

The Case for Christmas—Part 3

DID JESUS FULFILL THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD? (cf. Col. 2:9)

- **Omniscience = All Knowing** (cf. John 1:48; Matt. 9:3-4)
- **Omnipresence = Always Present** (cf. Matt. 28:19-20; 18:20)
- **Omnipotence = All Powerful** (Matt. 28:18)
- **Eternality** (Rev. 1:8; 1:17-18; 21:6-7; 22:13; cf. Isa. 44:6; 48:12)

I. The Messiah Will Be Born on a Divine Timetable (Dan. 9:24-27)

- a. Ancient Historians recorded that there was a anticipation in the known world for a king to rise from Judea (Seutonius & Tacitus)
- b. BC = Before Christ & AD = *Anno Domini* (in the year of our Lord)
BCE = Before the Common Era & CE = Common Era

- c. **weeks** = weeks of years or 7 years

Seventy weeks = 70 weeks of years = 490 years

seven weeks of years to rebuild Jerusalem = 49 years

sixty-two weeks of years to live in Jerusalem = 434 years

69 weeks of years until the *Messiah* comes = 483 years

Artaxerxes Decree on March 14th 445 BC + 483 years = April 6th

32 AD for Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem (cf. Neh.2:1-8; Matt. 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12)

one week = 7 years of Tribulation

- d. The Visit of the Magi and Jesus' Olivet Discourse confirm this Divine Timetable (cf. Matt. 2; 24:3, 15-16)

II. The Messiah Will Be Born Fully God (Isa. 9:6)

- a. These titles for the Messiah show that He will not be a normal man or king, but will instead be the God-man
- b. **government = hammiśrāh** (הַמִּשְׁרָה) = rule or dominion
- c. **Wonderful Counselor = pele** (פֶּלֶא) = "wonder...as *unusual, extraordinary,*" "God's dealings with His people"
- d. **Mighty God = 'ēl** (אֱלֹ) (cf. Gen. 1:1)
- e. **Eternal Father**
- f. **Prince of Peace**
- g. Jesus being born Immanuel and the Word fulfilled Isaiah's Prophecy of being Fully God (cf. Matt. 1:22-23; John 1:1-3, 14)

III. The Messiah Will be Born with a Messenger (Mal. 3:1; cf. Isa. 40:3; Mal. 4:5; cf. Matt. 3:3; 11:10, 14; 17:12ff.; Mark 1:2; Luke 1:17; 7:26, 27; John 1:19-23)

- a. This was a very recognized Messianic Prophecy, even by the often-confused Jewish Religious Leaders
- b. It is recorded by all four (4) Gospels
- c. John the Baptist was Jesus' Messenger in the Spirit of Elijah (cf. Matt. 3:1-3; cf. Mark 1:1; Luke 1:17; 3:4; John 1:23)