

- together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.
- 19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her, desired to put her away secretly.
- 20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, " Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.
- 21 And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins. "
- 24 And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took her as his wife.

h. Revelation by means of Urim and Thummim

Urim and Thummim was a means of revelation by which the high priest attempted to discover the will of God for the nation of Israel in cases in which God's will was not clear.

The Hebrew terms themselves -- אֲוֹרִים ("lights") and תְּמִיִּם ("perfections") -- do not throw much light on the nature of this mode of revelation.

The references in which אֲוֹרִים is used (13 of them) and in which תְּמִיִּם is used (28 of them) do not give much information.

Exodus 28:30-"And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the Lord; and Aaron shall carry the judgment of the sons of Israel over his heart before the Lord continually."

Numbers 27:21 - "Moreover, he (Joshua) shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before the Lord. At his command they shall go out and at his command they shall come in, both he and the sons of Israel with him, even all the congregation. "

I Samuel 28:6 -"When Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by prophets."

Ezra 2:63 and Nehemiah 7:65 tells us that the governor told the returned Jewish exiles not to eat of the holy things until a priest arose with Urim and Thummim.

Exodus 28:15-30

- 15 And you shall make a breastpiece of judgment, the work of a skilled workman; like the work of the ephod you shall make it; of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen you shall make it.
- 16 It shall be square and folded double, a span in length and a span in width.