

Luke 1

King James Version (KJV)

(Luke = the light giver. Luke penned this book. He also scribed The Epistles and the Book of Acts for Paul; because Paul had poor eyesight. Luke was trained as a medical doctor. He was the best 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; (The Apostles saw it all happen. 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, (from the very first = from above – better translation)

(Theophilus = beloved of God – this word should have been translated, not transliterated. All Christians are beloved of God)

⁴ That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed. (This is an absolute account as reported by an eye witnesses. God's Word is not legend or myth 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. (Zacharias = remembered of Yah) (Elizabeth = the oath of Yah)

(Abia = new beginnings; course of Abia-> June 13 – June 19)

1Chronicles-24 (Abia was the 8th and 20th course of 24 total courses of the priests)

NOTE: (There were 24 courses x 2 = 48 weeks. The other course of Abia was December 6 - 12. The remaining 4 weeks were feasts where all priests worked) 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 both full blood Levites. They met all of 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 he 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 <course of Abia>)

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 was more than one priest per course, doing different duties in the temple. Zacharias' duty was to burn the incense)

¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. (People believed that their prayers went up to heaven with the incense smoke. Of course, that's just traditions of men. God hears all of 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 is awesome to the men who see 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)

NOTE: (John was a gift of God because Zachariah and Elizabeth were too old to have children. He was also a gift of God because John would go on to announce the coming of Jesus Christ – God in the flesh)

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 Nazarite from

before his birth. Samson was the only other child to be pledged as a Nazarite from birth)

¹⁶ And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. (As John the Baptist, he will be a great teacher & prophet. He will baptize countless number of people into Christianity even before Jesus begins His ministry. John cleared a path for the coming of Messiah)

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, to convert many people)

NOTE: (In Malachi, it is prophesied that Elijah will return before the Great Day of the LORD. That will happen at the end of this Age, when antichrist is present. Elijah was taken alive by God. He 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 – That's not good. God expects more faith from the priesthood than from the people)

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)

(Gabriel is not too happy with this guy's doubt. He certainly didn't come to lie to Zachariah)

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 is totally useless. There's your sign, Zachariah. Be careful what you ask for)

See Daniel-9:21-25 (Gabriel appeared to Daniel 400 years prior to this) (69 weeks = 483 years later <The Nativity of Jesus>; then a gap in time; then the 70th week<when Israel becomes a nation again in 1948. Jesus will return in that generation – the generation of the fig tree>. This time He will come with great power and might, as King of kings, Lord of lords)

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 the sign that he asked for)

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, he went home. It was a 3-4 day journey for an old man. His home was about 30 miles away)

²⁴ And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, (This is approx. June 23-24 to November 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, (This is now our December 25)

(December 25 was 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 was Gabriel, again. He was 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: (The son of the Highest – the begotten of God; God begat Himself into the flesh through Mary’s womb)

(Jesus was called the Son of God by men. But Jesus called Himself the Son of Man, because He was God, in the flesh) see Isaiah-7:14

Genesis-1:26 (When God said – Let us make man in our image. HE created the office of Jesus – Himself in a flesh body. We were there with Him. By His power, we also created our flesh bodies. God never asked us to do something that He wouldn’t also do. We ALL pass once through the flesh. God did it also, as Jesus Christ)

John-14:9 (Jesus said – If you’ve seen Me, you’ve seen the Father)

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. (shall be called – by men)

Isaiah-7:14 (Immanuel = God with us; not His “son”; His begotten. God begat Himself into the flesh to come into the world as our Savior)

(There is only one God; He has many offices: Yahoveh – the Father, Creator; Jesus – the Son of Man, the Savior; Holy Spirit – God’s spirit, the Comforter; Melchizedek – the man who walked with Abraham, who had no father or mother; the Angel of the Lord – God in angelic form)

(God is whoever and whenever He wishes to be)

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)

NOTE: (Elizabeth was Mary’s cousin. She 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)

(Therefore, the priest line <Levy> & king line <Judah> were joined together in Mary; and then joined to God in Jesus. That is why Jesus is called the King of kings, Lord of lords) Hebrews-7:3

See Luke chapter-3 (for Mary's lineage – Jesus' lineage in the flesh)

Also see Companion Bible – Appendix 179

³⁷ For with God nothing shall be impossible. (Elizabeth was too old, and Mary was a young, unmarried virgin. Yet both women conceived just as Gabriel said, because God willed it. This was divine intervention)

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)

³⁹ And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; (It was dangerous for a single woman to be pregnant. She could have been stoned to death for it)

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. Jesus was with us at Mary's conception)

NOTE: (This event proves that life begins at conception. Abortion is the death of a person; by God's Word. It is also the basis of Biology – Unique DNA = unique life. God's Word agrees with science)

Additional NOTES: (In Genesis it states that "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth". It doesn't say when. Ignorant preachers assume that it was 6,000 years ago. That assumption has driven countless people away from Christianity over the years because it is ridiculous. We know from science that the earth is approx. 4.6 Billion years old. The "6 days" in Genesis is just an explanation of how things evolved on earth)

(Adam and Eve were not the first people on earth. They were the first people chosen to begin the lineage that would bring God into the flesh world as Jesus. Our proof is that Cain went into the land of Nod to get a wife. The earth was populated already)

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? (Elizabeth knew that God was now present with Mary)

NOTE: (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 of 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)

NOTES: (In the Book of Genesis, when it was said that Eve was the mother of all living, it didn't mean the mother of all people. It means that through her seed line, Jesus would come)

(If you aren't in Jesus <as a Christian> you won't live to see the eternity. The Millennium <1000 years> will be a time of teaching for all people. Some of us will make it to the eternity and some won't)

John-14:6 (Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me)

⁴⁹ For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. (God chose Mary <a virgin> 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. (God scattered Israel because they deserted Him for the worship of false gods)

⁵² He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

EXAMPLE: (This is how God felt about Nebuchadnezzar's inflated ego. HE abased him and gave him an attitude adjustment. He became like a wild animal living in the woods) Daniel-3

(Nebuchadnezzar repented in Daniel-4, and was restored as king of Babylon. God elevated Daniel <a slave> to be over the kingdom, under Nebuchadnezzar)

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 proud rich people 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, God allowed the Israelites to return to Judah from captivity to Babylon)

⁵⁵ As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever. Genesis-17:5-9 (This was 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; which is on April 5)

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 by Gabriel) (John = a gift of God)

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,

(This is 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: (Before this Age began)

(After Satan's rebellion <katabole> and fall, during the First Age, salvation was needed for mankind. God began a new Age. HE put man in the flesh to be tested; to make a choice between God, and the ways of the world <Satan>) Genesis-1:26

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

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

⁷³ The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, (The prophecy of Genesis-17 was being fulfilled. John was 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 (The heathen rage because they live in spiritual ignorance. God laughs at their tyrannical stupidity)

NOTE: (Today, the Christian nations are the free nations of the world. We have freedom to worship God as we please; while Muslim nations put people in bondage. If people try to leave Islam, they are threatened with death. The same thing happens in communist nations)

⁷⁵ In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. (Praise God every day; not just on Sundays. HE is a full time God)

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. He fulfilled his ministry to prepare the way for Messiah)

⁷⁸Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, (dayspring = the branch <Hebrew>; the branch is Jesus Christ)

⁷⁹To 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 people who believe in Him)

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

(Luke – was a physician. The best educated of the disciples. He also penned many of Paul's books because Paul had poor eyesight; after God corrected him on the way to Damascus. Luke means – light giver)