**ATTACKS AGAINST THE VIRGIN BIRTH**

Intro

**ATTACK #1 ? The virgin birth is impossible.**

**ATTACK #2 - Christianity borrowed this teaching from Eastern religions.**

1) Ancient eastern religions did hold to supernatural births for their leaders.

2) Problems with this attack:

a)

b)

c)

**ATTACK #3 ? The early Church did not hold to the virgin birth.**

Ignatius ?

Apostles? creed ?

Justin Martyr -

Nicene Creed (324 AD) ?

Council of Chalcedon (451 AD) -

**ATTACK #4 ? The Bible has errors regarding the genealogy of Jesus.**

A. The problem with the genealogies. Matthew traces the geneology of Christ down through Solomon, and Luke traces it down through Nathan. The real rub is seen when **Joseph?s father in Matthew is Jacob (Mt. 1:16), but in Luke his father is Eli** (Lk. 3:23).

B. Some solutions:

1) Matthew gives us the genealogy of Joseph and Luke gives us the genealogy of Mary.

2) Both trace the lineage of Joseph but Matthew recorded the physical or royal descent of Joseph from Solomon, while Luke gives us his legal lineage through Nathan.

**ATTACK #5? The virgin birth of Christ is not an essential doctrine.**

The five essentials truths of Christianity.

\*Inspiration and inerrancy of the Word of God

\*Eternal Deity of Jesus Christ, the trinity

\*Substitutionary atonement of Christ on the cross

\*Second coming of Christ and the bodily resurrection

\*Virgin birth of our Lord.

**To deny the virgin birth is to deny the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

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***To deny the virgin birth is to declare that Jesus had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

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**CONCLUSION**