The Fellowship Room

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All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

11-9-2015 Only One Virgin Birth

Jesus was born only 42 "generations" from Abraham (Matthew 1:1-17). The Holy Spirit wrote,

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,' which is translated, 'God with us' (Matthew 1:22-23).

This "virgin-birth" prophecy is only found in Isaiah 7:14, and it was "the Lord" speaking it. "The Lord, through Matthew, it was only "fulfilled" in the birth of Jesus, thus Mary was "the virgin" referred to in Isaiah's prophecy. The prophecy was specific; the fulfillment was specific; and everyone who comes to any other conclusion has to be wrong, for only God knows what He intended. That's why:

No prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation (2 Peter 1:20).

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11-10-2015 Promise to Return Israelites to Land

When Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem, Israelites were:

... Carried away to Babylon, where they became servants to him and his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah (2 Chronicles 36:20-21).

For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place (**Jeremiah 29:10**).

At the end of those 70 years:

The LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia (Ezra 1:1) [to return them] to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his own city (Ezra 2:1).

To say God's promise to return Israelites to that land wasn't fulfilled for 1900 years makes God a liar; their past return a myth; and God's word meaningless!

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11-11-2015 Promise to Give Kingdom to Others

Jesus gave a parable about a landowner who provides a productive vineyard, but his workers beat, kill, and stone everyone he sends to receive its fruits. When the workers kill his son, Jesus asks:

"When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" (Matthew 21:33-42). [Then Jesus said,] "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fuits of it" (Matthew 21:43).

"Now when the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them" (Matthew 21:45).

Jesus had told Jews in His day,

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15).

The kingdom of God today has been established for those who obey the Gospel, both Jews & Gentiles, or else Jesus lied, and God's word is meaningless!

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11-12-2015 Promise to Remove Moses' Law

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled" (Matthew 5:17-18).

"The law" refers to all of Moses' Law, making no distinction between a "moral" and a "ceremonial" law. Peter preached:

Those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled (Acts 3:18).

Jesus had prophesied Moses' law was totally unchanged, "till all is fulfilled," and now it had been. His cross:

... Takes away the first that He may establish the second (**Hebrews 10:9**).

All who continue to bind Moses' Law make Jesus' death meaningless, and cannot preach salvation in Jesus' death! If not, why not?

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11-13-2015 Committing to Marriage

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due (Romans 1:26-27).

Pop, Rap, and Country music have narrowed male-female relationships down only to "lust of the flesh," with absolutely no regard for God's Word, which says:

Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge (**Hebrews 13:4**).

Only those who commit to heterosexual marriage understand:

Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband (**Ephesians 5:33**).

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