

# The Miracle of Jesus' Birth!

(Key passages of the account of Jesus' birth: Matthew 1:18-2:12; Luke 2:1-20)

## When?

Jesus' coming to us was prophesied in Daniel 9:24-25 to be 483 years from the time of the decree of King Artaxerxes to rebuild the walls Jerusalem in 444 BC.

## Where?

His birth would be in "Bethlehem Ephrathah" as prophesied in Micah 5:2 about 700 years prior to His birth. Note that there are two Bethlehems and this prophecy was very specific as to which one; the one much farther from Nazareth!

## How?

- Of the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:10)
- Born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14)
- A host of angels announced His birth to shepherds (Luke 2:8-20)
- Visited by Magi guided by a star (Matthew 2:1-2)
- He came to us in humility as a model for us (Philippians 2:5-8)

## Why?

- ✧ His Love (John 3:16)
- ✧ A Sacrifice for our sins (1 John 4:10)
- ✧ Who was without sin Himself (Hebrews 4:15)
- ✧ To satisfy the Father's perfect holiness (Romans 3:25-26)
- ✧ To destroy the work of Satan (1 John 3:8)
- ✧ To intercede for us with God the Father (Isaiah 53:12)
- ✧ And to be our Mediator with the Father (1 Timothy 2:5)
- ✧ To bring us peace (John 14:27)
- ✧ For power and self-discipline (2 Timothy 1:7)
- ✧ To make us more like Him (John 17:16-19)

## What impact has Jesus' birth had on you?

Jesus came into the world,  
to pay a price I could not pay,  
for a debt He did not owe!