

The Birth of Jesus

Quote: "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 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: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

Luke 1:31-33

Bible Marking

Gabriel's Visit to Mary - Luke 1:26-38

1. Luke 1:26-33 - The Birth of Jesus Predicted.

Luke 1:26 - "Galilee" - A despised area (Jn 1:46). However the Lord received the greatest support and help from this area. This begins the fulfillment of Isa 9:1-2.

"Nazareth" - sig 'that which is kept or preserved'. The idea is of a valuable young stem or shoot hedged about or protected from destroying animals (see Isa 11:1). It was in this protected town that the Lord would grow up.

Luke 1:27 - "Mary" - means 'bitterness' (same as Marah - see Ruth 1:20).

Luke 1:28 - "highly favoured" - Only other use is Eph 1:6 'made us accepted'. Gabriel explains further in v30.

Luke 1:29 - "cast in her mind" - 'to reason through' (WE Vine). See also Lk 2:19,51 cp Gen 37:11. Mary's son (Jesus) would be the greatest thinker of all time.

Luke 1:30 - "Thou hast found favour with God" - Others also found favour with God - Noah (Gen 6:8); Moses (Exod 33:12,17); Samuel (1 Sam 2:26); David (Acts 7:45-46); Christ (Lk 2:52). All on account of their excellent character (see Prov 8:35; 12:2; 13:15).

Luke 1:31 - "call his name JESUS" - In Hebrew Yahoshua (Joshua - see Num 13:16) - "Yah Shall Save". It expresses Yahweh's work of redemption manifested through His Son (2 Cor 5:19).

Luke 1:32 - "the throne" - This is Jerusalem - 1 Chron 29:23; Jer 3:17; Ezek 43:7; Matt 5:35. Christ currently sits at the Father's throne in heaven (Rev 2:21) from which he will return to establish the Kingdom of God (Acts 3:21).

"his father David" - fulfilling 2 Sam 7:11-20; Psa 89:35-36; Psa 132:11; Jer 23:5-6.

Luke 1:33 - "He shall rule over the house of Jacob" - Requires the restoration of all Israel to their land and their uniting as one nation (Rom 11:26; Ezek 37:21-24; Jn 11:52).

"Of his kingdom there shall be no end" - See Isa 9:7; Dan 2:44; 7:14.

2. Luke 1:34-37 - "How Shall This Be?"

Luke 1:34 - "How shall this be" - Answer - Isa 7:14-15.

3. Luke 1:38 - Mary's Belief Expressed.

Luke 1:38 - "Behold the handmaid of the Lord" - Expresses acceptance of the position requested of her, and shows her prompt obedience and belief. She therefore contrasts with Zacharias (v45).

Gabriel's Declaration Draws on the Covenant to David

Luke 1:32-33	2 Samuel 7
"He shall be great"	"I will establish the throne of his kingdom"
"The Son of the Highest"	"I will be his Father and he shall be my son"
"The Lord God shall give unto him the throne"	"thy throne shall be established for ever"
"His father David"	"I will set up thy seed after thee which shall proceed out of thy bowels"
"He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever"	"I will appoint a place for my people Israel... that they may... move no more"
"Of his kingdom there shall be no end"	"Thy kingdom shall be established for ever"

Bible Marking

The Saviour is Born - Luke 2:1-7

Luke 2:1-20 - The Birth of Jesus.

1. vv1-5 - Augustus decree - All return to their own city.

2. vv6-7 - Born in a Stable.

3. vv8-14 - Christ's birth announced to Shepherds.

4. vv15-20 - The shepherds seek Christ -