

# BIBLE STUDY

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## Matthew's and Luke's Birth Accounts:

### Matthew

1:16 Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born...

1:19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.

1:20 But, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."

1:24-25 And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife...

1:25 but [Joseph] kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

2:13-14 Now when [the magi] had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him." So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt.

2:19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said...

21 So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, and came and lived in a city called Nazareth.

### Luke

1:26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God...to a virgin...and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one!"

1:39 Now at this time Mary arose and went in a hurry...and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth...And Elizabeth cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women..."

1:46-47 And Mary said:  
"My soul exalts the Lord,  
'And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior..."

2:6 While they were there (in Bethlehem), the days were completed for Mary to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger...

2:16 So [the shepherds] came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. 19 But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart.

2:34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed. And a sword will pierce even your own soul..."

2:48 ...And His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way?"

## Prayer in the Book of Luke

Jesus prayed in life threatening situations.

Prayer is a routine part of Jesus' life, and it prepared Him for the conflict He had to face from the religious leaders.

Jesus' prayer prepares His disciples to understand who He is.

Prayer and the Spirit's presence are linked, as Jesus' ministry is inaugurated at His baptism.

Jesus prayed before important decisions, even praying all night long.

1. Lk. 3:21-22 Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

2. Lk. 5:16, 21 But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray. ...The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this man who speaks blasphemies?"

3. Lk. 6:11-12 The Pharisees themselves were filled with rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus. It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray and He spent the whole night in Prayer to God.

4. Lk. 6:12-13 ...Jesus went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God. And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles...

5. Lk. 9:18-20 While Jesus was praying alone, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, "Who do the people say that I am?" ...But who do you say that I am" And Peter answered and said, "The Messiah of God."

Jesus intercedes for Peter and His disciples' weaknesses. And his intercessory prayer enables Peter (and all the disciples) to be involved in his ministry during the period between Jesus' resurrection/ascension and his second coming.

Jesus' prayers keep Him during the hour of temptation

Just as with Jesus' baptism, a theophany occurs WHILE Jesus is praying.

Jesus prays, trusting God, and the door to the Gentiles is open.

Prayer prepares Jesus for the impending crisis, the cross.

6. Lk. 9:28 Jesus took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing became white and flashing like lightning.

7. Lk. 22:31-32 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

8. Lk. 22:39 And He came out and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him. When He arrived at the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

9. Lk. 23:46 And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit." Having said this, He breathed His last. Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he began praising God, saying, "Certainly this man was righteous."

10. Lk. 4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. 5:16 But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.

## Luke's Direct Quotes and Allusions to the Old Testament

### Direct Quotes:

Genesis	1
Exodus	3
Leviticus	2
Deuteronomy	6
Psalms	7
Isaiah	5
Jeremiah	1
Daniel	1
Hosea	1
Malachi	1

### Allusions

Genesis	54	Ecclesiastes	1
Exodus	31	Song of Solomon	0
Leviticus	21	Isaiah	84
Numbers	6	Jeremiah	21
Deuteronomy	29	Lamentations	1
Joshua	1	Ezekiel	17
Judges	10	Daniel	27
Ruth	3	Hosea	8
1 Samuel	18	Joel	2
2 Samuel	13	Amos	3
1 Kings	18	Obadiah	0
2 Kings	11	Jonah	3
1 Chronicles	11	Micah	6
2 Chronicles	4	Nahum	1
Ezra	3	Habakkuk	3
Nehemiah	3	Zephaniah	0
Esther	1	Haggai	2
Job	8	Zechariah	6
Psalms	81	Malachi	6
Proverbs	8	Total	525

Example of an allusion: Luke 2:52 and  
1 Samuel 2:26.

## Genesis

"Now Sarai was barren; she had no child" (11:30).

The Lord to Abram: "I will make of you a great nation, and I will...make your name great..." (12:2).

The Lord to Abram: "...I will bless you..." (12:2). Melchizedek to Abram: "He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram...'" (14:19).

Promises of the Lord to Abram: "To your seed will give this land" (12:7); "...all the land that you see I will give to you and to your seed forever" (13:14-17; 17:7; 18:18; 22:17).

Melchizedek to Abram: "...blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand" (14:20; 15:13-14; 22:17).

The Lord to Abram: "Do not be afraid, Abram" (Gen. 15:1)

## Luke

"But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren" (1:7).

An angel of the Lord to Zechariah, concerning John: "he will be great in the sight of the Lord" (1:15); Gabriel to Mary, concerning Jesus: "He will be great" (1:32).

Elizabeth, full of the Holy Spirit, to Mary: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb... And blessed is she who believed..." (1:41, 45). Simeon, on whom the Spirit rested, with respect to Jesus' parents: "Then Simeon blessed them..." (2:25, 34).

Promises to Abraham remembered by God to Mary: "...according to the promise He made...to Abraham and to his seed forever" (1:55). To Zechariah: "...the oath that he swore to our ancestor, Abraham, to give us..." (1:73).

Gabriel to Mary: "[Jesus] will be called the Son of the Most High...and the power of the Most High will overshadow you..." (1:32, 35). Zechariah to John: "And you, child will be called the prophet of the Most High" (1:76). Zechariah: "...that we, being delivered from the hands of our enemies," (1:74).

The angel of the Lord to Zacharias "Do not be afraid, Zacharias..." (1:13). Gabriel to Mary: Do not be afraid, Mary..."

God to Abram: "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless" (17:1).

God to Abraham: "...I will give you a son by [Sarah]..." 17:16; "...your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you will name him Isaac (17:19).

"Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age....So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' (18:14).

The Lord to Abraham: "Is anything impossible with God?" (18:14).

Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son..." (21:2).

Of Isaac: "The child grew, and was weaned..." (21:8); of the son of Hagar: "God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness..." (21:20).

Both of them [Elizabeth and Zacharias] were righteous before God, walking blamelessly..." (1:6).

The angel of the Lord to Zacharias: "Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John" (1:13); Gabriel to Mary: "And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus" (1:31).

Zacharias and Elizabeth "...were advanced in age" (1:7); Zacharias to God: "For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in age" (1:18).

Gabriel to Mary: "For nothing will be impossible with God" (1:37).

"Elizabeth conceived...and she bore a son" (1:24, 57).

Of John: "The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness..." (1:80); Of Jesus: "The child grew and became strong...and the favor of God was upon him" (2:40; 2:52).

Luke 1:5-20

<sup>5</sup> In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias,; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, ...Elizabeth...<sup>7</sup> But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years. <sup>8</sup> Now it happened *that* while he was performing his priestly service before God..., he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup> And the whole multitude of the people were in prayer outside at the hour of the incense offering. <sup>11</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> Zacharias was troubled when he saw *the angel*, and fear gripped him. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, "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. ...And 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. <sup>16</sup> And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> It is he who will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah... <sup>18</sup> Zacharias said, "How will I know this *for certain*? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years." <sup>19</sup> The angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you... <sup>20</sup> 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."

Luke 1:26-38

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin<sup>u</sup> engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the <sup>ts</sup> descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> 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; <sup>33</sup> and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> The angel answered and said to her, "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... nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Later, Elizabeth says to Mary, <sup>45</sup> "And blessed *is* she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord."

### Sarah

Gen. 11:30 Sarai was barren; she had no child. 21:1-2 Then Yahweh took note of Sarah as He had said, and Yahweh did for Sarah as He had spoken. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac.

### Rebecca

Gen. 25:21 Isaac prayed to Yahweh on behalf of his wife, because she was barren; and Yahweh answered him and Rebekah his wife conceived...When her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. And they called his name...

### Leah

Gen. 29:31 Now Yahweh saw that Leah was unloved, and He opened her womb...Leah conceived and bore a son and called him Reuben, for she said, "Because Yahweh has seen my affliction..."

### Rachel

Gen. 29:31 Rachel was barren. 30:22 Then God remembered Rachel, and God gave heed to her and opened her womb. So she conceived and bore a son and said, "God has taken away my reproach. So she named him Joseph.

### Ruth

Ruth 1:4 They took for themselves Moabite women as wives...And they lived there about ten years. 4:13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her. And Yahweh gave her conception to conceive, and she gave birth to a son...The neighbor women called him a name...so they named him Obed.

### Hannah

1 Sam. 1:1 Now there was a certain man from Ramathaim-zophim from the hill country of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah...He had two wives: the name of the one was Hannah and the name of the other Peninnah; and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children....19 And Elkanah had relations with Hannah his wife, and Yahweh remembered her. It came about in due time, after Hannah had conceived, that she gave birth to a son and she named him Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked him of Yahweh."

## Ephesians 5:22-33 Chiasm

<sup>5:22</sup> Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. <sup>24</sup>But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

<sup>28</sup>So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies.

He who loves his own wife loves himself; <sup>29</sup>for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, <sup>30</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. <sup>32</sup>This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

<sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

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