

*"Therefore **The Lord Himself** shall give you a Sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." **Isaiah 7:14 KJV***

Most images of Christ's birth, while expressive, are usually not exactly true. Christ was "swaddled," tightly bound, in burial cloth and I seriously doubt that anything else was between Him and the hay. There was no heavenly glow emanating from the Babe of Bethlehem and the stable was dimly lit at best. He was birthed in the stable; probably not very sanitary; where animals had no doubt done the same. The only miraculous happening that particular evening was the angel host proclaiming His Birth. The shepherds were not privy to the miracle of the virgin mother as it had been kept secret. The Lord Himself gave us the prophecy AND the sign of foretold redemption. God never works in darkness. Also, He does not need to repeat Himself for a thing to be done. God did not Breathe twice to create light. He Spoke and it was done. He Commanded and it was brought forth. *"God said, 'Let there be light: and there was light. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth."* When God does it Himself, it will be so and it will be good. God performs outside of preordained Law to prove not only His Power, but His Sovereignty as well. The apostle put it plainly when he stated that God decides who will receive Mercy and who will not. God works "outside the box." He is Omnipresent in time as well as space! He is neither constrained by time nor eternity. God is the ultimate "time traveler." Every era of history is subject to His authority; before, during, and after. Eternity is the absence of time. Can you imagine life without time? When would you eat? How would you plan the future? This gives us an inkling of how God operates. He can say it here and now, and command it there and then in the same instant of time. He sees all "time" as you might peruse a painting, but God is doing the painting and His every brush-stroke is perfectly "timed." We move THROUGH time, God moves IN time. The Divine Artist knows the beginning from the end in the same moment of eternity. The Creator of Time precisely places each nuance of "color" on the canvas, and knows exactly which brush to use, where, and for what effect. Has man ever done anything that holds a candle to the tapestry of Mt. Everest, the Grand Canyon or the oceans? How about the Milky Way Galaxy? The Birth of Messiah is on the same scale. God steps "outside the box," and perfectly engineers the Miraculous Redemption of man. I challenge you to find one nuance of Divine prophecy that ever failed. Some are yet to be, but none have failed. Mary's virginity was only part of the total prophecy. *"And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for He shall Save His People from their sins."* No one disputes our Lord's Birth. Moreover, it is globally celebrated each year. Do you doubt? Christmas is proof that God is always Right and on "time!" Never forget that He came to save you!

God's Word ordains the here below,
He commands it and it is so,
And we shall ever be secure,
When "Sea of Time" exists no more. —CGP

The next "time" you need more "time," *"draw nigh to God and [Eternity] will draw nigh to you."* To quote Charles H. Spurgeon, "God never is before His Time, and never is behind." I recently prayed for something and received it only to find out it was on its way before I prayed! "*The Lord Himself*" knew before I asked!

"So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My Mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I Please, and it shall Prosper in the thing whereto I Sent It. For ye shall go out with Joy, and be led forth with Peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." **Isaiah 55:11-12 KJV**

