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The Virgin Mary Will Give Birth to the Messiah!

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Luke 1:23-33 *“So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. 24) Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, 25) “Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people.” 26) Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27) to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. 28) And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women. 29) But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30) Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31) And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a son, and shall call his name Jesus. 32) He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33) And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” (NKJV)*

THEREFORE THE LORD HIMSELF WILL GIVE YOU A SIGN: BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON, AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL. ISAIAH 7:14

Why did Elizabeth hide for five months? How had she continually suffered reproach? Is everything timed according to Gabriel’s first appearance? What was Nazareth in Galilee like? What was significant about Joseph? Was Mary named after Moses’ and Aaron’s sister, Miriam? Did the angel knock or just show up? What disturbed Mary about Gabriel’s greeting? How could a virgin have a son? Did this description point to Deity? Would all have known this was the Messiah?

FOCUS ON FUTURE BIBLE STUDIES:

- FEBRUARY 12: LUKE 1:34-44 **THE IMPOSSIBLE MADE POSSIBLE BY GOD**
- FEBRUARY 19: LUKE 1:45-56 **MARY’S MAGNIFICAT**

God had now responded to the prayers of His people in the announcement of His angelic messenger, Gabriel, who told Zacharias that he and Elizabeth would have a son in their old age and that he would be *“great in the sight of the Lord.”* His greatness would come from God Himself in that he *“would also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.”* Most importantly, he would *“turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.”* Referring to the coming Messiah as Deity, Gabriel said, *“He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah.”* All the Jews were expecting Elijah to come before their Messiah according to Malachi 4:5, and would even set aside an empty chair for him, when they celebrated Passover. But Zacharias doubted Gabriel’s word because Elizabeth had been barren, and now they both were very old, far past the time of having children. So Gabriel responded to his unbelief by granting him a sign, as he had requested, in making him mute, unable to speak until their son, John, would be born. When he returned home, Elizabeth immediately became pregnant. But rather than continue to bear the false accusations of her cruel neighbors in continually calling her *“barren”* (Lk. 1:36), she chose to hide for the first five months, rejoicing in gratitude to God for His mercy in looking favorably upon her, and removing her *“reproach among people.”* What an incredible son God would give her in John the Baptist!

BIBLE STUDIES

THURSDAY @ 6:30 AM –PRAYER MEETING – GAB 14TH FLOOR SPEAKER’S CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY @ 7:00 AM –BIBLE STUDY – GAB 14TH FLOOR SPEAKER’S CONFERENCE ROOM

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"MEN OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY AND NOT LOSE HEART."
LUKE 18:1

I. THE POOR MUNICIPALITY LUKE 1:26-27

Rather than choosing a dazzling dame in Jerusalem, the capital of Israel or a powerful princess in Caesarea, the Roman capital of the region, God chose a humble girl from a poor village town to give birth to the "*Son of the Highest*." The entire region of Galilee was despised by the Jews in Judea because that area in Israel was full of Gentiles and half-breeds, who had forsaken God's law for the Jews and had married Gentiles. Even in Isaiah's day, before the deportation to Babylon, Galilee was so saturated by foreigners that the region would be referred to as "*Galilee of the Gentiles*" where the people "*walked in darkness*" and "*the land of the shadow of death*" (Isaiah 9:1-2). Nazareth was so obscure and remote that it is never even mentioned in the entire Old Testament. Worse, the city was so corrupt and had a reputation so bad that the guileless Nathanael speaks with unfettered honesty when he asks, "*Can anything good come out of Nazareth?*" (John 1:46). Yet Gabriel is sent there to a young, virtuous virgin, Mary, who was valued by her fiancé, Joseph, "*of the house of David*," the promised lineage of the Messiah.

"THE PEOPLE WHO SAT IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT, AND UPON THOSE WHO SAT IN THE REGION OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, LIGHT HAS DAWNED."
MATTHEW 4:16

II. THE PERPLEXING MESSAGE LUKE 1:28-30

Mary is likely helping in her parents home when suddenly Gabriel shows up in her presence and greets her with an unexpected greeting, "*Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you.*" The first word is a greeting and a command in the present tense, meaning literally, "*be rejoicing.*" With

that imperative is a passive verb communicating that she has been "*highly favored.*" Then the most puzzling was the final phrase, "*the Lord is with you.*" The preposition "*with*" was often used to communicate with Israel in time of war, that God was "*among*" them or "*in their midst*" to assure them of guaranteed victory. In addition to being startled by the sudden presence of the angel, young Mary tries to ponder this greeting to joy over great favor whereby God is in her to produce ultimate victory. So Gabriel continues to calm her and explains, "*Fear not, Mary, for you have found favor with God.*" Mary trusts Gabriel but wonders why and how God has favored her.

MY SOUL MAGNIFIES THE LORD AND MY SPIRIT HAS REJOICED IN GOD MY SAVIOR. FOR HE HAS REGARDED THE LOWLY STATE OF HIS MAIDSERVANT. LUKE 1:46-48

III. THE PROPHESED MESSIAH LUKE 1:31-33

Gabriel continues, "*And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call his name Jesus.*" Mary would have known that "*behold*" was most often used to introduce the miraculous and she would have known that she is going to have a baby, whom heaven has named for her, "*Jesus*," meaning "*Jehovah saves.*" Then Gabriel said, "*He will be great*" with no qualifiers which means he will be intrinsically great in Himself, so as to set the standard of greatness, and infinitely great and absolutely great, pointing again to the fact that He is God. "*And will be called the Son of the Highest*," again revealing his Divinity as the Son of God. Gabriel then described Him as the long awaited Messiah with words that anyone in Israel would recognize, "*and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.*" David had long ago been promised this greater Son by God in 2 Samuel 7:12, 16, emphasizing David's lineage, David's throne and an eternal kingdom. Just as Gabriel said, "*He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.*" The Messiah's kingdom is forever!

Questions to Ponder:

- 1) Do you take time to consider and give thanks to God for all that He has done for you?
- 2) Do you rejoice in the favor that God has graciously poured out upon you so that you magnify Him for it?
- 3) Your soul will live somewhere forever; have you given your life to Christ to become part of His eternal kingdom?