

THE CHRISTMAS SURPRISE

(Isaiah 9:6,7)

Two Subjects Comprise the Surprise

●Subject #1 - a c_____

1. The context is the prophecy of Is 7:14-16 that gives:
 - a. The miraculous nature of the child's birth – a v_____ will be with child
 - 1) This was to be the s_____ (defined as something unusual or unique)
 - a) There was nothing unusual about a young pregnant woman – it was c_____
 - b) There was nothing unusual about an unmarried pregnant woman – no c_____!
 - c) A woman claiming to be a virgin, yet pregnant, would be unusual!
 - 2)
 - b. The name or c_____ of the child (see Col 3:17 for definition of name being character).
 - 1) Immanuel means G_____ with us (see Matt 1:23)
 - 2) The name of the child in Is 9:6 includes M_____ God
 - 3) Thus the child will be God in the f_____

2. Written stories of virgins becoming pregnant do not predate Isaiah's prophecy (800 B.C.) but seem to have developed from that prophecy! (e.g. Homer, who lived in the days of Isaiah wrote four stories of virgins producing gods)

●Subject #2 – a s_____

1. This is not just identifying the g_____ of the child
2. This is indicating a legal status in which he gains an inheritance from his father.
 - a. The inheritance - a government and a kingdom – the throne of D_____ (verse 7a)
 - b. The Father from whom he receives the inheritance – the Lord of H_____ will accomplish it! (verse 7b)
3. Jesus' kingdom
 - a. Presently it is just s_____ (Jn 18:23)

- b. When He returns it will be a p_____ kingdom (Rev 12:5; 20:6).

Jesus is the child of Mary and the Son of the Lord of Hosts!

From Two Actions Arise the Surprise

- Action #1 – a child will be b_____
 1. Micah 5:2 prophesies that the birthplace would be B_____
 2. Every one knew that the Christ would be born (Matt 2)
 - a. The M_____ (or Wisemen) knew
 - b. King H_____ knew
 - c. The s_____ knew
- Action #2 – a son will be g_____
 1. The Son pre-existed as the W_____ (Jn 1:1)
 2. His origin was not from birth, but from the days of e_____ (Mic 5:2; see also Ps 90:2 for same Hebrew phrase)
 3. John 3:16 states that because God loved the world, He provided salvation by giving His only S_____

For One Object Arrives the Surprise

- To u_____
 1. He was b_____
 2. He was g_____
- What is meant by “us”? – look at the context
 1. Does not refer to people with Jewish blood for many would s_____ over the Christ or Messiah (Is 8:14)
 2. Only those who have f_____ will have Immanuel, which means God with them (Is 8:8,10)
- Some erroneously think that they deserve the Christmas surprise of God with us
 1. Those who exit this life with that mentality will have another surprise (Matt 7:23 – Jesus will say, *I never k_____ you.*
 2. We cannot b_____ about anything relating to our relationship to God through Christ (Eph 2:8,9)
 3. We must receive the gift of God, Immanuel, J_____ Himself (Jn 1:12)

Are you surprised that the Creator of this universe became a man and personally gave Himself to you?