



A Miraculous Birth

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A short video...

An ancient prophecy pointing to the [coming Messiah](#)

- **When?** About 700 years before Jesus was born
- **Where?** In the Southern Kingdom (Judah)
- **Who?** King Ahaz and the people of God
- **What is happening?** Civil war and oppression!

The Prophecy of Isaiah

Isaiah 7:13-16

¹³ Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, ¹⁶ for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste."

What to expect

- A pregnant virgin!
- God in diapers!
- Deliverance!

An important theological concept

Telescoping... a prophecy with multiple fulfillments over time

The [fulfillment](#) of the prophecy... The [Messiah came](#)

- **When?** About 700 years after Isaiah's prophecy
- **Where?** In Bethlehem
- **Who?** Mary and Joseph
- **What is happening?** A time of political and spiritual oppression!

Matthew 1:18-23

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

What happened

- A pregnant virgin!
- God in diapers!
- Deliverance! (Greater than anticipated)

Understanding the [prophecy](#)... The Messiah is [here today](#)

God came among us, as one of us, for our sake! He is present today, Immanuel, God with us. God with you.

Jesus offers deliverance to all who will receive His amazing grace!

Embracing the prophecy and fulfilment... [Walking with the Messiah](#)

1. Good morning Jesus... my day is yours!
2. Help me Jesus... I can't do this!
3. Thank you Jesus... you are so good!
4. Lead me Jesus... I need wisdom!
5. Hold me Jesus... so I can live for you tomorrow!

God is present, closer than we realize or experience!

Jesus is the source of the salvation each of us needs.