

Luke 1

King James Version (KJV)

(Luke = the light giver. Luke penned this book and also scribed for Paul; because Paul had poor eyesight. Luke was trained as a medical doctor; the most educated of the disciples)

1 Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, (Christians and Christianity)

² Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; (They saw it all happen and Luke is reporting it as an eye witness. Luke, a medical doctor, was well trained in accurately documenting these events)

³ It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, (Theophilus= beloved of God –this word should have been translated, not transliterated) (from the very first= from above – better translation)

⁴ That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed. (This is an absolute account as reported by eye witnesses. God's Word is not legend or fable; it is factual)

⁵ There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. (Abia = course of Abijah-> June 13 – June 19) (1Chronicles-24, Abijah was the 8th course) (Elisabeth= the Oath of Yah)

(NOTE: There were 24 courses <the 2nd Abia> was Dec-6->12. It was the first instance of Abia; June was the other) See Appendix 179 of the companion Bible)

⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. (Zacharias & Elisabeth were full blood Levites – meeting all the requirements of the priesthood)

⁷ And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. (They were both too old to have children)

⁸ And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, (Zacharias served on June 13 – June 19)

⁹ According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. (There were more than one priest per course, doing different duties. Zecharias duty was to burn the incense)

¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. (They believed that their prayers went up to heaven with the incense smoke – traditions of men. God hears our prayers even without the incense)

¹¹ And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. (This is Gabriel – Man of God)

¹² And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. (The sight of an angel was awesome to men that saw them)

¹³ But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. (John = gift of God) (This was unusual because there were no Johns in either of their families. John is one of 4 people that God named)

¹⁴ And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. (John was sent to make the way ready for Messiah)

¹⁵ For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. (John would be pledged as a Nazarene from before his birth)

¹⁶ And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. (He will be a great teacher & prophet)

¹⁷ And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. (Like Elias <Elijah in the Hebrew>, John would have the power of the Holy Spirit, like Elijah did, to convert many people)

(In Malachi, it is prophesied that Elijah will return before the Great Day of the LORD, but that will happen at the end of this age, when antichrist is present. Elijah was taken alive by God and will fulfill his destiny in the end times. That is when he will die at the hands of antichrist)

¹⁸ And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. (A priest, doubting the word of the Angel – Not good)

¹⁹ And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. (Gabriel- mighty man of God)

²⁰ And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season. (A preacher that can't speak – totally useless - there's your sign. Be careful what you ask for)

Also see Daniel-9:21-25 (400 years prior to this -> 69 weeks = 483 years <The Nativity>, then a gap in time, then the 70th week <When Israel becomes a nation again and Jesus returns in that generation – the generation of the fig tree>)

²¹ And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple.

²² And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless. (He was using sign language because he couldn't speak. He got his sign)

²³ And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. (Following the Sabbath, a 3-4 day journey for an old man – about 40 miles away)

²⁴ And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, (approx. June to November 23-24)

²⁵ Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men. (Because she had been barren all her life)

²⁶ And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, (December 25) (The date of Mary's conception, not the birth of Jesus. Jesus was born approx September 29 – a Libra – the balances)

²⁷ To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. (espoused – betrothed, engaged, not yet married) (Mary = a tear)

²⁸ And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. (This is Gabriel, again, announcing to Mary that she has been blessed to bring Messiah into the world)

²⁹ And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. (cast = reasoned)

³⁰ And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. (The presence of Gabriel was intimidating to people)

³¹ And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. (Jesus = Yahoveh's Savior)

³² He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: (HE was called the Son of God by men. Jesus called Himself the Son of Man, because He was God, in the flesh)

³³ And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. (The house of Jacob – all 12 tribes of Israel)

³⁴ Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? (She was a virgin)

³⁵ And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. Isaiah-7:14 (Emmanuel = God with us <not His "son">) (One God, many offices)

³⁶ And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. (This is December 25 – the date of Mary's conception)

(Elizabeth was a full blooded Levite; therefore, Mary's mother had to be a Levite. Mary's mother was a Levite and sister to Elizabeth's mother or father; Mary's father was of Judah – a descendent of Nathan, of David; the priest line & king line were joined in Mary, and joined to God in Jesus. That is why Jesus is called the King of kings, Lord of lords) (See Luke chapter 3 for Mary's lineage – Jesus' lineage in the flesh)

³⁷ For with God nothing shall be impossible. (Elizabeth was too old, and Mary was a young, unmarried virgin; yet both conceived just as Gabriel said)

³⁸ And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. (Mary accepted the decree. This was dangerous for a single woman to be pregnant- She could have been stoned to death for it)

³⁹ And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;

⁴⁰ And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. (Her cousin)

⁴¹ And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: (John, in Elizabeth's womb, felt the presence of Jesus, in Mary's womb. Life begins at conception. Jesus was with us at Mary's conception)

⁴² And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. (Jesus – God with us)

⁴³ And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? (At Christmas, we should celebrate the conception of Jesus through Mary. That is the day that He came into the world to be Messiah. HE was born approx September 29)

⁴⁴ For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. (Jesus was there, so was John. Life begins at conception)

⁴⁵ And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord. (performance=

fulfillment – better translation) (God sent Gabriel to tell Mary of what was to come)

⁴⁶ And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

⁴⁷ And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. (Mary remained humble through all this. God chose well)

⁴⁸ For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. (Because through Jesus, salvation is open to the whole world. We are all blessed through Mary's conception)

(In the Old Testament, when it was said that Eve was the mother of all living, it didn't mean the mother of all people. It meant that through her seed line, Jesus would come. If you aren't in Jesus <a Christian>, you won't live to see the eternity)

⁴⁹ For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. (God chose Mary to be the woman who would bring Jesus into the world)

⁵⁰ And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. (fear = revere – it's the same word in the Hebrew; fear God if you are His enemy; revere God if you love Him)

⁵¹ He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. (HE scattered Israel when they deserted HIM for false gods)

⁵² He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. Daniel chapter-3 (How God dealt with Nebuchadnezzar's ego, and gave him an attitude adjustment)

⁵³ He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. (God feeds us the truth of HIS Word. The rich don't want any part of it, so they go away hungry)

⁵⁴ He hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; (One Example - After 70 years of exile, HE allowed them to return from captivity)

⁵⁵ As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever. Genesis-17:5-9 (God's promise to Abraham)

⁵⁶ And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house. (It was dangerous for a single woman to be pregnant. Mary had faith that God would protect her)

⁵⁷ Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. (John the Baptist was born at the end of March, just before the Passover – April 15)

⁵⁸ And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her. (She had been barren all her life. Now in her old age, she had a son)

⁵⁹ And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father.

⁶⁰ And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. (She did as they had been instructed to do by Gabriel)

⁶¹ And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. (There were no Johns in their family)

⁶² And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called.

⁶³ And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all. (He also obeyed Gabriel's command)

⁶⁴ And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God. (Lesson learned)

⁶⁵ And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea. (fear- also means reverence)

⁶⁶ And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him. (Everyone could see that John was a blessed child)

⁶⁷ And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, (The Holy Spirit speaking through Zacharias)

⁶⁸ Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

⁶⁹ And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; (This is announcing the coming of Jesus <God with us>)

⁷⁰ As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: (After Satan's rebellion <catabole> and fall, salvation was needed for mankind. God determined a new age, to put man in the flesh to be tested, Also to make a choice between God, and the ways of the world<Satan>)

⁷¹ That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; (Spiritually saved by Jesus Christ; the enemy is Satan and his fallen angels)

⁷² To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; Psalms-22, Micah-7:20, Paul also taught this is Hebrews-2:14

⁷³ The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, (The prophecy of Genesis-17 is being fulfilled. John is sent to announce the coming of the Messiah)

⁷⁴ That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, Psalms-2 (Today, these Christian nations are the free nations of the world, while islam puts people in chains. If they try to leave islam, they are murdered by other muslims. The same thing happens in communist nations)

⁷⁵ In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

⁷⁶ And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; (John was the last prophet before the coming of Messiah)

⁷⁷ To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, (John taught many people and baptized many as well. He fulfilled his ministry to prepare the way for Messiah)

⁷⁸ Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, (dayspring = the branch - Jesus)

⁷⁹ To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. (Knowledge and wisdom from God brings peace of mind to all who believe in Him)

⁸⁰ And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

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