**R775\_Rumination for 15 Dec. 2019**

The **T**heme: **The Virgin Birth.** [[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *Behold,* ***the virgin*** *shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel****.*** Isa. 7:14, NKJV

The **T**hots:

1. **The Prophecy OF A virgin birth Pronounced. Isa. 7:14**
2. It was **A**nnounced to King **A**haz.
3. The **P**romise of a **S**ign - *A* ***V****irgin Shall* ***C****onceive*, i.e. at the time Isaiah prophesied (?).

 *Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive,*

 *and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel*, i.e. with a double fulfilment.See #2

* The child referred to here is Isaiah's young child *"Shear-jahub"* whom God

ordered Isaiah to take with him when he went to see Ahaz. [Isa. 7:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+7%3A3) (Butler)

1. The **P**romise of “**S**alvation” with the **S**ign – A **V**ictory was **C**oming. Isa. 7:15, 16

*"Butter and honey* *shall he eat... before the child* *shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good,*

*the land that thou abhorrest* *shall be forsaken of both her kings"*

* Isaiah announces that the demise/death of the kings of the two nations

that confederated together to attack Jerusalem is to come soon. Butler

1. It was **A**pplied to the Birth of Jesus to Mary (the **A**nnunciation} Mt. 1:22
2. The **P**romise of a **S**ign - *A Virgin Shall* ***C****onceive*. Mt. 1:22-23

*Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet,*

*saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with* ***C****hild, and shall bring forth a son,*

*and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*

1. The **P**romise of a **S**aviour. Mt. 1:21

*She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS:*

*for He shall save his people from their sins.* Mt. 1:23

1. **The Preparation for the Virgin Birth.** Mt. 1:24-25
2. The **F**acts: *Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise…* Mt. 1:18
3. Joseph was **B**etrothed to Mary, a Virgin.

*When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together,*

1. But Mary would already have a **B**aby in her womb.

*She was found with child of the Holy Ghost.*

1. The **F**ear of **J**ust **J**oseph: *Joseph her husband, being a just man*… Mt. 1:19, KJV
2. Not wanting to***D****isgrace her* ***P****ublicly…* Mt. 1:19, HCSB
3. He ***D****ecided to* ***D****ivorce her secretly* (**P**rivately). Mt. 1:19, HCSB

1. His **F**right however was **A**ssuaged by an **A**ngel’s **A**ppearance: Mt. 1:20, HCSB
2. Mary’s **C**haracter was Intact – *don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife*
3. She was **C**onceived of the Holy Spirit – *what has been conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit.*
4. The **F**ulfilment… Mt. 1:22

*Now all this was done, that it might be* ***F****ulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet…*

[*When the* ***F****ulness of the time was come, God sent* ***F****orth His Son, made of a woman…* Gal. 4:4]

1. Of God’s **P**lan for His **P**eople – Mt. 1:21
2. The Son was from the **L**ord – He is *conceived of the Holy Spirit*.
3. The Son was to bring **L**ife to His people – *for He shall save His people from their sins.*
4. Of God’s **P**urpose to **L**ive with His **P**eople – Mt. 1:23

*They shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*

1. The **F**aithfulness of Joseph: - Mt. 1:24

*Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him.*

1. Joseph “**M**arried” **M**ary – *and took unto him his wife:*
2. But did not **M**ar her virginity – a*nd knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son:*
3. He named his Son as **M**entioned by the angel - *and he called his name JESUS.*
4. The **F**ruit – Because Jesus was born of a Virgin…
5. He was God **I**ncarnate in Man – *the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.* Jn. 1:14.
6. He did not **I**nherit the Sin passed down through Adam Rom. 5:12

 ***B****y one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin;*

 *and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

**But *in Him* (Jesus Christ) *is no sin.***I Jn. 3:5

Con. Thus, Jesus **C**hrist was born of a Virgin,

 that we as the **C**hurch could be presented to Him as a **C**haste Virgin II Cor. 11:2

 To be **M**arried to Him at the **M**arriage of the Lamb. Rev. 19:7

*Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him:*

*for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready.*

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 775**

1. Why was there a need for the Virgin Birth? Why need the Lord Jesus Christ

to be born of a virgin and not via the normal way when a man and woman

come together to consummate a marriage?

Well, it all started with Adam and Eve sinning against God in disobeying Him,

in eating of the fruit that they must not take in the garden - Genesis 2:16, 17

*And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not*

*eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

We all know, of course, of how the two transgressed against God and the sinful consequences thereof, as recorded in…

I Tim. 2:14 - *the woman being deceived was in the transgression.*

Rom. 5:12 - *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin;*

 *and* *so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

Thus, through all time and ages, when man and woman came together in a sexual union a baby would be born inheriting the sinful DNA of both parents to form a new person. Through this, inherent sin was passed down from generation to generation making all that are born into the world to be sinful and so *death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.* The result of such sinful births is death which in turn is proof of our sinful nature in us, for every one born into this world must die proving that all have sinned.

To break away from this sinfulness and the resultant death of sin and judgment (Heb. 9:27 - *as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment*)someone must break this union and chain that bring forth such results.

Therefore, for the Lord Jesus to come and save us from this sin and judgment, He can only do so by being miraculously born from one partner. Thus, Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit and was born of a virgin!

By this He broke the chain of sin and death and now is able to offer us life eternal and freedom from judgment.

He offers:  *As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God,*

*to those who believe in His name:* (Jn. 1:12, NKJV).

This coming Christmas season do remember that Jesus was born of a virgin in order to break the power of cancelled sin and offer you a position to become a child of God.

Have you received Him? **REFLECT**

1. Even as Jesus was born of Mary, a sanctified and divinely called-out virgin, for the purpose of giving birth to Him to be the Saviour to save His people from their sins, Mary was only the vessel for that particular purpose. After this she reverted back to be the virtuous woman that she was and lived a normal life.

She was properly married to her husband, Joseph (Mt. 1:24, 25), and had children by her (Mk. 6:3). She was never perpetually a virgin nor was she regarded as a “*mother of God*” because she gave birth to Christ, Who was verily God and verily Man. She was a *woman* (Jesus always respectively addressed her as such, Jn. 2: 4; 19:26) and as she was born she died as any other person did. She was never worshipped. When the Magi visited her and the Child they worshipped only the Child and presented unto Him gifts (Mt. 2:9). She was born a sinner saved by His Son’s grace and she died as any other person dies today.

Who do you worship today – the Child or the mother? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:**

This **C**HRIST-**M**as season – Who is more important to you, **C**hrist or His **M**other?