

BIBLE STUDY

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Numbers 17 Aaron's Rod

YAHWEH (TO MOSES): Speak to the sons of Israel, and get from them a rod for each father's household: twelve rods, from all their leaders according to their fathers' households. You shall write each name on his rod, and write Aaron's name on the rod of Levi; for there is one rod for the head *of each* of their fathers' households. You shall then deposit them in the tent of meeting in front of the testimony, where I meet with you. It will come about that the rod of the man whom I choose will sprout. Thus I will lessen from upon Myself the grumblings of the sons of Israel, who are grumbling against you.

NARRATOR: Moses therefore spoke to the sons of Israel, and all their leaders gave him a rod apiece, for each leader according to their fathers' households, twelve rods, with the rod of Aaron among their rods. So Moses deposited the rods before the LORD in the tent of the testimony.

Now on the next day Moses went into the tent of the testimony; and behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted and put forth buds and produced blossoms, and it bore ripe almonds. Moses then brought out all the rods from the presence of the LORD to all the sons of Israel; and they looked, and each man took his rod.

YAHWEH (TO MOSES): Put back the rod of Aaron before the testimony to be kept as a sign against the rebels, that you may put an end to their grumblings against Me, so that they will not die.

NARRATOR: Thus Moses did; just as the LORD had commanded him, so he did.

(Later the rod that blossomed was one of only three items placed in the Ark of the Covenant.)

NARRATOR: In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years. Now it happened *that* while he was performing his priestly service before God in the *appointed* order of his division, according to the custom of the priestly office, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were in prayer outside at the hour of the incense offering. ¹¹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. Zacharias was troubled when he saw *the angel*, and fear gripped him. But the angel spoke to him.

ANGEL OF THE LORD: Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. It is he who will go *as a forerunner* before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

ZACHARIAS: How will I know this *for certain*? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years.

ANGEL: I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time.

NARRATOR: The people were waiting for Zacharias, and were wondering at his delay in the temple. But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them; and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he kept making signs to them, and remained mute. When the days of his priestly service were ended, he went back home.

Son of Man in Daniel 7:9-14

"I kept looking
Until thrones were set up,
And the Ancient of Days took *His* seat;
His vesture *was* like white snow
And the hair of His head like pure
wool.
His throne *was* ablaze with flames,
Its wheels *were* a burning fire.
¹⁰"A river of fire was flowing
And coming out from before Him;
Thousands upon thousands were
attending Him,
And myriads upon myriads were
standing before Him;
The court sat,
And the books were opened...

¹³"I kept looking in the night visions,
And behold, with the clouds of heaven
One like a **Son of Man** was coming,
And He came up to the Ancient of
Days
And was presented before Him.
¹⁴"And to Him was given dominion,
Glory and a kingdom,
That all the peoples, nations and *men*
of every language
Might serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting
dominion
Which will not pass away;
And His kingdom is one
Which will not be destroyed.

Son of Man in Luke

5:24 But, so that you may know that
the **Son of Man** has authority on
earth to forgive sins...

6:5 And He was saying to them,
"The **Son of Man** is Lord **of** the
Sabbath."

9:22 "The **Son of Man** must
suffer **many** things and be rejected by
the elders and chief priests and
scribes, and be killed and be raised up
on the third day."

12:40 You too, be ready; for
the **Son of Man** is **coming** at an hour
that you do not expect."

17:24 For just like the lightning, when it
flashes out of one part of the sky,
shines to the other part of the sky, so
will the **Son of Man** be in His day.

18:31 Then He took the twelve aside
and said to them, "Behold, we are
going up to Jerusalem, and all things
which are written through the
prophets about the **Son of Man** will
be accomplished.

21: ²⁵"There will be signs in sun and
moon and stars, and on the earth
dismay among nations, in perplexity
at the roaring of the sea and the
waves, ²⁶men fainting from fear and
the expectation of the things which
are coming upon the world; for the
powers of the heavens will be
shaken. ²⁷Then they will see THE **SON**
OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power
and great glory.

Luke's Birth Narratives and the Davidic Promises

1 Samuel 16:1 Now Yahweh said to Samuel, "Fill your horn with oil and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have selected a king for Myself among his sons....You shall invite Jesse to the sacrifice and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for Me the one whom I designate to you. So Samuel did what Yahweh said, and came to Bethlehem...Jesse brought David. ..And Yahweh said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he."

2 Sam. 7:11-13 Yahweh also declares to you that Yahweh will make a house (dynasty, long family line) for you David. When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your seed after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Isaiah 11:1-2 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of Yahweh will rest on Him...

Isaiah 9:6-7 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders: and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom.

Luke 1:26 In the sixth month (of Elizabeth's pregnancy) the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he...said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you...behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 1:68 [Zachariah says of the Jesus who would be born of Mary]: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old..."

Luke 2:1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered...And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David...Jeremiah

23:5 Behold, the days are coming, declares Yahweh, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; and He will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land. Jeremiah 30:9 But they shall serve Yahweh their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them, [says Yahweh about the future age].

Jeremiah 33:15 In those days [in the future age] and at that time I (Yahweh) will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth.

Ezekiel 34:23-24 [Yahweh, speaking of the future age]: My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and

observe them. They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons' sons, forever; and David My servant will be their prince forever.

Amos 9:11 In that day I (Yahweh) will raise up the fallen booth (house) of David, and wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old.

Micah 5:2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Comparing the Births of Jesus and John

John

1:57 Now the time had come for Elizabeth to give birth, and she gave birth to a son.

1:58 Elizabeth's neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had displayed His great mercy toward her; and they were rejoicing with her.

1:63 And Zacharias asked for a tablet and wrote as follows, "His name is John." And they were all astonished.

1:66 All who heard [what happened when Zacharias' mouth was released from being mute] in their heart, were saying, "What then will this child turn out to be?" For the hand of the Lord was certainly with him.

Jesus

2:6-7 While they were [in Bethlehem], the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

2:10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all people. ...20 The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen.

2:18 And all who heard it were astonished at the things which were told them about this Child.

2:19 But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.

Luke's Introductions

Luke 1:5

Introduction of John

In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias...

Luke 2:7

Introduction of Jesus

Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth.

2:10 But the angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people...

2:14 The heavenly host praised God saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."