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Message Title: The Evidence of History

This weeks memory challenge: Isaiah 9:6 *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

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‡ A little myth-busting

- About the trip to Bethlehem
- About where Jesus was born
- About the Magi
- About the Star
- About the date of Christmas

‡ Reality! What scripture actually tells us about the birth of Christ is limited, it is concise, and to a significant extent is fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.

- The Messiah would be born of a virgin.
Isaiah 7:13-14, Matthew 1:22-23

- The Messiah would be born in the town of Bethlehem
Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:1-5, Luke 2:4-7
- The Messiah would take refuge in Egypt
Hosea 11:1, Matthew 2:13-15
- The Messiah's birth would be accompanied by the slaughter of innocents
Jeremiah 31:15, Matthew 2:16-17
- The Messiah would be of the lineage of Jesse, and thus King David.
Isaiah 7:13, Isaiah 11:1-9, Luke 2:4

† A few honest questions about these prophecies

- How do we know the Old Testament Passages weren't written after Jesus' birth?
- How do we know Matthew didn't just write his gospel to conform with prophecy?

† From Isaiah to the shepherds to you- the promise of a savior.
Luke 2:8-14, Isaiah 9:2-7