

CHRIST BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Micah 5:2

Intro: Christ existed before the first x'mas.

I. His Eternal Pre-existenceA. Eternity

Jno. 1:1 "In the beginning" - Gen. 1:1

Jno. 8:58 "Before Abraham was, I am."

Jno. 17:5, 24 -

Jno. 3:13; 6:62, 33, 38 "came down from heaven."

Col. 1:17 - "He is before all things"

I Jno. 1:1-4 - "was from the beginning"

B. Deity - Jno. 1:1

Heb. 1:8

Jno. 1:18 - "only begotten God"

Lk. 28 - "Lord + God"

Rom. 9:5 - "God blessed forever"

II. His Pre-incarnate ActivityA. At CreationB. Jacob at BethelC. Moses at Burning BushD. Joshua's Captain.III. The Accuracy of Prophetic Scripture
Designating the very place of His birth.A. Description of Bethlehem.B. Trustworthiness of the Bible.

Conclusion: Will you believe what God says?
 - like Buck believed in the gov't about
 gold existing back of paper money?

THE SIGN OF THE PROPHET JONAH.

I. A sign of Rebellion. ch. 1.

- A. Disobedience
- B. Fleeing from God's will. v. 3.
- C. the Downward way.

II. A sign of Resurrection. ch. 2.

- A. Possibly Jonah was res. from death.
- B. Res. of Christ. Mt. 12:39
- C. Possibly a type of preservation and restoration of Jewish nation.

III. A sign of Revival. ch. 3.

- A. obedient preaching
- B. Sincere faith
- C. Earnest repentance
 - 1. fasting, sackcloth
 - 2. Confession
 - 3. Turning from evil ways

IV. A sign of Remorse, ch. 4.

- A. Caused by the way God had dealt in mercy with the penitent Gentiles.
- B. An object lesson of God's love & mercy - the ground.