

Christology Lesson 8

THE INCARNATION AND VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST (1)

1 Corinthians 1: 20-25

1A. THE MEANING OF THE INCARNATION - that divine act by which the second Person of the triune God became human flesh. *Romans 8:3 Philippians 2:7-8*

John 1:14

-The Greek word for “became” is “ginomai” which means a change in condition.

1 Timothy 3:16

-God was revealed in the flesh

Matthew 1:23

- His name is Immanuel, which translated means “God with us”

2A. THE METHOD BY WHICH JESUS CHRIST BECAME INCARNATE the virgin birth - *Galatians 4:4*

1B. **PROPHECIES** in the Old Testament-

Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 1:31-35

Genesis 3:15

- Protoevangelium- First mention of the gospel.
- The “Seed” in Hebrew is a singular, not plural.
- The passage hints of the virgin birth. *Matthew 1:16-18* “*of whom Jesus was born*” is a singular feminine pronoun that is highly unusual in any genealogy.

1 Timothy 2:12-15

-Original language says she will be “saved in childbirth”

A. Probably, the idea here is that even though the “woman race” did something bad in the garden by being deceived and falling into transgression, the “woman race” also did something far greater, in being used by God to bring the saving Messiah into the world.

Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23

- Hebrew word for Virgin is “Almah” It does not always mean virgin but it is the only word that can be used for a virgin in Hebrew.
- In N.T quotes Isaiah and the word “almah” is translated “parthenos” in Greek (LXX). Parthenos can only mean “virgin” it can mean nothing else.

2B. PROBLEMS in the genealogies (Matthew 1 & Luke 3)

-Cursed Lineage of Jeconiah: *Jeremiah 22:24-30*

A. Any candidate for Messiah could ever sit on the throne through Solomon in the light of this curse!

B. The genealogy of Jesus given by Matthew passes through this cursed line of David-Solomon-Asa- and Jeconiah.

- The Lords promise to David: Clearly any would-be Messiah must of necessity come through the Royal lineage of David and Solomon. *II Samuel 7:12-16*

A. The Dynasty of Kings would originate through the fruit of David's body and would never end! (16)
Psalms 132:11

B. The Kingly line was to pass through Solomon. *I Kings 6:11*

C. Through Solomon there is a distinct lineage of kingly authority: Solomon, Rehoboam, Abijah, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joram, Ahaziah, Joash, Amaziah, Azariah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Amon, and Josiah, Josiah had 4 sons: Johanan, Jehoikim, Zedekiah, and Shallum. Jehoikim had 2 sons: Jeconiah and Zedekiah.

- The Virgin Birth Solves cursed line and fulfills both Prophecy. *Isaiah 9:6*

A. A child will be **born** to us speaks of Mary's virgin birth. A son will be **given** speaks of Jesus adoption by Joseph.

1. Mary is also in the line of David not through the cursed line of Solomon but through Nathan. A child being born of this line covers the prophecy of "Of the fruit of your (David) body I will set upon your throne.

2. After the birth of Jesus, Joseph married Mary and adopted Jesus making Him a legal Heir to the throne of Solomon.

*God's answer to the greatest theological problem to Israel is the Virgin Birth. Clearly if Jesus were the physical offspring of Joseph, He would be disqualified from the claim to sit on David's throne because of the curse of Jeconiah. Any person claiming to be the Messiah who was physically born of the seed of David through Solomon through Asa and the Kingly line on down through Jeconiah would be under the same curse, therefore DISQUALIFIED. However the Messiah must genetically be of the seed of David—without question, which he is through the Virgin Birth of His mother who comes from the line of David through Nathan.