

12/22/24

- Any questions/discussion about this morning? *Eternally Begotten, Not Made*
- Going to look at OT prophecies about Christ's first coming and then the pecking order of events around His birth, infancy and childhood.
 - The traditional narrative doesn't always fit the biblical narrative

OT PROPHECY (about birth/infancy)

- The birth of the Savior / Messiah virgin born
 - Genesis 3:15 *Seed of the woman*
 - Skeptics say that Christianity “stole” the story of a virgin birth because of the many other (older) religions that have miraculously born gods
 - The opposite is true – you can't get much older than Gen. 3 (only 2 people on planet)
 - Satan has corrupted the true message with his false ones
 - All other religions are satanic deception
 - Even the constellations have been co-opted and corrupted
 - Virgo – virgin carrying seed (seed of the woman) and a “branch” Is. 11 Zech 6
 - Scorpio – under one foot of the Mighty One – stinger at other foot
 - the constellation displays the content of Genesis 3:15
 - Sagittarius – one with two natures with arrow pointed at Scorpio
 - Aries - the lamb binding the great sea monster Cetus
 - Leo - the Lion with multi-headed dragon Hydra under His feet
 - Isaiah 7:14 (Matt. 1:22-23)
 - Psalm 22:9-10 Isaiah 49:1 (named from the womb – Matt. 1:20-21) Isaiah 49:5
 - From the seed of Israel
 - Seed of Abraham Gal. 3:16 (several references to this in Genesis)
 - Seed of David - Jer. 23:5-6 Isaiah 11:1-5
 - Star that points to the King from Judah
 - Numbers 24:17 Star & scepter (a star to announce The King)

- Place of birth and residence Born in Bethlehem. Grew up in Egypt. Landed in Nazareth
 - Micah 5:2
 - Hosea 11:2
 - Isaiah 11:1 (*HEB = “nay-tser” / branch*) ??? *this Hebrew word sounds like Nazar-ene*
Matt. 2:23
- Gifts brought on camels from people of the east
 - Isaiah 60:6 ??? (Matt. 2:11) (donkeys not mentioned but camels are)
- Timeframe in history
 - Daniel 9:25-26
- God has an eternal Son who He will send. The eternally begotten will be begot in time
 - Prov. 30:4 Isaiah 9:6-7 Psalm 2 Micah 5:2 (Gal. 4:4)
- Slaughter of the children in Bethlehem
 - Jer. 31:15 (Rachel died in Bethlehem giving birth – Gen. 35:19)

PECKING ORDER OF EVENTS

1. Gabriel announces to Mary about virgin conception (Nazareth) Luke 1:26-38
2. Mary visits Elizabeth (who was 6 months pregnant with John) (Judea hills) Luke 1:39-56
 - a. Stayed 3 months (until John is born...then returned home to Nazareth)
3. Joseph contemplates divorcing Mary Matt. 1:18-25 (after 3 months – showing – ?? telling Joseph??)
 - a. Angelic visit in a dream
 - b. Name of Jesus given by angel
4. Travel to Bethlehem for census Luke 2:1-5
5. Birth in Bethlehem Luke 2:6-7
6. Angelic glory seen at night by the shepherds Luke 2:8-9
 - a. This light show was probably seen by the Magi in the east which started their preparation for the journey to Jerusalem (star) angels – shining ones/stars
Job 38:7 Rev. 12:3-4
 - b. Probably not in the winter time -
 - i. shepherds in field at night ...and... travel for census (probably Spring or Summer)
7. Shepherds informed Luke 2:10-14
8. Shepherds visit the manger the night of birth Luke 2:15-16
9. Shepherds spread the word Luke 2:17-20
10. At eight days old Jesus was circumcised and named Luke 2:21

11. A forty days old Jesus was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem for the ceremonial cleansing
 - a. Luke 2:22-38 (Lev. 12) (8 days & 40 days are usually left out of story)
12. Some point between 40 days and 2 years old: Matt. 2
 - a. The Magi show up to Jerusalem (not 3 men but 3 gifts) (300 men?)
 - b. Many Magi stir Jerusalem with their questions Matt. 2:2-3
 - i. (again...3 guys wouldn't make much of a stir in Jerusalem) "we 3 Kings = tradition"
 - ii. The Magi want to know where King Messiah is to be born
 - c. Herod's inquisition Matt. 2:4-8
 - d. Star is seen and is over the **HOUSE** (the star is an angel) Matt. 2:9-10
 - i. The Magi went to a house, not the manger (they showed much later than the shepherds – ?2 yrs?)
 - e. Gifts Matt. 2:11 Isaiah 60:6
 - i. 3 gifts not 3 kings
13. Magi warned in a dream not to return to Herod – go home another way Matt. 2:12
14. Joseph warned in a dream to flee Matt. 2:13
15. Joseph takes his family **that night** and flees to Egypt . Matt. 2:14 (pregnant & on the move again! ☺)
 - a. The gifts of Magi funded their impromptu move
 - i. Like Israel plundering the Egyptians as they left Egypt
16. They lived in Egypt for a while Matt. 2:15 (did they have other kids there??? – Matt. 13:55-56)
17. Herod slaughters the boys around Bethlehem 2 years old and younger. Matt. 2:16-18
 - a. Time determined from the info from the Magi
18. Angel appears to Joseph in Egypt to tell him Herod is dead Matt. 2:19-20
19. Joseph moves his family to Nazareth sometime between when Jesus was 2- 12 Matt. 2:21-23
20. At 12 the family goes from Nazareth to Jerusalem - Luke 2:41-52