

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!