

(7) Birth of Jesus Christ (Matt. 1:24,25; Lk. 2:1-7)

1. Caius Julius Caesar Octavianus Augustus ruled the Roman Empire from 27BC-14AD.
2. Publius Sulpicius Quirinius served as Governor of Syria from 6-9AD, but served Augustus in that region in various other capacities from 12BC-16AD.
3. Joseph & Mary returned to Bethlehem in order to register their Davidic property taxation (Lk. 2:4,5).
4. The perfect timing of God determined this moment for the birth of the Christ child (Lk. 2:6,7).
 - a. Jesus Christ was born in the fulness of the time (Gal. 4:4) in the perfection of the Father's plan (Isa. 25:1).
 - b. Bethlehem fulfills the geographic birthplace prophecy (Mic. 5:2; Mt. 2:4-6). Other geographic prophesies include Egypt (Hos. 11:1; Mt. 2:14,15), Galilee (Isa. 9:1; Mt. 2:22,23; Lk. 2:39), & Bozrah (Isa. 63:1-6; Rev. 19:13-16).
 - c. The Davidic lineage fulfilled the Davidic prophecy (2nd Sam. 7:12; Isa. 9:7; Ps. 132:11).
 - d. The virgin's son fulfilled the virgin prophecy (Isa. 7:14).
 - e. The child born & Son given prophecy is also fulfilled (Isa. 9:6).
 - f. The manger and cloth wrappings provided an immediate "sign" for the contemporary witnesses (Lk. 2:6,7,12).