

Birth of the Son

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Years ago, I gave a sermon titled "That God May Be All in All." I chose the title of the sermon from the concluding phrase in 1 Corinthians 15:28.

1 Corinthians 15:24, 28—"Then comes the end, when He [the Son] delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He [the Son] puts an end to all rule and all authority and power . . . Now when all things are made subject to Him [the Son], then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him [the Father] who put all things under Him [the Son], that God may be all in all."

I also quoted John 5:22-23.

John 5:22-23—"For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him."

I proceeded to give 10 ways we can show honor to the Son. This week we will look at the first concept—the birth of the Son.

Old Testament prophecies

It is interesting to see how many prophecies in the Old Testament are attributed to the birth of the Messiah. Here are just a few.

- Born of the seed of the woman—Genesis 3:15 and Luke 1:31.
- Born of a virgin—Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:18-23.
- To be named Immanuel ("God with us")—Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:23.
- To be born in Bethlehem—Micah 5:2 and Matthew 2:1-6.
- To be presented with gifts—Psalm 72:10 and Matthew 2:11.
- Innocent children to be slaughtered—Jeremiah 31:15 and Matthew 2:16-18.
- Messiah to return from Egypt—Hosea 11:1 and Matthew 2:13-15, 19-20.

Review the birth

While it is true that many believers seek to avoid acknowledging the birth of Jesus Christ at the wrong time of the year or with the wrong traditions of

society, I believe that it is a mistake for believers to ignore one of the greatest events in the plan of God.

- Bethlehem in a manger—Luke 2:1-7.
- Shepherds went to Bethlehem—Luke 2:8-20.
- Circumcised on eighth day—Luke 2:21.
- Presented at the temple—Luke 2:22-24.
- Herod sent people to find the Child—Matthew 2:1-10.
- The delegates came to the house and offered gifts to the Child—Matthew 2:11.
- The delegates did not return to Herod—Matthew 2:12.
- Joseph and Mary took the Child to Egypt—Matthew 2:13-15.
- Herod slaughtered children—Matthew 2:16-18.
- Joseph and Mary returned from Egypt and took the Child to Nazareth—Matthew 2:19-23.