

The Birth of Christ they call Christmas

Sol Invictus (translated as "Unconquered Sun") was a foreign state-supported sun god introduced from Palmyra in Syria by the emperor Aurelian in 274 AD who proclaimed December 25 his birth day to trap Christians. Christians in Rome said we'll take a holiday too ...

God's plan

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

II Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

I Peter 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

Genesis 1:1-3 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt (tabernacled) among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 1:1-3 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3. Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and

upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Same seed promise to Noah, Abraham, Isaac & Jacob plus King David

Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Imagine yourself taught about Christ and becoming a Christian in 40 AD and having the honor of going back to Jerusalem with the Apostle Paul and investigating the whole story of Jesus from the original sources and eyewitnesses: Luke Got to do that about 55 AD ...

Luke 1:1-4 Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us ² Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;

The Apostles are Eye witnesses

Luke 24:48-49 And ye are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

— ***Jerome: De viris inlustribus (On Illustrious Men), chapter III.***

Matthew, who is called Levi, who from a publican came to be an apostle, first of all composed a Gospel of Christ in Judaea in the Hebrew language and characters for the benefit of those of the Jews who had believed. Who translated it after that in Greek. Moreover, the Hebrew itself is preserved to this day in the library at Caesarea, which the martyr Pamphilus so diligently collected. I also was allowed by the Nazarenes who use this volume in the Syrian city of Beroea to copy it.

— ***Irenaeus, Against Heresies 3:1 [c.175-185 A.D.]***

Matthew also issued a written gospel among the Hebrews in their own dialect.

Matthew wrote first what Jesus said in Hebrew let's call it: Hebrew proto Matthew.

The Five Discourses of Matthew refers to five specific discourses by Jesus within the Gospel of Matthew arranged by subject matter.

The five discourses or lessons end using the closing sentence or formula: "when Jesus had finished speaking" they are:

the *Sermon on the Mount*, Matthew 7:28,

the *Mission Discourse*, Matthew 11:1

the *Parabolic Discourse*, Matthew 13:53

the *Discourse on the Church*, Matthew 19:1

and the *Discourse on End Times*. Matthew 26:1

Each of the discourses has a shorter parallel in the Gospel of Mark or the Gospel of Luke

Mark early Church Fathers say was the scribe of Peter wrote mainly what Christ did ...

Luke and the Apostle Paul speaking of Mark calls him “minister”.

Acts 12:12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

Acts 13:5 And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.

II Timothy 4:11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

Luke 1:1-4 Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us

2. Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;

3. It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,

4. That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

Luke 1:26-27 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Matthew 1:18-23 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 1:19-23 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

Matthew 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Hebrew unbelievers say the wrong word used in Isaiah, *Almah (AL-ma)* not *bethulah (BETH-oo-lah)*, to separate a virgin from her privacy.

The Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ the Son of God is the unique and by the unanimous testimony of the first century of the Christian era, the gospels themselves being just about the most historical documents known to mankind; and the apostle Matthew cited this prophecy as a predictive announcement of Christ's birth. No arrogant and conceited

modern seminarian has any right or ability whatever to contradict the testimony of an inspired apostle of Jesus Christ on a subject like this.

But, how about the word [~`almah]? Does it not have a possible meaning of "young woman"; and could the allegation of unbelievers be true?

A fact apparently unknown to critical enemies of God's Word is that the true meaning of any word must finally be determined, not by any etymological data, but by the USAGE of it. Look at the following: hamburgers are not made out of ham; trotlines do not trot; catheads have nothing to do with cats.

Let us take a look at the usage of [~`almah]. We are indebted to Homer Hailey for the following summary on the usage of [~`almah] in God's Word:

"This word was never used of a married woman, nor of an immoral woman. This word occurs six times in Biblical passages in addition to the one before us. In every instance, the word refers to an unmarried, chaste woman. (1) In Genesis 24:43, Rebekah is called [~`almah], and also [~bethuwlah], a woman whom no man had known (Genesis 24:16).

Genesis 24:16 And the damsel *was* very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

Genesis 24:43 Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw *water*, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

250 years before Christ was born the Greek Septuagent translation of what we now call the Old Testament was completed by 70 Hebrew scholars who spoke Hebrew and Greek fluently, and they translated

the word in these passages into the Greek word [parthenose], meaning exactly the same thing as [~`almah]. These were pre-eminent "Bible" scholars of their time, and probably knew what they were doing.

(2) In Exodus 2:8, Moses' sister, Miriam, in her childhood is called [~`almah]. (3) and (4) Twice in the Song of Solomon it refers to a chorus of young women (Song of Solomon 1:3) distinguished from Solomon's queens and concubines (Song of Solomon 6:8). (5) And in Proverbs 30:19 it refers to a maiden in contrast to an adulterous woman. (6) In Psalms 68:25 the word describes the damsels who played timbrels in the sanctuary; and any assumption that those damsels were anything but virgins is impossible."

Remember that there are no Biblical examples of where the word [~`almah] ever referred to anyone except a virgin in the usual sense of the word.

Two hundred fifty years before Christ was born, the Septuagint (LXX) version of the Hebrew Scriptures was translated into the Greek language by seventy of the most renowned scholars on earth at that time. Here it is:

"O house of David ... Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, the virgin shall conceive in the womb, and shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Immanuel."

Thus the great scholars who gave us the Hebrew Bible in the Greek language translated the Hebrew [~`almah] with a word that evil men could not possibly misunderstand; and we believe that no group of scholars has yet appeared in human history that outranks the ability and quality of the famed "seventy" who authored the LXX. No Professor Twiddle D.D., Dr. Conceit, or Dr. Smart, or Dr. Anybody else has learned any more about the Hebrew tongue than was most

certainly known to the translators of the Septuagint Version of the Bible

Isaiah tells us about that child born of a virgin a chapter over cf:

Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

This was not a prophecy of the immediate future when Isaiah delivered it; but it is predictive prophecy of the "latter" times, and therefore, invariably in the Old Testament related to the times of the Messiah.

"It is the Child already foretold as Immanuel in Isaiah 7:14."who suddenly appears as the hope of the whole world.

WONDERFUL

Christ is indeed Wonderful in whatever dimension one views him. He is wonderful in his pre-existence, in his Virgin birth, in his role as executive in Creation and in the "upholding" of our universe. He is indeed wonderful in his mighty miracles, his unsurpassed teaching, his sufferings, his prophecies, his death, burial, and resurrection." He is wonderful in the establishment of his kingdom, the Church, and in his providential protection and blessing of his Holy Bride throughout history. He is wonderful in what he will yet accomplish when he appears the Second Time, apart from sin, and shall judge the living

and the dead, and assign to every man who ever lived his eternal destiny.

COUNSELOR

When God said, "Let us make man in our own image," the most logical view places Christ in that Council as a member of the Godhead. What a Counselor!

MIGHTY GOD

In the New Testament, the following texts refer to Jesus Christ Our Lord as "God."

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

EVERLASTING FATHER

Christ is called the "Author and Finisher" of our faith (KJV), and the author and protector of our faith (ASV) in Hebrews 12:2.

PRINCE OF PEACE

When the angels announced his birth over the hills of Judaea, their first word was, "Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased (Luke 2:14)." Furthermore, the peace which the Lord gives is a glorious inner tranquillity that has no relation whatever to any turbulence on earth, whether general or personal.

Luke 1:28-38 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Mary is not meek & mild but a Godly woman with revolutionary faith

Luke 1:46-55 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, 47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. 48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. 49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy *is* his name. 50 And his mercy *is* on them that fear him from generation to generation. 51 He hath shewed

strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He hath put down the mighty from *their* seats, and exalted them of low degree. 53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. 54 He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of *his* mercy; 55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

Other Jews had figured it out through the prophecies that the time was at hand for the Messiah the Son of God to be born

Luke 2:25-26 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

²⁶ And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Luke 2:36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

Dead Sea Scrolls 4Q 246

Column 1

9. He will be called son of the great God by His name he shall be designated.

Column 2

1. He will be called the Son of God; they will call him the son of the most high. Like the shooting stars. 2. That you saw. Thus will be their kingdom. They will rule for a given period of years upon 3. The earth, and crush everyone. People will crush people and nation will crush nation 4. Until the people of God arise (resurrection) and causes everyone to rest from the sword. 5. His kingdom will be and eternal kingdom, and he will be righteous in all his ways. He will judge the earth in righteousness, and everyone will make peace. The word shall cease from the earth, and every nation shall bow down to Him.

Messiah of Heaven & Earth (4Q521)

The following two fragments from the Dead Sea Scrolls are both from cave 4.

In 4Q521 the Messiah will raise the dead and preach glad tidings.

1. The Heavens and the earth will obey His Messiah ... 2. He will not turn aside from the Commandments given to the Saints. 3. Take strength in His service, (you) who seek the Lord. 4. Shall you not find the Lord in this, all you who wait patiently in your hearts? 5. For the Lord will visit the Saints *Hassidim (HAS-si-dim)* and the Righteous *Zaddikim (Zad-di-KEEM)* will He call by name. 6. Over the Meek will His Spirit hover, and the Faithful will He restore by His power. 7. He shall glorify the Saints (*Hassidim*) on the Throne of the Eternal Kingdom. 8. He shall ...

9. Forever will I cling (to Him...), and (I will trust) in His mercy *Hesed (HA-sed)* (or 'Grace') ...

12. ... then He will heal the sick, resurrect the dead, and to the Meek announce glad tidings. (exact verbal Parallel) with Matthew 11:4-5 He will lead the Righteous; He will shepherd them;

Messianic Leader NASI – 4Q285)

**... Wickedness will be smitten ... the Leader of the Congregation and all Israel ... the Leader of the Congregation as far as the ... Sea He will stand against them, ... Isaiah the Prophet, ('The thickets of the forest) will be felled with an axe and Lebanon shall fall (by a mighty one.)
Isaiah 11:1ff**

A staff shall rise from the root of Jesse, (and a Branch from His roots will bear fruit.) ... the Branch of David. They will enter into Judgment with ... and they will put to death the Leader of the Congregation, the Branch of David ... and with wounding, and piercing ... the (high) priest will command ... They will rule for a given period of years upon (3) the earth, and crush everyone. People will crush people, and nation (will crush) nation, (4) until the people of God arises and causes everyone to rest from the sword. (5) His Kingdom will be an Eternal Kingdom, and He will be Righteous in all his Ways. He will judge (6) the earth in Righteous, and everyone will make peace. The sword shall cease from the earth, (7) And every nation him. As for the Great God, with His help (8) he will make war, and He will give all the peoples into his power; all of them (9) He will throw down before him. His rule will be an Eternal rule, and all the boundaries ...

Sources: KJV, theWord.com, Burton Coffman, Wikipedia google & google images