#### The Virgin Birth! Miracles, Pt. 2 Luke 1:26-38, Isaiah 7:14 December 8, 2024

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**Genesis 1:1,** In the beginning <u>God</u> created the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the <u>Spirit</u> of God was hovering over the waters.

**Genesis 1:26,** Then God said, "Let us make mankind in <u>our</u> image, in <u>our likeness</u>, so that <u>they</u> may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

**Genesis 3:6,** When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, <u>she took some and ate it</u>. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and <u>he ate it</u>.

**<u>Genesis 3:14</u>**, So the Lord God said to the <u>serpent</u>, ... **15** And I will put <u>enmity</u> between <u>you</u> and the <u>woman</u>, and between your offspring and <u>hers</u>; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

**Genesis 5:3,** When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in <u>his own likeness, in his own image;</u>

**Romans 5:12,** Therefore, just as <u>sin</u> entered the world through <u>one man</u>, and death through <u>sin</u>, and in this way <u>death</u> <u>came to all people</u>, because <u>all sinned</u>—

**Isaiah 7:14,** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a <u>sign</u>: The <u>virgin</u> will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him <u>Immanuel</u>.

**Matthew 1:22,** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the <u>prophet</u>:

### What Does the Virgin Birth Teach Us?

## 1. Live in a Way That <u>PLEASES GOD</u>

Luke 1:26, ... God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a <u>virgin</u> pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. <u>The virgin's</u> <u>name was Mary.</u> 28 The angel went to her and said, "<u>Greetings, you who are highly favored</u>! The <u>Lord is with</u> <u>you</u>."

# 2. Listen for God's VOICE

Luke 1:29, Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. **30** But the <u>angel</u> said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. **31** <u>You will conceive and give birth to a</u> <u>son, and you are to call him Jesus</u>.

## 3. Keep Your Focus on <u>JESUS</u>

Luke 1:32, <u>He will be great</u> and will be called the <u>Son</u> of the Most High. The Lord God will give <u>him</u> the throne of his father David, **33** and <u>he</u> will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; <u>his kingdom will never end</u>."

## 4. Trust God When You Don't UNDERSTAND

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### 5. Look to Other Examples of God's FAITHFULNESS

Luke 1:36, Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. **37** For no word from God will ever fail."

### 6. Say Yes to God's WILL

**Luke 1:38,** "*I am the Lord's servant,*" Mary answered. "<u>May</u> <u>your word to me be fulfilled</u>." Then the angel left her.

#### 7. Be a Conduit of God's Grace to Coming <u>GENERATIONS</u>

**Luke 1:46,** And Mary said: "<u>My soul glorifies the Lord</u> **47** and my spirit <u>rejoices</u> in God my Savior, **48** for he has been mindful of the <u>humble state of his servant</u>. From now on <u>all generations</u> will call me blessed, **49** for the Mighty One has done great things <u>for me</u>—holy is his name.