

## THE SEED BECAME FLESH

During the next four Wednesday bible studies, we will study the following Christmas lessons.

- Dec. 1      Scripture Became flesh      John 1:14
- Dec. 8      Seed Became flesh      Rom.1:1-4
- Dec. 15     Son became flesh      Rom.8:3-4
- Dec. 22     Savior Became Flesh      Luke 2:9-11

Note that all four of these lessons emphasize the incarnation of Jesus Christ. *“By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has **come in the flesh** is from God.” (1 John 4:2)*

*“And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son to be the **Savior of the world.**” (1 John 4:14)*

The title of today’s lesson, Seed Became Flesh, is taken from Paul’s opening remarks to the Roman believers of Rom.1:1-4.

We will study our lesson text by the following four homiletical points (Rom.1:1-4).

- Set apart    Preach gospel of God      Rom1:1
- Scripture    Promised gospel      Rom1:2
- Seed        Posterity of the gospel      Rom1:3
- Son         Power of resurrection      Rom1:4

**We will study FIVE aspects of the prophetic seed of David becoming the incarnate Jesus Christ.**

### **1. Romans 1:3 declares that Jesus became the seed of David according to the flesh**

**(NAS)** "Concerning His Son, who was born (ginomai / a.p.ptc) (became) of a descendant (sperma) of David according to the flesh."

**(NIV)** “Regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David.”

**(Amplified)** “[The Gospel] regarding His Son, Who as to the flesh (His human nature) was descended from David.”

Matthew’s genealogy follows two OT covenants of the messianic seed becoming flesh (Matt.1: 1). Matthew follows the messianic seed of the Abrahamic Covenant (1:2-5) and the messianic seed of the Davidic Covenant (1:6-16).

“Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his **seed**. He does not say, ‘And to **seeds.**’ As referring to many, but rather to one, ‘And to your **seed,**’ that is, Christ.” (Gal.3:16)

### **2. The messianic seed becoming flesh is declared in Matthew’s genealogy (Matt.1:1-17) and in Luke’s genealogy (Luke 3:23-38).**

The genealogy of Christ is the study of the promised seed becoming flesh. It is interesting that the idea of genealogy is the study of genes or DNA.

In Luke's account of the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, Gabriel declared that Jesus be called the Son of Most High and the messianic son of David. *"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David."* (Luke 1:32)

Luke traced the genealogy of Jesus Christ through 77 seeds of the flesh (11 sections of 7 from Adam to Jesus).

Luke 3:23 makes an interesting statement regarding the sonship of Jesus – "Being (eimi/ p.a.ptc) supposedly (hos / relative adverb) (nomizo / impf.p.ind) the son (huios) of Joseph."

This is the only time the Greek word huios (son) is used in Luke's genealogy. Satan would like to distort Jesus as the messianic Savior of the world by arguing away His virgin birth and His messianic genealogy and His incarnation.

"Behold the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us." (Matt.1: 23)

### **3. Luke's genealogy brings the messianic seed and the seed of the Spirit together in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ.**

"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David." (Luke 1:32)

Luke 1:32 declares that when the messianic seed became flesh He was both the Son of the Most High as well as the son of David.

Luke 1:34-35 explains that Jesus Christ became the Son of the Most High by the Holy Spirit.

### **4. Jesus Christ was the holy Son of God before and after He became sin upon the cross (Rom.1:1-4).**

"Who was declared the Son of God with power of the resurrection from the dead, according to the spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom.1: 5)

"And you know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin." (1 John 3:5)

"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Cor.5:21)

"It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all." (1 Tim.1:15)

### **5. The joy of Christmas to the world is that the messianic seed becoming flesh and that flesh bore the sins of the entire world.**

"And He Himself bore (anaphero / a.a.ind) sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed (hiaomai/ a.p.ind)." (1 Pet.2:24)

The **joy of Christmas to the believer** is that we are born again as Sons of God by the regeneration work of the Holy Spirit (John 3:5-7; Titus 3:4-7).

"He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit." (Titus 3:5)