



Emmanuel: “God With Us”

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 1: 18-25

INTRODUCTION

- Parents choose a name for their child either before or after the birth. God chose two names for His Son
 - The first name “Jesus” was His Son’s earthly name given Him for His first coming
 - The purpose of the first coming was to provide salvation from sin

INTRODUCTION

- The second name, “**Emmanuel**” was given Him to be used at His second coming
 - the purpose of His second coming will be to defeat His enemies and establish His earthly kingdom
- It is on His future recognition by mankind as **Emmanuel** that we want to focus this morning

“God With Us” in an Earthly Building

The tent / temple building
of God’s residence with
Israel

Israel honored (valued)
this building and
dishonored the resident
of this building

During the
Babylonian captivity,
God left this building

“God With Us” by Incarnation

- The double fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14 (near and far)
 - **Near fulfillment** to Ahaz, King of Judah
 - Isa 7:0-16 – a firstborn son of a virgin in Ahab’s day would be named Immanuel as a sign to Ahab, that God was with Judah and would protect her from invasion by the confederate union of the northern 10 tribes and Damascus
 - **The far fulfillment** of God the Son becoming the God / Man, Emmanuel, by means of Mary’s conception by the Holy Spirit - Matt 1:22-23
- God the Son is now incarnated – given a human body and nature - Heb 10:5-7

“God With Us” by Indwelling

Promised to believers the night before
His crucifixion – Jn 14:23



Promised fulfilled – Col 1:27

- Christ in NT believers – I Jn 5:11-12
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NT Grace believers can now visually
see the indwelling Life of Christ in
themselves and other believers!

“God (will be) With Us” ALL during the Millennium on Earth

- The glorified Bride of Christ will:
 - Come with Christ – Rev 19:7-8, 11-14
 - Rule and reign with Christ – Rev 1:26-27

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CONCLUSION

- The recent world celebration of the \$737 million renovation of Notre Dame Cathedral is man's attempt to produce an emotional feeling of religious awe. God is with those who have Christ indwelling them by saving faith in His gospel. He is NOT indwelling a material structure made with hands