

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14 NKJV

***Between the years 740 and 710 B.C. the prophet Isaiah spoke of the birth of the coming Messiah.**

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.

Micah 5:2 NKJV

***Between the years 735 and 710 B.C. the prophet Micah spoke of the birth place of the coming Messiah; Bethlehem.**

Over 700 years later:

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.

The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Then Mary said to the angel, "how can this be, since I do not know a man?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is born will be called the Son of God."

Luke 1:26-35 NKJV

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

Luke 2:4-5 NKJV

***Every detail orchestrated perfectly by the One True God.**

It's amazing to see how God has always had every detail worked out.

God's perfect plan, His perfect timing, accomplished perfectly by Him.

That's the God we serve; who loves us so much that by His grace He provided sinful people (all of us) an opportunity to be in right relationship with Him, through faith in His Only Begotten Son, Christ Jesus.

Let's make sure to thank Him this Christmas season and always for being the Great and Awesome God that He is!

Let's also make sure to remember that the Lord Jesus Christ truly is the reason for the season!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Dave Wolff.