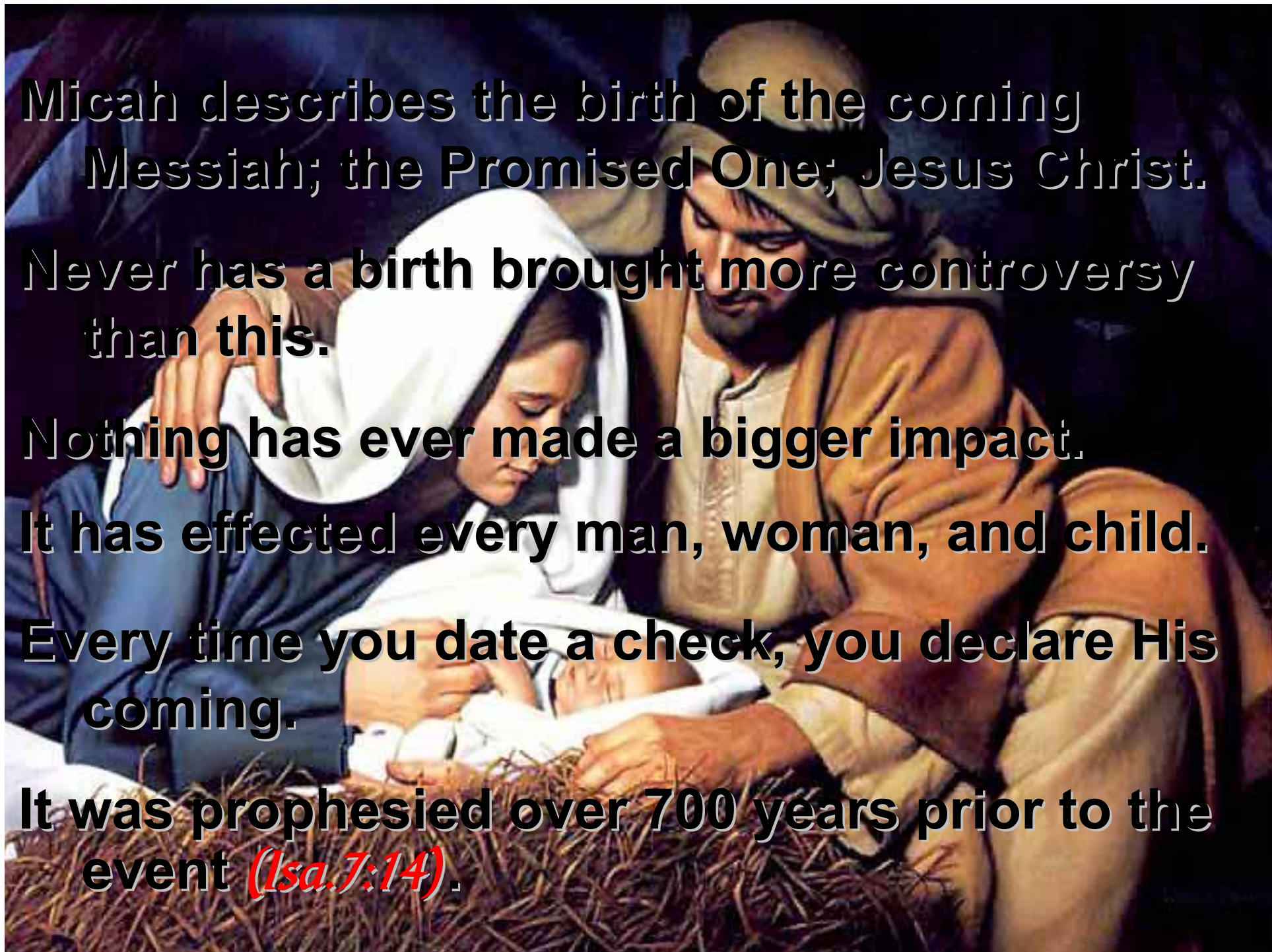


A painting of the Nativity scene. Mary is on the left, wearing a white headscarf and a blue robe, looking down at the infant Jesus. Joseph is on the right, wearing a brown robe, also looking down at the infant. The infant Jesus is lying in a manger, wrapped in white swaddling clothes. The scene is set in a dark, rustic environment with straw visible in the manger.

**"THE MOST
CONTROVERSIAL
BIRTH"**

Micah 5:2; Isa. 7:14



Micah describes the birth of the coming Messiah; the Promised One; Jesus Christ.

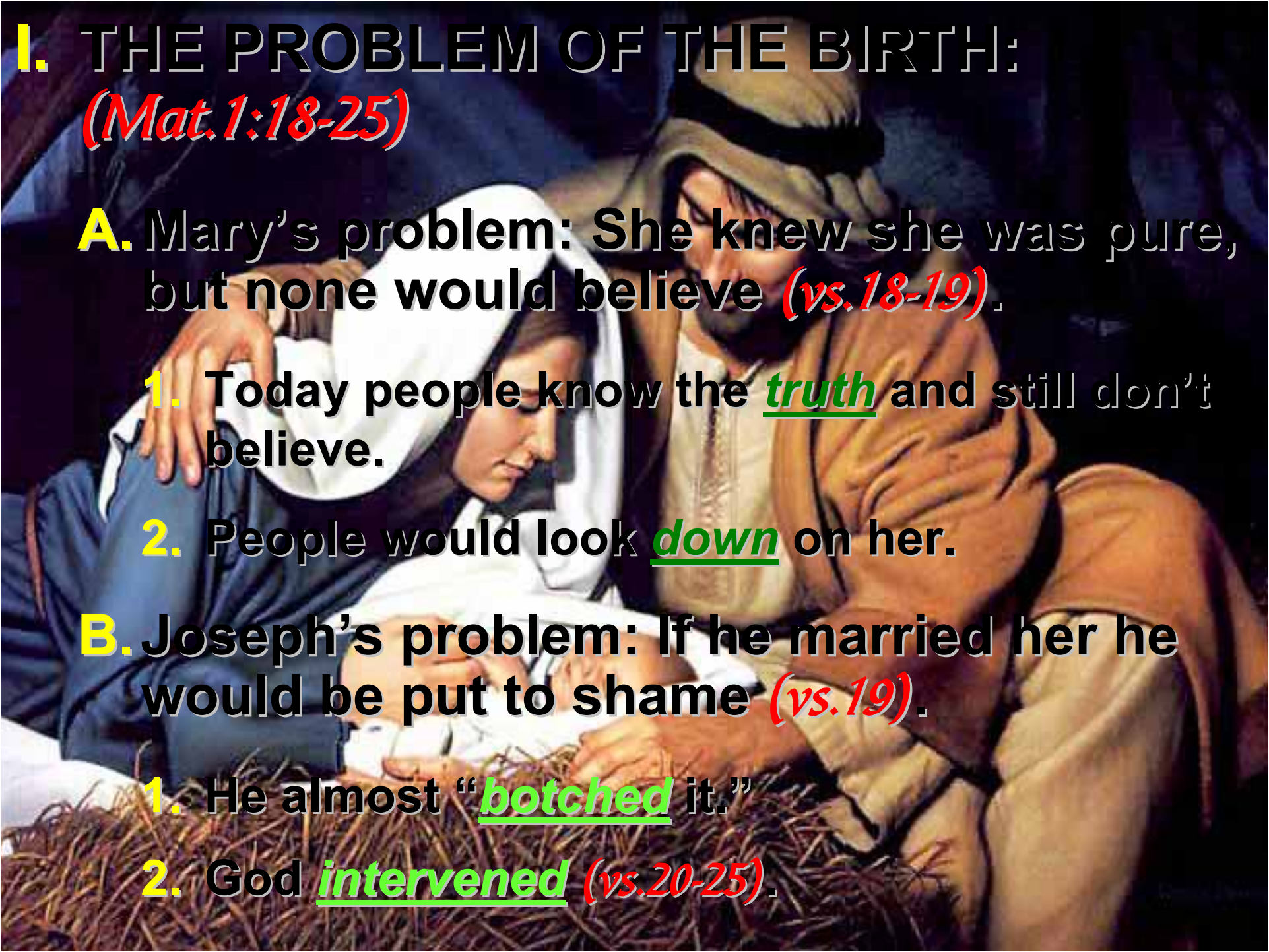
Never has a birth brought more controversy than this.

Nothing has ever made a bigger impact.

It has effected every man, woman, and child.

Every time you date a check, you declare His coming.

It was prophesied over 700 years prior to the event *(Isa.7:14)*.



I. THE PROBLEM OF THE BIRTH:
(Mat. 1:18-25)

A. Mary's problem: She knew she was pure, but none would believe *(vs. 18-19)*.

1. Today people know the truth and still don't believe.
2. People would look down on her.

B. Joseph's problem: If he married her he would be put to shame *(vs. 19)*.

1. He almost "botched it."
2. God intervened *(vs. 20-25)*.



I. THE PROBLEM OF THE BIRTH:
(Mat.1:18-25)

C. Harod's problem: The King who had been watched for, over 700 years was here
(Mat.2:1-3).

D. World's problem:

- 1. Salvation hinges on this truth.**
- 2. To deny this is to deny the Word of God.**



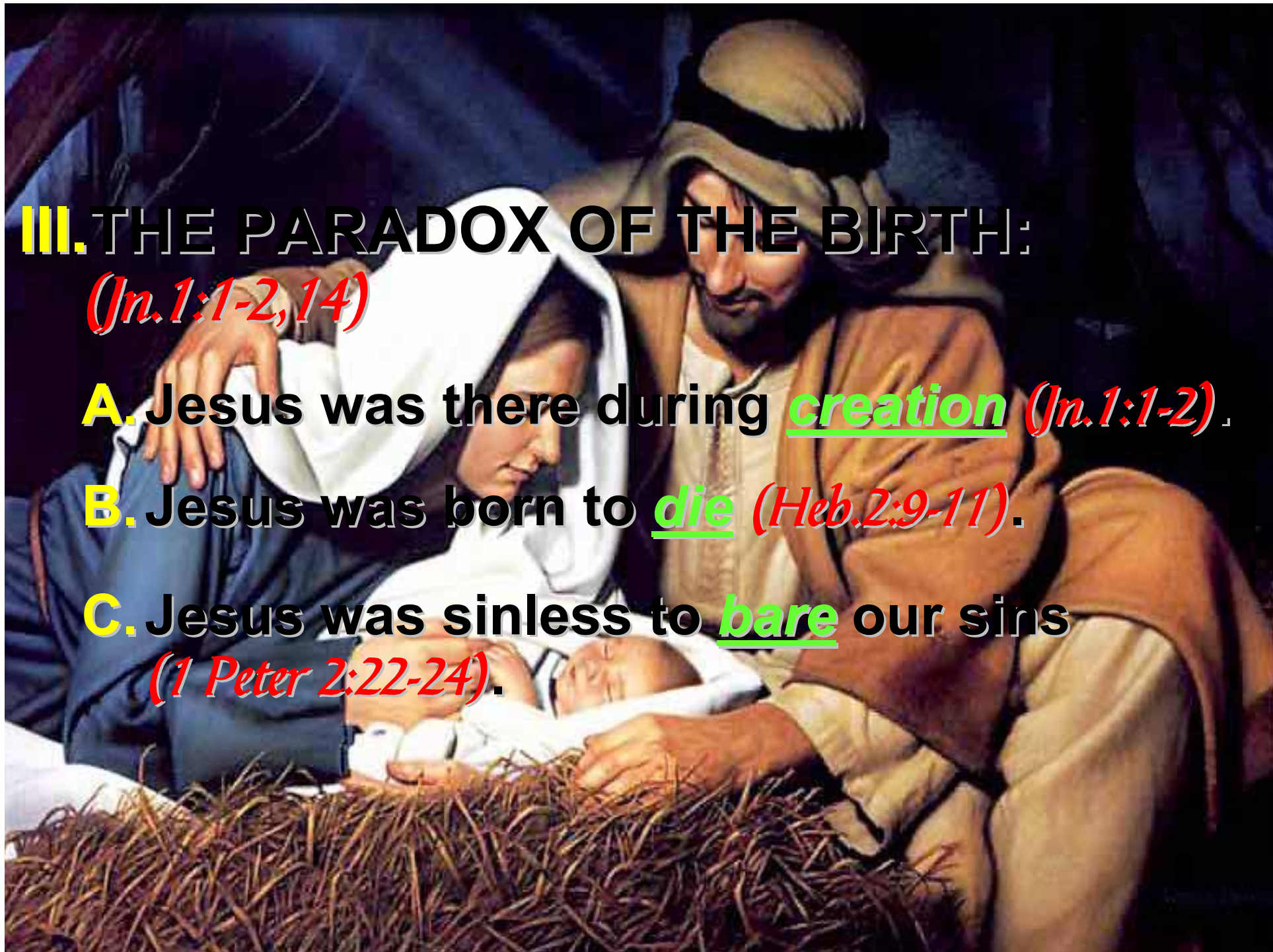
II. THE PURITY OF THE BIRTH: *(Lk. 1:30-35)*

A. The purity of His birth was witnessed by Elizabeth *(Lk. 1:39-45)*.

B. The purity of His birth was witnessed by the Shepherds *(Lk. 2:8-12)*.

C. The purity of His birth was witnessed by Anna & Simeon *(Lk. 2:25-38)*.

D. The purity of His birth was witnessed by the Holy Spirit *(Isa. 7:14; Lk. 1:30-35)*.



III. THE PARADOX OF THE BIRTH:

(Jn.1:1-2,14)

A. Jesus was there during creation *(Jn.1:1-2)*.

B. Jesus was born to die *(Heb.2:9-11)*.

C. Jesus was sinless to bare our sins
(1 Peter 2:22-24).

JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD – SINLESS.

**JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN
PAY OUR SIN DEBT.**

**WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD
THERE IS NO REMISSION OF SIN**

(Hebrews 9:22)

