

Mystery Fulfilled!

Up to the time of Jesus Christ prophecy was never understood completely. They wrote and read the words of scripture but it was still veiled in mystery. 1 Peter 1:10-11,

"Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow."

Jesus Christ, after His resurrection, explained to His disciples all of the prophecies regarding Himself. And we are still receiving benefit from this understanding today. Every Old Testament writer, from Genesis to Malachi, expresses in some manner the coming of Christ to the earth. They only saw in part; it was not always clear. And much that referred directly to Jesus' coming was overlooked by the world. It was only after His death and resurrection could God's purpose be clearly seen – to those who had believed and had received His life. Justin Martyr, disciple of John, the Apostle, writing to Caesar and the citizens of Rome put it this way: *"For things which were incredible and seemed impossible with men, these God predicted by the Spirit of prophecy as about to come to pass, in order that, when they came to pass, there might be no unbelief, but faith, because of their prediction."* Many received his words and many rejected his words.

Nothing much has changed, has it? Today the atheist stills cries with a loud voice, "It is just a myth!" But Christ's coming to earth, revealed by prophecy 1500 years before it occurred, is a well-documented, historical fact. God revealed the truth of Christmas to us in advance. Many would refute the story of the virgin birth, after all, it is impossible! Isn't it? Well, with men it is impossible. But with God all things are possible! Jesus Christ is the mystery of the ages fulfilled. Only the virgin birth provides sinless blood. Only sinless blood provides the perfect sacrifice for sin. And this perfect Sacrifice is what removes the penalty of your sin, if you will receive Him. Let the Holy Spirit reveal all to you this precious Christmas season! The virgin birth is God's great idea!

"Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Emmanuel." Isaiah 7:14

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