

Part VII

“An Angelic Visitation: Fulfillment & Protection!”

Matthew 2:19-23

But when Herod was dead, behold, an Angel of the Lord (Gabriel) Appeared (Epiphany) in a Dream to Joseph in Egypt, Saying (Rhema), “Arise, take the young Child and His Mother, and go to the Land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead!” Then Joseph arose, took the young Child and His Mother, and came into the Land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of His Father Herod, He (Joseph) was afraid to go there. And being (Divinely) Warned by God in a Dream, He (Joseph) turned aside into the Region of Galilee. And Joseph came & dwelled in a City called Nazareth that it might be Fulfilled which was Spoken by the Prophets, “He shall be Called a Nazarene!”

Matthew 2:19-23 (NKJV)

God's Divine Fulfillment

But when Herod was dead, behold, an Angel of the Lord (Gabriel) Appeared (Epiphany) in a Dream to Joseph in Egypt, Saying (Rhema), “Arise, take the young Child and His Mother, and go to the Land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead!”

Matthew 2:19-20

**This Is The 7th Time An Angel Or Angels
Are Sent As Messengers To Guide Those Involved
In The Birth Of God's Only Son!**

Joseph Is Afraid For His Family & God's Son

“Then Joseph arose, took the young Child and His Mother, and came into the Land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of His Father Herod, He (Joseph) was afraid to go there.”

Matthew 2:21-22a

**God Provides A Perfect Plan To Remove Our Fears
“And being (Divinely) Warned by God in a Dream,
He (Joseph) turned aside into the Region of Galilee.”**

Matthew 2:22b

**This Is Now An 8th Time An Angel Or Angels
Are Sent As Messengers To Guide Those Involved
In The Birth Of God's Only Son!**

Most Perfect Fulfillment (7 + 1)

And Joseph came & dwelled in a City called Nazareth that it might be Fulfilled which was Spoken by the Prophets, “He shall be Called a Nazarene!”

Matthew 2:23

Matthew Was Quoting A “Play On Words” On The Meaning Of The Word For “Branch” In The Old Testament Scripture!

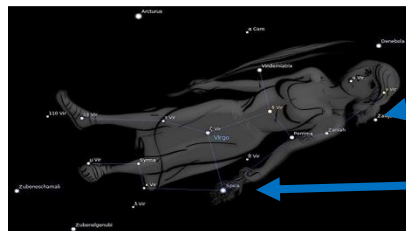
“Branch” = “Nazer” =

“Nazareth” = “Nazaroth” =

“Nazer” = “Nazaroth”

נָצַר
נְצִרוֹת

“A Branch Shall Arise From The City Of Nazareth!”



“Zavijaveh” - Hebrew
“The Glorious/Beautiful One”

“Tsemeh” - Hebrew
“Al Zimach” - Arabic
“The Branch”

Let's Take A Look At The Many Old Testament Prophecies
From Isaiah, Jeremiah, & Zechariah - Concerning *Jesus as the Coming Branch*

*"In that day the Branch of the Lord will be Beautiful and Glorious,
and the fruit of the earth will be the pride and the adornment of the survivors of Israel."*

Isaiah 4:2

*"There shall come forth a Rod from the Stem of Jesse and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.
The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding,
the Spirit of Counsel and Might, the Spirit of Knowledge and of the Fear of the Lord!"*

Isaiah 11:1-2

Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "That I will raise to David a Branch of Righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His Days, Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His Name by which He will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness!"

Jeremiah 23:5-6

"Behold, Days are Coming," Declares the Lord, "When I will Fulfill the Good Word which I have Spoken concerning the House of Israel and the House of Judah. In those Days and at that Time I will cause a Righteous Branch of David to Spring Forth; and He shall Execute Justice and Righteousness on the Earth."

Jeremiah 33:14-15

"For They (Stars) are a Wondrous Sign; For Behold, I AM bringing forth My Servant the Branch!"

Zechariah 3:8b

Then speak to him, saying, "Thus says the Lord of Hosts, saying: Behold, the Man Whose Name is the Branch! From His Place (Heaven), He shall Branch Out and He shall build the Temple of the Lord. Yes, He shall build the Temple of the Lord."

Zechariah 6:12

God's Divine & Sovereign Will Is Eternal

Once Again, We Are Assured By Matthew That God's Sovereign
Will Cannot Be Changed Or Thwarted By The Designs Of Satan Or Any Person!
All Of God's Creation, The Universe / Cosmos,
All The People Of The Earth Are Subject To His Divine, Perfect, & Sovereign Will
& That Includes: Satan, Fallen Angels, & Anyone Who Tries To Alter The Will Of God!

Commentary

Those Of Us Gathered Here Today Have Pledged Our Allegiance To God!
We Have Chosen To Follow His Will For Our Lives!
And We Take Our Place In His Creation By Willingly Submitting Our Will To Him Again This Day!

The One We Follow Gives Us Our Name.

We Follow The Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, We Are Called Christians.

The One We Follow Gives Us Our Name.

We Follow Jesus Of Nazareth.

Therefore, We Are Called Nazarenes.

Today We Rededicate Our Lives To Jesus Christ.

Today We Again Call Jesus Of Nazareth Our Lord, Savior.

Today We Are Honored To Be Called His People,

With Christ As The Head Of His Local Church,

The CrossWay Church of the Nazarene.

Today We Pledge Together Our Sacred Trust, Honor, & Love
As The **Family Of God Called To Serve Christ Side By Side In Unity,**
A People Called, Set Apart, Saved, & Made Holy,
By His Amazing Grace, & His Divine Presence,
Through The Indwelling Presence Of His Holy Spirit.

Commentary

*Please Join With Me In Listening To This Song By Michael Card,
Entitled, "The Final Word" That Sums Up So Beautifully, Who Jesus Is To Us:

"The Final Word"

By

Michael Card

Verse 1

You and me we use so very many clumsy words.
The noise of what we often say is not worth being heard.
When the Father's Wisdom wanted to communicate His Love,
He spoke it in One Final Perfect Word!

Chorus

He Spoke the Incarnation and then so was born the Son.
His Final Word was Jesus, He needed no other One.
Spoke Flesh and Blood so He could bleed and make a Way Divine.
And so was born the Baby Who would die to make It Mine!

Verse 2

And So, the Father's Fondest Thought took on Flesh and Bone.
He Spoke the Living Luminous Word; at once, His Will was done.
And so, the Transformation that in Man had been unheard
Took Place in God the Father as He Spoke that Final Word!

Chorus

He Spoke the Incarnation and then so was born the Son.
His Final Word was Jesus, He needed no other One.
Spoke Flesh and Blood so He could bleed and make a Way Divine.
And so was born the Baby Who would die to make It Mine!

Verse 3

And So, the Light Became Alive
And Manna Became Man.
Eternity Stepped into Time
So we could understand!

Chorus

He Spoke the Incarnation and then so was born the Son.
His Final Word was Jesus, He needed no other One.
Spoke Flesh and Blood so He could bleed and make a Way Divine.
And so was born the Baby Who would die to make It Mine!

BENEDICTION

***"Go In Peace To Love & Serve Jesus Christ,
Our Emmanuel - God Forever With Us,
Born To Give His Life As A Perfect Sacrifice
For You & Me, & All This Year We Share,
The Good News of Christmas With!"***