

The Virgin Birth: Hoax or History?

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“If we do not hold to the virgin birth despite the fact that the Bible asserts it, then we have compromised the authority of the Bible and there is in principle no reason why we should hold to its other teachings. Thus, rejecting the virgin birth has implications reaching far beyond the doctrine itself.”

- Millard Erickson

2 Corinthians 10:5, *“We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”*

2 Corinthians 11:3; 14-15, *“I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.”*

Isaiah 7:14, *“The Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.”*

Mark 6:1-3, *“Jesus went out from there and came into His hometown; and His disciples followed Him. When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many listeners were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things, and what is this wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?” And they took offense at Him.”*

Matthew 1:16, *“Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.”*

“In Jesus’ world, people were important because of who they were related to, or even where they came from, not so much because of who they were in themselves. Take for example Peter, or to use his Jewish name, Simon bar Jonah. He is identified and singled out by whose son his is... In such a society paternity or even communal origin was often thought to determine one’s destiny.”

- Ben Witherington

Matthew 1:22-23, *“Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.”*