

## “The Virgin Birth”

The virgin birth was no afterthought in God’s plans. The Old Testament prophesied it. As far back as the earliest chapters of Genesis, which records the fall of Adam and Eve, we find hints that God would send a virgin-born redeemer.

After Adam and Eve sinned by eating the forbidden fruit, God pronounced a curse on the serpent, Satan. God said to Satan, “Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.” Now read carefully the next verse: “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel” (Genesis 3:14-15)

You will note in the next text of Genesis 3:15 that Moses refers to her seed. God in referring to Satan said that He would “put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed.” Her seed is an expression used nowhere else in Scripture. Every other time Scripture speaks of someone’s offspring as seed, it is speaking of the male seed, or sperm. Only one time does Scripture ever speak of the seed of a woman, and that’s an indication of something special.

Furthermore, God said Satan would war against the woman’s seed. The enmity would culminate in a final battle. “It [the word is in single tense and should be translated He] shall bruise thy [Satan] head, and thou shalt bruise his [the single tense word it] heel.”

The victory belongs to the seed of the woman – Jesus. And we know that at the cross Satan bruised Christ, but our Lord’s death and resurrection proved to be a death blow to Satan’s head.

Quietly and without fanfare, God’s Son was conceived in a young woman who had never known intimacy with any man. The chain of events this set off would change Mary and Joseph forever. More than that, Jesus would alter the course of all history in a way no one before Him had ever dreamed possible. And no one since has equaled how one man (Jesus the Son of God) altered the course of all human history. Truly, Jesus was God’s own Son.

No one really knows when Christ was born. It probably was not December 25, because Scripture states there were shepherds in the fields watching over their flocks, and that would have been highly unlikely at this time of year.

In 336, Emperor Constantine declared Christ’s birthday was to be celebrated on December 25, and December 25 has endured as the date we celebrate Christ’s birth.

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The seal of the LORD of hosts will perform this” (Isaiah 9:6-7)