



The God-Man Foretold

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- King Ahaz refuses so Isaiah prophesies a different kind of sign.

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Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (NIV®)



Virgin Birth

We believe in the
miraculous virgin birth.

(Isaiah 7:15a)

Matthew 1:20-23

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). (NIV®)



Objection

The word “virgin” in Hebrew (*almah*)
really means “young woman.”



Answer #1

Almah is used of young unmarried women who are virgins until proven otherwise.

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Answer #2

A normal birth does not count
as a supernatural sign.



Answer #3

The Jewish translation of the Old Testament into Greek, written at least 200 BC, translates the word as “virgin.”



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- Nicene
 - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ... he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.



Immanuel (God With Us)

We believe in a baby who
is both God and man.

(Isaiah 7:15b, 9:6-7)

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (NIV®)

Matthew 1:20b-23

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*God entered
into our story
through the
virgin birth of
baby Jesus.*

