

Introduction: The Virgin Birth - Fact or Fiction?

A few years ago (around 1999) I had my first encounter with someone claiming to be a Bible believer, but at the same time denied the virgin birth of Yeshua¹ of Nazareth. It was intriguing to say the least. I had been raised in a non-denominational Christian assembly (with a Pentecostal type background), and had always been taught that Jesus was indeed born of the virgin Mary. Matthew and Luke's accounts seemed quite plain to me, and I never questioned them in the least. Now, someone had approached me with the what I considered to be the possibility of a non-virgin birth. I was all ears seeing this was strange, new doctrine to my ears.

“You see, the first two chapters of Matthew are interpolated Scripture.” I was told. “As a matter of fact the prophet Isaiah was not even speaking of the Messiah in Isaiah 7:14.” was one of the initial statements made by this gentleman. All points made to me verbally, as well as in the study paper given to me, were persuasive. Needless to say, I began to study diligently in the spirit of a Berean (Acts 17:11). “Could this man be true?” I thought. Everything seemed to line up. Then it hit me, a familiar verse in the Bible was all I needed to prolong my research on the topic.

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. [Proverbs 14:2, 16:25 KJV]

I did not realize it at the time, but I know now that according to Scripture, the end of the non-virgin birth doctrine is death. “Wow...” you may say, “That is an incredibly bold statement.” I agree that the statement is direct and to the point, nevertheless, I stand behind it, first with all my mind and secondly, with all my heart. There are many things I do not say are vital to believe in for salvation, but after studying this doctrine, I believe it can be consequential for the person not holding to it.

As you read this study, please keep your mind on the inspired Word of Yahweh.² Do not lose your hope in it. If you believe Scripture to be your foundation, and you stand behind it at all cost, then you will not be able to help believing in the doctrine of the virgin conception and birth of Yeshua. As one pro-virgin birth author wrote:

When viewed superficially, each of these arguments [of the non-virgin birth proponents]³ have merit, which is why many have rejected the virgin birth throughout history. If we examine these points under the light of Scripture, we can't help but establish our faith in this doctrine and in Yahweh's Word.⁴

¹ Yeshua is the personal, proper, Hebrew name of the Messiah, Son and is preferred by the author.

² Yahweh is the personal, proper name of the heavenly Father and is preferred by the author.

³ Brackets, within quotations of other writers, belong to the author of this study, unless otherwise noted.

⁴ *A Defense of the Virgin Birth Doctrine*, by John Cordaro, p1.