



## **Clear Bible Truth on God's Sovereignty - XII**

### **God's Sovereignty and Prophecy - III**

Jesus Christ is the central figure of the sixty-six books in the Bible. In the Old Testament He is there but He is concealed; in the New Testament He is imminently present and He is revealed. We are limiting our study, at this point, to a few prophecies made and fulfilled. These demonstrate God's absolute sovereign dominion over all events, persons and times.

#### **His Virgin Birth**

Prophecy: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa 7:14)

Fulfillment: "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 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" (Matt 1:22-23)

Notice the phrase, "that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet". It means God spoke through His prophets to foretell what He purposed and predestined for a future time. By long periods between the prophecy and the fulfillment, God demonstrated His sovereignty giving credibility to the event, or in this case the Person and Work of Christ. Jesus often used this phrase: Matt 3:3 from Isa 40:3; Matt 4:13-15 from Isa 9:1-2; Matt 13:14 from Isa 6:9; Matt 15:7-9 from Isa 29:13.

The conception of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit is only possible by a most sovereign God. The dignity of Mary was fully protected. The honor of God was fully magnified. The union of Jesus' deity and humanity was fully and wondrously realized. Luke recorded God's angel saying to Mary: "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" (Luke 1:35). The best description of Christ in the womb is "that holy thing".

The abuses of Catholicism and “Maryism” in general must not be permitted to be a thief of the truth. The focal point is not Mary but the sovereign God and His infinitely glorious Son.

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