a CHILD

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"<u>For unto us a **Child** is born</u>, unto us **a Son** is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)

Child: from the Hebrew word yeled which means: child, son, boy, youth.

Is Born: from the Hebrew word *yalad* which means: to bear young, bring forth a newborn child, to father children.

Son: from the Hebrew word **Ben** which means: a son.

Is Given: from the Hebrew word *nathan* which means: to give, to put, to set.

The prophecy is that Jesus the promised Messiah would come as a newborn Child; a Son **given**; given for the salvation of the world! Consider this well known verse:

"For God so loved the world, that <u>He **gave** His only begotten Son</u>, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him <u>might be saved</u>." (John 3:16-17)

Consider the prophetic fulfillment as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke:

"Now <u>the birth</u> of Jesus Christ was like this: when His mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, before they came together, <u>she was found to be **with child** by the Holy Spirit</u>. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, you son of David, fear not to take unto you Mary as your wife; for **that which is conceived** in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a Son, and you shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins." Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, "<u>Behold, a virgin shall</u> <u>be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel</u>," which being interpreted means, <u>God with us</u>. Then Joseph being awaken from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had told him, and took unto himself his wife. And he knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn Son; and he called His name Jesus." (Matthew 1:18-25)

"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, "Hail, you who are highly favored, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for you have found favor with God. And, behold, <u>you shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David. And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" And the angel answered and said unto her, "The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you; therefore also that <u>Holy</u> <u>Thing</u> (child) which shall be born of you <u>shall be called the Son of God</u>.""</u>

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"And Joseph went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be taxed with Mary his engaged wife, <u>who was great with **child**</u>. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should give birth. And she brought forth <u>her firstborn Son</u>, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:4-7)

Please also read the shepherds story (Luke 2:1-32); and the story of the wise men visit, and flight to Egypt, (Matthew 2:1-22).

Fulfilling the prophetic Word! Altogether Humble! Altogether Glorious! Announced by heavens angels! Touched by troubling government drama and intrigue! Worshiped by gentiles! Blessed with costly treasures! Threatened by extreme danger! Forced into exile! Visited by prophetic tragedy: the murder of innocent children!

So were the events surrounding birth of the Christ Child!

JESUS was...

a Child

the Son of God Most High, the Son the virgin Mary, the Son of Joseph, the Son of King David!

Born to be <u>our</u> Savior! Born to be <u>our</u> Messiah! Born to be <u>our</u> Mighty God! Born to be <u>our</u> Prince of Peace! Born to be <u>our</u> Everlasting Father! Born to be <u>our</u> Wonderful Counsellor!

So it is with Jesus – Emmanuel

JESUS is God <u>with Us</u>! Even form the moment He was born!

Thank You heavenly Father for the gift of Your Son!