

BIBLE STUDY

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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.

LUKE 1:26-38 PLAY

NARRATOR: Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming in, he spoke to her.

GABRIEL: Greetings, favored one! The Lord *is* with you.

NARRATOR: But she was very perplexed at *this* statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was.

ANGEL: Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.

MARY: How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

ANGEL: The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. For nothing will be impossible with God."

MARY: Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.

NARRATOR: And the angel departed from her.

LUKE 1:39-56 PLAY

NARRATOR: Now at this time Mary arose and went in a hurry to the hill country, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. And she cried out with a loud voice.

ELIZABETH: Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb! And how has it *happened* to me, that the mother of my Lord would come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed *is* she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord.

MARY:

My soul exalts the Lord,

⁴⁷ And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

⁴⁸ "For He has had regard for the humble state of His bonds slave;

For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed.

⁴⁹ "For the Mighty One has done great things for me;

And holy is His name.

⁵⁰ "AND HIS MERCY IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION

TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

⁵¹ "He has done mighty deeds with His arm;

He has scattered *those who were* proud in the thoughts of their heart.

⁵² "He has brought down rulers from *their* thrones,

And has exalted those who were humble.

⁵³ "HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS;

And sent away the rich empty-handed.

⁵⁴ "He has given help to Israel His servant,

In remembrance of His mercy,

⁵⁵ As He spoke to our fathers,

To Abraham and his descendants forever."

NARRATOR: And Mary stayed with her about three months, and then returned to her home.

LUKE: Mary and Hannah

Then Hannah prayed and said,

"My heart exults in the LORD;
Because I rejoice in Your
salvation.

⁴"The bows of the mighty are
shattered,
But the feeble gird on strength.

⁵"Those who were full hire
themselves out for bread,
But those who were hungry
cease *to hunger*.

Even the barren gives birth to
seven,

But she who has many children
languishes.

He brings down to Sheol and
raises up.

⁷"The LORD makes poor and
rich;

He brings low, He also exalts.

⁸"He raises the poor from the
dust,

He lifts the needy from the ash
heap

To make them sit with nobles,
And inherit a throne of honor;

And Mary said:

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NARRATOR: Now the time had come for Elizabeth to give birth, and she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had displayed His great mercy toward her; and they were rejoicing with her. And it happened that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to call him Zacharias, after his father. But his mother answered and spoke.

ELIZABETH: No indeed; but he shall be called John.

NEIGHBORS: There is no one among your relatives who is called by that name.

NARRATOR: And they made signs to his father, as to what he wanted him called. And he asked for a tablet and wrote as follows, "His name is John." And they were all astonished. And at once his mouth was opened and his tongue *loosed*, and he *began* to speak in praise of God. Fear came on all those living around them; and all these matters were being talked about in all the hill country of Judea. All who heard them kept them in mind.

ALL WHO HEARD: What then will this child *turn out to be*?

NARRATOR: For the hand of the Lord was certainly with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied.

ZACHARIAS: Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel,
For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people,
⁶⁹ And has raised up a horn of salvation for us
In the house of David His servant—
⁷⁰ As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old—
⁷¹ Salvation FROM OUR ENEMIES,
And FROM THE HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US;
⁷² To show mercy toward our fathers,
And to remember His holy covenant,
⁷³ The oath which He swore to Abraham our father,
⁷⁴ To grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies,
Might serve Him without fear,
⁷⁵ In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.
⁷⁶ "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
For you will go on BEFORE THE LORD TO PREPARE HIS WAYS;
⁷⁷ To give to His people *the* knowledge of salvation
By the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ Because of the tender mercy of our God,
With which the Sunrise from on high will visit us,
⁷⁹ TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH,
To guide our feet into the way of peace."

NARRATOR: And the child continued to grow and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

Zacharias' Benedictus

⁶⁸ "Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished **redemption for His people,**

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Malachi 3:1 Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me.

Psalms 105:8, 9 He has remembered His covenant forever...The covenant which He made with Abraham.

Genesis 22:16-17 By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed...

Genesis 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High.

Isaiah 9:2 The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them.

Psalms 106:10 (Speaking about what happened at the Red Sea crossing) So Yahweh saved them from the hand of the one who hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

Malachi 4:2 But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in his wings..

Psalms 18:2 Yahweh...is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

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1 Chronicles 15 [David wishes to bring the ark to Jerusalem.] ² ...David prepared a place for the ark of God. ³ David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem to bring up the ark of Yahweh to its place. ¹⁶ Then David spoke to the Levites to appoint their relatives the singers, with instruments of music, harps, lyres, loud-sounding cymbals, to raise sounds of joy. ¹⁹ So the singers, Heman, Asaph and Ethan were appointed to sound aloud cymbals of bronze;...with harps tuned, and to lead with lyres tuned.... ²⁵ David, the elders and captains...went to bring up the ark... with joy. ^{16:4} David appointed some of the Levites as ministers, to cause people to remember and to thank and praise Yahweh, God of Israel; with musical instruments, harps, lyres; also Asaph played loud-sounding cymbals, and the priests blew trumpets continually before the ark of God. ⁷ That day David assigned Asaph to give thanks to Yahweh. ³⁷ So David left Asaph a before the ark of the covenant of Yahweh to minister before the ark continually...to give thanks to Yahweh, because His lovingkindness is everlasting.

2 Chronicles 5-7 [Solomon brings the Ark into the Temple.] ² Then Solomon assembled to Jerusalem [the leaders] to bring up the ark of the covenant... to the Temple ...⁷ The priests brought the ark of Yahweh... to the holy of holies... ¹¹ All the Levitical singers were to make themselves heard with one voice to praise and to glorify Yahweh, and when they lifted up their voice accompanied by trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and when they praised Yahweh saying, "He indeed is good for His lovingkindness is everlasting," then ¹⁴ ...the glory of Yahweh filled the house of God. ^{7:1} When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the offerings and sacrifices, and the glory of Yahweh filled Yahweh's house. ³ All Israel...bowed down on the pav worshiped and gave praise to Yahweh, saying, "Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting" ⁶ The priests and Levites stood with the instruments of music to Yahweh, made for giving praise to Yahweh—"for His lovingkindness is everlasting." ¹⁰ Then Solomon sent the people to their tents, those full of joy and happy of heart .

2 Chronicles The people assembled at Jerusalem in the third month of the fifteenth year of Asa's reign. They sacrificed to Yahweh that day 700 oxen and 7,000 sheep from the spoil they had brought. ¹² They entered into the covenant to seek Yahweh God of their fathers with all their heart and soul; ...¹⁴ Moreover, they made an oath to Yahweh with a loud voice, with shouting, with trumpets and with horns. ¹⁵ All Judah were joyful concerning the oath, for they had sworn with their whole heart and had sought Him earnestly, and He let them find Him. So Yahweh gave them rest on every side.

Find the following words:
 JOY/REJOICE
 LOUD
 VOICE
 HEART
 WORSHIP/PRAISE/
 GIVE THANKS
 LOVINGKINDNESS
 SINGER/SANG/
 SONG
 LIST OF
 INSTRUMENTS

2 Chronicles 20 [The enemy of Judah was waging war] ⁴So Judah gathered to seek help from Yahweh. ¹⁴Then the Spirit of Yahweh came upon Jahaziel the Levite of the sons of Asaph; ¹⁵ and he said, "...thus says Yahweh, 'Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's..." ¹⁸King Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah fell down, worshipping Yahweh. ¹⁹The Levites stood up to praise Yahweh, with a very loud voice. [Jehoshaphat] appointed those who sang to Yahweh and those who praised Him in holy attire, as they went out before the army and said, "Give thanks to Yahweh, for His lovingkindness is everlasting." ²²When they began singing and praising, Yahweh set ambushes against [Judah's enemies, so that the enemies] destroyed one another. Then they assembled in the valley of Beracah (blessing), for there they blessed Yahweh. ²⁷Every man returned with Jehoshaphat at their head with joy, for Yahweh had made them to rejoice over their enemies. ²³They came to Jerusalem with harps, lyres and trumpets to the house of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 29 [After years of apostasy, Hezekiah became king of Judah, making reforms] ⁴Hezekiah brought in the priests and the Levites. He said, "Listen to me, O Levites. Consecrate yourselves, for Yahweh has chosen you to stand before Him, to minister to Him, and to be His ministers and burn incense." ¹²Then the Levites arose: ...from the sons of Asaph, ¹⁵They consecrated themselves and went in to cleanse the house of Yahweh. ²⁵Then, Hezekiah stationed the Levites in the house of Yahweh with cymbals, with harps and with lyres, ²⁶The Levites stood with the musical instruments, and the priests with the trumpets. The song to Yahweh began with the trumpets, accompanied by the instruments of David. ²⁸While the whole assembly worshiped, the singers also sang and the trumpets sounded. ²⁹The king and all present with him bowed down and worshiped. ³⁰Moreover, King Hezekiah ordered the Levites to sing praises to Yahweh with the words of David. So they sang praises with joy, and bowed down and worshiped. Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced over what God had prepared for the people.

2 Chronicles 30 [Hezekiah celebrates Passover] ¹ Now Hezekiah sent for all Israel and Judah that they should come...to celebrate the Passover to Yahweh. "For Yahweh your God is gracious and compassionate...." ²¹ The sons of Israel present in Jerusalem celebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread with great joy and the Levites and the priests praised Yahweh day after day with loud instruments to Yahweh. So they ate for the appointed seven days, sacrificing peace offerings and giving thanks to Yahweh God of their fathers. ²³ Then the whole assembly decided to celebrate the feast another seven days, so they celebrated the seven days with joy. ...²⁵ All the assembly of Judah rejoiced, with the priests and the Levites. ²⁶ So there was great joy in Jerusalem. ...Then the Levitical priests arose and blessed the people; and their **voice was heard** and their prayer came to His holy dwelling place, to heaven.