birth came true.

We know that Jesus had brothers and sisters, MAT 13:55,56 "Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joseph, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? How did Jesus feel about His family? If we can understand that Jesus was a man and had feelings like a man, it will greatly help us!