

**Victoria Fellowship Church**  
**International & Interdenominational**  
**Bible Study Worksheet – December 17, 2023**

**Theme:** The Urgency of the Last Days

**Topic:** Prophecy Fulfilled

**Main Text:** Matthew 1:18-25

**Key verse:** Matthew 1:23 – *“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”* (NKJV)

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**INTRODUCTION:** The account of the birth of Jesus is recorded in two books in the New Testament: Matthew 1 and Luke 1. Matthew’s account differs from that of Luke in that while Luke considers the story from Mary’s perspective, Matthew records the events as experienced by Joseph. Joseph was a descendant of David, a line that had become somewhat obscured following the Babylonian captivity and had not yet produced a king since the captivity. God made many great promises to the house of David. The greatest of those promises was that the Messiah will come from David’s house. This is how God said it in Genesis 49:10, *“The scepter [a symbol of kingship] will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until He to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be His”*. And in fulfillment of this particular promise, we find Jesus, born to Joseph, a carpenter of the house of David and tribe of Judah (Matthew 1:3); a fact God’s angel did not want us to miss when he addressed Joseph as *“son of David”* (Matthew 1:20). In this extraordinary way, God made His promise come true, proving His infallibility.

**1. Read Genesis 49:10; 2 Samuel 7:12-13 (a) Why do you think the angel was keen to remind Joseph of his identity as the ‘son of David’? (b). What is the significance of Joseph being from the line of David? (c) How does God’s fulfillment of this particular promise help us in our faith?**

Matthew 1:19 describes Joseph as righteous, meaning that he was faithful to the Law. So, he must have been familiar with the prophecies regarding the Messiah’s birth. This would include the one made over 700 years before by the prophet Isaiah, *“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel...” - Isaiah 7:14 NKJV*. Isaiah in a conversation with king Ahaz, king of Judah, foresaw a day of peace and security for the people of God who were at the time, at war with Syria and Israel, and he spoke of the forthcoming birth of a child as a sign of that peace. The prophet Micah also prophesied that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). Scripture has many other prophecies regarding the Messiah’s birth. And much like the ones cited above in Isaiah and Micah, they have been fulfilled to the letter. The birth of Jesus the Messiah is a fulfillment of God’s promise. His promises always come to pass.

**2.(a) Jesus’ virgin birth was foretold seven hundred years before. What does that tell you about God and His redemption plan? (b) Of what significance is the fact that Jesus was born of a virgin and not by human conception? (c) Based on Matthew 24:35, and Isaiah 55:10-11, on the infallibility of God’s Word, how should we regard the prophecies concerning the last days?**

In the Old Testament, we read about how the children of Israel had the Ark of the Covenant with them which represented the presence of God in their midst. With the coming of Jesus Christ, that was all changed. *“And they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.” - Isaiah 7:14 NKJV*. When Jesus was born, this prophecy, and that in Leviticus 26:11-12 were quite literally fulfilled. God sent His Son to come into the world and dwell among men and save us from our sins. *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...”*, John 1:14 NKJV. Even when Jesus was to return to the Father, He asked the Father to send us a Helper who would be with us forever (John 14:16). How assuring it is to know that our God fulfills His all promises. Not one of them is left undone! (Joshua 21:45).

**3.(a) In what way is God with us today? (Read 1 Corinthians 3:16; John 14:17) (b) How should this affect the way we live our lives? (c) Knowing this, what one thing will we do differently, starting today?**

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**Prayer:** *Father, thank You for being a God that fulfills all His promises. They are ever faithful, ever sure. May we never have cause to doubt Your promises towards us, in Jesus Name we pray, Amen.*