

# Silent



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*1 Peter 1:18-20 (KJV)*

*<sup>18</sup> Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;*

*<sup>19</sup> But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

*<sup>20</sup> Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, NOTICE: "MANIFEST IN THESE LAST TIMES FOR YOU!"*

*Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)*

*<sup>6</sup> For unto us a child is born, 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. NOTICE: "UNTO US....AGAIN UNTO US!" THAT'S YOU AND ME*

If you are looking for an address in Salem, Oregon, it would be virtually impossible to find it by looking at a map of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The very same way, mankind has been looking for answers and using every kind of road-map except the one that God has provided for us.

Throughout history, God has foretold various signs and conditions through his prophets. These prophets spoke of things that mankind should watch for so that the Messiah would be recognized and believed. These signs or prophecies were given to us in the section of the Word that is referred to as the Old Testament. The Old Testament is the part of the Bible written before Jesus was born. Its writings were completed around 450 B.C. The Old Testament, written hundreds of years before Jesus' birth, contains over 300 prophecies that Jesus fulfilled through His life, death and resurrection.

Someone once said that the Old Testament is the New Testament concealed, and the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed!

For you math buffs, mathematically speaking, the odds of anyone fulfilling multiplied prophecies are astounding: THE ODDS OF One person fulfilling 8 prophecies: 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 (zillion). One person fulfilling 48 prophecies: 1 chance in 10 to the 157<sup>th</sup> power! One person fulfilling 300 or more prophecies: ONLY JESUS!

The magnificent detail of these prophecies marks the Bible as the inspired Word of God. Only God could foreknow and accomplish all that was written about the Christ. This historical accuracy and reliability sets the Bible apart from any other book or record. With these thoughts in mind look at:

***Genesis 3:15 (KJV)***

***<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. NOTICE: "SEED OF THE WOMAN!" (Direct reference to virgin birth)***

***Isaiah 7:14 (KJV)***

***<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. The word "virgin" in the Hebrew: 'almah' (strong 5959) had to be a virgin, Jesus not born of an 'earthly' father, but from above by the Word of God! Hence no sin-nature, the Lamb of God pure, without blemish to take away the sin of the world.***

LUKE 1:25-26 reference to Elizabeth being pregnant....hid herself five months to be sure she had the fullest proof of God's mercy. So in the SIXTH MONTH of Elizabeth's pregnancy.....Gabriel was sent to Mary a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph. Historians believe that Mary was between a teenager, probably 15-16 maybe even as young as 13.

VS.27 Grk: 'parthinos' (strong 3933) refers to a pure virgin.

VSS.35-38, NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD!

MATTHEW 1:18-25, Joseph believed the Word of God!

LUKE 2:1-14, 'swaddling' like a mummy and to only see eyes.

Did you know that gifts at Christmas time originated with the recognition of Jesus as King?

MATTHEW 2:1-3, Herod is thinking he's losing his power....questioned where this new king might be....but they were actually wiser than what Herod thought, they followed the star because at this point in time Jesus was probably almost two years old and the star led them to the 'house' where they were staying. Left Bethlehem (where He was born) returned to Nazareth.

VSS. 9-1, notice: young child, not a babe....worshipped him (reserved for deity), presented GIFTS to Him! Gold for expenses while traveling; *FRANKINCENSE*: has a pleasant odor, used as an offering to God/ *MYRRH*: means bitterness, used in embalming, probably mixed with other substances and given to Jesus on the cross. ALL GIFTS ARE PROPHETIC IN NATURE!

Then of course the rest of the story: God told Joseph of Herod's plot to kill children...get out of town and go to Egypt. They just had their cash-flow increased for travel expenses, so off they went to Egypt until Herod died. Then they returned to Nazareth, and Jesus was raised up as a carpenter/builder/construction person.

We have the habit of giving gifts at Christmas-time, but sometimes we forget the fact that God was the FIRST GIVER: in John 3:16, God says He loved the world so much that HE GAVE HIS SON.....

As we give gifts to friends and family, have we forgotten whose birthday we are actually celebrating?

The gift that we can give to Jesus is very simple on the surface....the gift is YOU AND I. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become sons of God even to those who believe on His name! (JOHN 1:12)

May this Christmas season be a time of reflection of the greatest gift of all...GOD SO LOVED YOU THAT HE GAVE JESUS!

*Happy Birthday, Jesus!*

We wish you a beautiful Christmas

Looking forward to 2023 with a great expectation of God manifesting His glory in all of our lives.  
Jesus is Lord!

You are loved. You are welcome. You belong.

*Agape Love,*

*Pastor Dave and Kathy*  
*mat. 6:33*



From "American Minute" by William J. Federer

**Pilgrims tried communism—and rejected it—replacing it with  
Property owned by individuals who could then be Charitable!**

High winds and treacherous tides along North America's coast blew the **Pilgrims** 500 miles off course, preventing them from joining Virginia's settlement at **Jamestown** founded 14 years earlier.

Having to disembark in Massachusetts, there was not government to submit to, so the **Pilgrims** created their own—the **Mayflower Compact**. It was the first "constitution" written in America.

**The Mayflower Compact** began: "In ye name of God, Amen. We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereigne Lord, King James...having undertaken, for ye glorie of God, and advancement of ye Christian faith, and honour of our king and countrie, a voyage to plant ye first colonie in ye Northerne parts of Virginia...in ye presence of God, and one of another, covenant & combine ourselves together into a civill body politick...to enact...just & equal lawes...as shall be thought most meete & convenient for ye general good of ye Colonie, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience..." **The Mayflower Compact** ended: "In witness wherof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cap-Codd ye 11 of NOVEMBER, Ano:Dom. 1620."

There were three types of colonies: **Company Charter** colonies; **Royal Crown** colonies; **Proprietary** colonies. 1) A **Company Charter Colony**—where the king gave monopoly permission to investors who risked their own capital in attempting to fund a colony. It did not "cost" the king anything and he got a percentage of what came in, according to king-approved by laws. The background of "**joint-stock companies**" is interesting. Medieval Europe had a sin called usury—the paying of, or receiving of interest. This prevented the formation of for-profit companies. Though there existed **merchant guilds, craft guilds, and religious guilds**, these did not have large supplies of capital required for major undertakings. Any significant endeavors, such as fitting out ships to sail the world, had to be **financed by a king or wealthy nobleman**. After the Reformation what is considered the **first modern joint-stock company** was **England's Company of Merchant Adventurers to New Lands**, chartered in 1553. Outfitted with investments from 250 shareholders, they sent three ships to find a way to China. Unfortunately, they attempted to sail **North of Russia** where **most of the crew froze to death**.

The company was rechartered in 1555 as the **Muscovy Company** to trade with **Moscow's Ivan the Terrible**. The most financially successful joint-stock company was the **Dutch East India Company**, founded in 1602. Anyone, be it a baker, blacksmith, farmer, etc., could invest in a ship going to Indonesia, and they would get paid a profit when the ship returned filled with valuable spices, such as nutmeg, cloves, and mace, together with tea, coffee, silk, sugarcane, grain, rice, soybean, porcelain, silk, and textiles.

The **Dutch** added the feature that allowed individuals to trade their shares of stock. It was the **Amsterdam Stock Exchange**—the **first of its kind in the world**. **Shareholders** had **limited-liability**, meaning that if the ship sank or was captured by pirates, investors only lost the amount they invested, and were **not responsible for any additional liability or damages**. Losses were covered by the **Dutch** creating the **first modern insurance companies**.

By 1612, the **Dutch East India Company** had become the first **intercontinental trade corporation with limited liability**. In the next two centuries, its **profits grew to eclipse all other companies combined**, being considered the most valuable company ever in world history.

The **British East India Company** was chartered by **Queen Elizabeth 1** on December 31, 1600. It transported tea, spices, salt, cotton, saltpeter, indigo blue dye, and opium, and grew to **eventually account for half of the world's trade**.

The **Virginia Company of London** was chartered in 1606. The **Virginia Colony** suffered tremendous financial loss due to diseases, famine and Indian massacres. The colony was surrendered to the King who made it a **Royal Crown Colony** in 1624.

2)A **Royal Crown Colony** was ruled by the **King** through his appointed governor. In Virginia's case, the King appointed a governor but did not provide financial support. The **Governor** demanded landowners provide his funding, **but left it up to them to determine how**, leading to a degree of autonomy in the **Virginia House of Burgesses**—the **first legislative assembly in the New World**.

(Next we will be looking at a "Proprietary Colony")

(To be continued next month)

**2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)**

**<sup>14</sup> If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land**

**IT IS TIME FOR CHRISTIANS TO AWAKEN AND ACT**

**MAY GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!**