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INTRODUCTION TO THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Since many historical pagan faiths before the time of Christ begun their religions with a belief in a virgin birth some wonder if:

- The Christian belief of a virgin birth comes from pagan religions.
- Pagan religions saw glimmers of what had been foretold in the Scriptures since the fall of man.

Many pagan faiths' embrace a belief in a world-wide flood, but does this mean the Christian belief in the flood of Genesis is built on occult beliefs systems or that these occult religions have built their false systems on a biblical truth that they have embraced and distorted? The belief that Jesus was the son of Joseph is known as the Josephite teaching it is a very old belief that cannot stand without denying the very clear narratives of the conception and birth of Christ as given in Matthew's and Luke's Gospel records. Any believer who believes the Bible to be the wholly inspired and infallible record of God's revelation to man should question any view, which casts doubt upon the Bibles clear teaching.

To do this we need to go to the Scriptures themselves to find out the following three things:

1. Is the virgin birth established only on two or three verses in the New Testament or do we find it woven and threaded through the Old Testament as well.
2. Is the revelation of Mary's birth though veiled, hinted at and spoken of in the Old Testament?
3. Is the revelation of the birth of the Son of God ultimately like that of the Son himself having the veil slowly being remove as the fulfillment becomes closer and clearer to its readers and finally manifested to God's people in his chosen time?

THREE MAJOR BELIEFS FOR THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST

Following are the three major beliefs for the person of Jesus Christ.

1. Down through the centuries some hold a very old belief that regarded Jesus as the true son of Joseph, the husband of Mary. These people do not accept the record of the virgin birth and generally believe that the godly sonship of Jesus stems only from his character and not also from his exceptional paternity. This is called the Josephite teaching which produces a direct questioning of the authority of Scripture.
2. At the other end of the spectrum of beliefs is the idea that Jesus was, and always had been, God the Son who became flesh in the virgin's womb. This teaching emerged only after some centuries of theological discussion, and is now embodied in the accepted creeds of the orthodox churches, to those who believe it, the doctrine is exceptionally precious.
3. The third belief is that Jesus was the unique Son of God by his birth through begetting by God's creative power through the Holy Spirit and by his speaking the words of God and doing His works.

SEVEN BEINGS WITH THE APPEARANCE OF MAN YET ALL HAVING DIFFERENT ORIGINS

1. Adam was made from the dust of the earth and enlivened by the breath of God.
2. Eve was made from a part of Adam while he was in a deep sleep.
3. Cain was born by sexual reproduction.
4. Isaac was born to a woman past menopause and a very aged man.
5. John the Baptist was born to a woman that was unable to have children and very old.
6. Angels were created looking like men, but apparently immortal and with much greater powers.
7. Jesus was born of a virgin without the intervention of a man.

If it was possible to gather the previous seven people in one room, look, talk and examine them all as we might, they would nevertheless all have the appearance of man, but each has a very different origin, therefore it should not be hard to conceive that God through His creative power and the Holy Spirit created the seed within Mary or manipulate certain genes.

GOD'S CREATIVITY

God is so creative He is able to produce creatures that look, eat, talk, sleep and walk like man in at least six different ways and we cannot tell the difference between them.

Today man is able to manipulate the genes and theoretically clone another being from the DNA of another human, a virgin can be impregnated and give birth, it is technically within the grasp of science that a dead person could be cloned, if man with his mortal and limited mind is able to medically achieve these marvels of science how simple for God who spoke while the earth was void and in darkness and creation came into existence to speak the word to Mary and bring that word also into existence.

CHRIST WAS BORN OF GOD, BUT WITH AN INDIVIDUAL SELF, WILL AND PERSONALITY

- **Matthew 26:39-42:** Jesus going a little farther fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?"⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

Jesus prayed twice that this horrific suffering he was about to face could be taken away, he did not want to go to face the brutal, and cruel suffering and humiliation of the cross, we know this because he prayed, not my will but yours be done. Jesus was an individual person that chose to be absolutely obedient to the will of his heavenly Father, just as a human father gives birth to a son from his own seed and that son is in some sense part of that father, yet the son and the father have their own will and individual personalities quite distinct from each other, so it is with Christ he was made of the seed of God the Father by the creative power of the Holy Spirit, but he has an individual nature, will and personality.

He had the power to deny the will of his heavenly Father, but fully aware of the horror that was about to face him chose to be obedient unto death to His Father rather than succumb to the temptations of his own will.

Christ said, I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me
(John 5:30).

THE FIRST PROMISE GOD MADE TO THE WOMAN

- **Genesis 3:13-15:** The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life."¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Prior to these verses the serpent had told Eve when she eats of the forbidden fruit her eyes will be opened and she will be like God, knowing good and evil so Eve seeing the fruit was good for food, pleasant to the eyes and able to make one wise ate of the fruit and gave some to Adam her husband who was with her and he also ate of the forbidden fruit. When they heard the voice of the LORD, they immediately knew that had done wrong and hid themselves. When the LORD asked Adam if he had eaten of the tree that He had commanded him not to eat Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent (Gen. 3:2-13).

God in (Genesis 3:15) makes a glorious and eternal promise concerning the seed of the woman. The LORD tells the woman that He will put division between the serpent's seed and her seed and that the woman's seed will bruise the serpent's head and the serpents seed will bruise the heel of the woman's seed.

Bruise the heel: carries the idea of temporary destruction.

Bruise the head: carries the idea to total destruction.

Enmity: means there will be hatred and hostility between the serpents' seed and the woman's seed.

God is saying that there will be an ongoing hostility between the serpents' seed and the woman's Seed, and even though the serpents seed will inflict pain and suffering upon her Seed it will not be eternal whereas her Seed will totally destroy and crush the destructive power of the serpent's seed.

THE SEED OF THE SERPENT

The seed of the serpent not only embraces everyone who is against God and acts as an adversary to Him and opposes His will, His commandments and His ways, but also embraces sin that dwells in the flesh (i.e., human nature self, pride ego and greed etc.).

THE WOMAN'S SEED

The woman's seed ultimately refers to Christ, but also embraces the nation Israel because Christ came through the descendants of Israel and Mary because she gave birth to Jesus and by extension to all who by faith belong to the Lord Jesus Christ.

NOTE: both the nation of Israel and Mary can be spoken of as giving birth to Christ because he came through the bloodline of Israel and Mary of course was the honored woman chosen by God to give birth to him.

The Seed of the woman bruising the serpent's head means that Christ will strip the serpent from all power and authority forever, sin and evil and everything that opposes God will be totally destroyed. The serpent bruising Christ heel means that the serpent will wound Christ temporally, this wound is of course referring to the crucifixion of Christ it was a temporary wound, because Christ rose from the dead to eternal glory and will return again and crush the serpents head. Without the biblical enlightenment we have today of the birth of Christ, his ministry, his words and his death and resurrection it would be almost impossible to understand the meaning of this glorious promise made thousands of years before the promised Seed of the woman came into the world. It is likely Eve knew that through a descendant of hers (the Seed) the tide of evil would be stemmed and its source would be overcome. It is interesting to notice that when her first child was born Eve declared:

- I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD (Gen 4:1).

It would seem that Eve was thoughtful on the promise of the coming Seed (the deliverer), but obviously she was mistaken in the person and in the time, but not in the hope (Gen 3:14-16). Ages would have to roll by before the mystery was fully revealed, meanwhile the faithful would have to believe in the promise of the coming Seed, but God constantly reinforced their faith with new and more expansive promises as time went by. It is interesting to note that the promise was to be the Seed of the woman rather than the seed of the man?

Even at this early stage we see a glimpse of the Virgin Birth hidden away in this mystery. Prior to the fall of Adam there was nothing in the Garden of Eden that would harm them. There was no sickness, no wild storms or fearful wild meat-eating animals (they ate grass and vegetation) nor was their death. It seems that even though Adam and Eve were created mortal and not eternal beings like the angels had they not rebelled and eaten of the forbidden fruit that brought death to them they may well have lived a healthy life forever even though they had the potential to die. But this is all speculation since they did eat of the forbidden fruit and they did die.

The Seed of the Woman ----- The Seed of the Serpent.

Humans ----- Wild fearful meat-eating animals.

Able ----- Cain (murdered his brother).

The faithful that believe in God ----- Those that do not.

Faithful Jews ----- The Arabs.

Faithful Israel ----- The unbelieving nations.

Jesus ----- The unbelieving world.

The faithful church ----- The unbelieving world.

The Kingdom of God ----- The unbelieving world.

The expression, bruise your head and bruise his heel in its widest sense means that there will be a constant struggle between good and bad. The serpent was the tempter of the woman, and the cause of sin, Eve acted on the serpent's lie so the serpent became the symbol of sin, therefore to bruise the serpent's head, means to put an end to sin, and to all the evil that sin had brought into the world and upon humanity. The woman's Seed is the man Jesus of whom God said: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." God was well pleased in him because, he always did those things which pleased his Father (Matt. 3:17) (John 8:29). It is Jesus who will bring this glorious promise of God to pass.

In Galatians chapter four we read:

- When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law (Gal. 4:4).

This verse shines a brilliant spotlight on the truth that Jesus was the Seed of the woman because man was not his father, but a woman was his mother. His Father was God Himself. The Bible tells us that God chose the Jewish Virgin Mary to be the mother of His Son. To be so she was touched with the power of God and God's angel Gabriel said to her: -

- The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God (Luke 1:35)

THE VIRGIN BIRTH WAS LOCKED AWAY IN THIS FIRST MYSTERY

God was fully involved in the conception and birth of the Lord Jesus, by the prophets, the word of God, the Angel of the LORD, multitudes of angels, the Holy Spirit, shepherds and wise men God was the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ in a unique manner, a way quite different from the Fatherhood God extends to all faithful believers. The faithful in the Old Testament believed in the promised coming Seed and God reinforced their faith with new and more expansive promises as time went by. Considering that the genealogies in Genesis all go through the men who begat others and there is no mention of women, the men of old must have wondered why the Seed was called the Seed of the woman and not the Seed of man. It was not until Christ the deliverer came born of a virgin without the aid of man that everything became crystal clear, the virgin birth was locked away in this first mystery.