The Birth of Jesus

Predicted

The New Testament draws our attention to the prophecies about Jesus's birth.

Born in Bethlehem
Mtt 2:3-6 ~ Micah 5:2

God became flesh
Jhn 1:1,14, 1Jn 4:2, 1Jn 5:20, Isa 9:6

Infant in Egypt
Mtt 2:13-15 ~ Hos 11:1

Massacre of children
Mtt 2:16-18 ~ Jer 31:15

Boyhood in Nazareth
Mtt 2:23 (oral prophecy)

Christ's Ancestry

Virginal conception
Mtt 1:18-25 ~ Isa 7:14, Lke 1:26-38

Seed of a woman
Gal 4:4 Mtt 1:21 Gen 3:15

Seed of Abraham
Lke 1:72-73, Gen 12:3, Gen 22:16-18

Seed of Isaac and Jacob
Lke 3:34, Gen 17:19, Gen 21:12, Num 24:17

Of the tribe of Judah
Lke 3:33, Gen 49:10

Son of David
Lke 3:31, Mtt 1:1, 2Sm 7:12-14

Who was Born in Bethlehem?

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In the last week of every year, people celebrate the birth of Jesus. They tell again the story of Jesus's birth in Bethlehem —apparently in a stable— and how he was laid in a feed trough and visited by wise men and shepherds.

Of course we should remember and tell this story all through the year, not only at the year's end, nor even especially then. On the other hand, it makes sense to preach about the subject while it is presently on people's minds.

In this lesson we ask, “Who was born in Bethlehem?” Who was this Jesus, this baby born to Mary and laid in a trough for a crib?

In this lesson we find three answers to that question, two from Luke, and the third from the book of Hebrews.