

**“Luke’s Comparison Of Beginnings: Isaac, John, & Jesus”**

**Genesis Chapters 11 - 21 & Luke Chapters 1 – 2**

**Genesis: Abraham, Sarah & Isaac**

**From Barren To Blessed**

“But Sarai was barren; she had no child!”  
Genesis 11:30

Now the Lord said to Abram: “I will make of you a great nation; I will make your name great!”  
Genesis 12:1a & 2a & 2c

Now the Lord said to Abram: “I will bless you!”  
Genesis 12:1a & 2b

Melchizedek blessed Abram saying: “Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven & earth; & Blest Be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”  
Genesis 14:18-20

**Promises To Abraham**

Then the Lord appeared to Abram & said, “To your descendants I will give this land!”  
Genesis 12:7a

And the Lord said to Abram...“Lift your eyes now & look from the place where you are: northward, southward, eastward, & westward for all the land which you see I give to you & your descendants forever ... Arise, walk in the land through its length & its width, for I give it to you!”  
Genesis 13:14-17  
\*Genesis 17:7, 18:18 & 22:17

**Luke: Zacharias, Elizabeth & John / Mary & Jesus**

**From Barren Or Virgin To Blessed**

“But they had no child because Elizabeth was barren!”  
Luke 1:7a

An Angel of the Lord said to Zacharias, “For He (John) will be great in the sight of the Lord!”  
Luke 1:11a, 13a & 15a

Archangel Gabriel said to Mary, “He (Jesus) will be great, & will be called the Son of the Highest; & the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David!”  
Luke 1:26a, 28a & 32

Elizabeth, full of the Holy Spirit said to Mary: “Blessed are you among women, & blessed is the fruit of your womb! “Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord!”  
Luke 1:41, 42b & 45

Simeon, on whom the Holy Spirit rested, said to Joseph & Mary... & then Simeon blessed them!”  
Luke 2:25 & 34a

**Promises To Abraham Remembered By God**

Mary concerning God’s promise: “He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham & to his seed forever!”  
Luke 1:46 & 54-55

Zacharias concerning God’s remembrance of His promise: “The oath which He swore to our father Abraham: To grant us...”  
Luke 1:67 & 73-74a

Genesis: Abraham, Sarah & Isaac

Chronological & Geo-Political Markers

“And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, & Tidal king of nations, that they made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, & the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). All these joined together in the Valley of Siddim (Salt Sea).”

Genesis 14:1-3

Conversations With God Through Angels

Then Melchizedek King of Salem who was the Priest of God Most High blessed Abraham & said: “Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven & earth; & blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand!” Genesis 14:18-20

\*Genesis 15:13-14 & 22:17

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, & your exceedingly great reward.”

Genesis 15:1

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Chronological & Geo-Political Markers

“There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea...”

Luke 1:5

“And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house & lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.”

Luke 2:1-5

Conversations With God Through Angels

Archangel Gabriel said to Mary (Concerning Jesus): “He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest...”

Luke 1:26a, 28a & 32a

Archangel Gabriel said to Mary: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, & the power of the Highest will overshadow you...”

Luke 1:26a, 28a & 35a

Now Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, & prophesied about his newborn son, John: “And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest...”

Luke 1:67 & 76a

Now Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, & prophesied: “To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness & righteousness before Him all the days of our life!”

Luke 1:67 & 74-75

An Angel of the Lord said to Zacharias: “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; & your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, & you shall call his name John!”

Luke 1:11a & 13

Archangel Gabriel said to Mary: “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. “And behold, you will conceive in your womb & bring forth a Son, & shall call His name Jesus!”

Luke 1:26a, 28a & 30-31

Genesis: Abraham, Sarah & Isaac

Living A Life Of Faith & Obedience

“And Abraham believed in the Lord, & He accounted it to him for righteousness!”

Genesis 15:6

\*Genesis 18:19 & 26:5

“Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children.”

Genesis 16:1

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram & said to him, “I AM Almighty God; walk before Me & be blameless!”

Genesis 17:1

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram & said to him, “I AM ‘I am Almighty God; walk before Me & be blameless. “And I will make My covenant between Me & you, & will multiply you exceedingly.” Then Abram fell on his face, & God talked with him, saying: “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, & you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; & I will make nations of you, & kings shall come from you. And I will establish My covenant between Me & you & your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you & your descendants after you. Also I give to you & your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; & I will be their God.”

Genesis 17:1-8

\*Genesis 17:16

Luke: Zacharias, Elizabeth & John / Mary & Jesus

Living A Life Of Faith & Obedience

“And they (Zacharias & Elizabeth) were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments & ordinances of the Lord blameless!”

Luke 1:6

“But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, & they were both well advanced in years.”

Luke 1:7

“And they (Zacharias & Elizabeth) were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments & ordinances of the Lord blameless. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years...Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense!”

Luke 1:6-7 & 11

“He (Jesus) will be great, & will be called the Son of the Highest; & the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. “And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, & of His kingdom there will be no end!”

Luke 1:32-33

“He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham & to his seed forever!”

Luke 1:54-55

“To perform the mercy promised to our fathers & to remember His holy covenant, the oath which He He swore to our father Abraham...”

Luke 1:72-73

Genesis: Abraham, Sarah & Isaac

Keeping The Covenant Established By God

And God said to Abraham: “As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you & your descendants after you throughout their generations. This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me & you & your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; & you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, & it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me & you. He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant ... My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.” Genesis 17:9-12 & 13b

“Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him!” Genesis 21:4

Then God said to Abraham, “And I will bless her & also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, & she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her!” Genesis 17:15a & 16

Naming Of The Child By God

Then God said: “...Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, & you shall call his name Isaac.” I Genesis 17:19a

Then God said: “...Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, & you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, & with his descendants after him!” Genesis 17:19

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Keeping The Covenant Established By God

“So it was, on the eighth day that they came to circumcise the child John...” Luke 1:59a

“And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His Name was called Jesus, the Name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.” Luke 2:21

An angel of the Lord said to Zacharias: “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; & your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, & you shall call his name John. And you will have joy & gladness, & many will rejoice at his birth. For He will be great in the sight of the Lord... He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him in the spirit & power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ & the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord!”

Luke 1:13b-17

Naming Of The Child By God

But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard, & your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, & you shall call his name John. Luke 1:13

Archangel Gabriel said to Mary: “And behold, you will conceive in your womb & bring forth a Son, & shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, & will be called the Son of the Highest; & the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, & of His kingdom there will be no end!” Luke 1:31-33

Genesis: Abraham, Sarah & Isaac

“When He finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.” Genesis 17:22

Obedience To The Will Of God In Their Lives

Then the Lord appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. So, he lifted his eyes & looked, & behold, three men were standing by him; & when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, & bowed himself to the ground, & said, “My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. Please let a little water be brought, & wash your feet, & rest yourselves under the tree. And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant.” Genesis 18:1-5

Then Abraham fell on his face & laughed, & said in his heart, “Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” Genesis 17:17

Now Abraham & Sarah were old, well advanced in age; & Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. Therefore, Sarah laughed within herself, saying, “After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?” Genesis 18:11-12

And the Lord said to Abraham, “Is anything too hard for the Lord?” Genesis 13a & 14

God said to him (Abimelech) in a dream, “Now therefore, restore the man’s wife; for he is a prophet, & he will pray for you & you shall live!” Genesis 20:6a & 7a

Divine Conception Of A Child

“For Sarah conceived & bore Abraham a son a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him!” Genesis 21:2

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“And the angel departed from Mary.” Luke 1:38b

Obedience To The Will Of God In Their Lives

Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” “For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant...” Luke 1:38a & 48a

“But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, & they were both well advanced in years.” Luke 1:7

And Zacharias said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, & my wife is well advanced in years.” Luke 1:18

Archangel Gabriel said to Mary: “For with God nothing will be impossible!” Luke 1:37

“Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying...” Luke 1:67

Divine Conception Of A Child

“Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived... Now Elizabeth’s full time came for her to be delivered, & she brought forth a son!” Luke 1:24a & 57

Genesis: Abraham, Sarah & Isaac

Divine Conception Of A Child

“For Sarah conceived & bore Abraham a son a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him!” Genesis 21:2

And Sarah said, “God has made me laugh, & all who hear will laugh with me.” Genesis 21:6

Growing In The Spirit & Knowledge Of God

“So, the child (Isaac) grew & was weaned.” Genesis 21:8a

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Divine Conception Of A Child

“Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived... Now Elizabeth’s full time came for her to be delivered, & she brought forth a son!” Luke 1:24a & 57

Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; & she hid herself five months, saying, “Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among the people.” Luke 1:24-25

“When her (Elizabeth’s) neighbors & relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her.” Luke 1:58

Growing In The Spirit & Knowledge Of God

“So, the child (John) grew & became strong in spirit, & was in the desert till the day of his manifestation to Israel.” Luke 1:80

“And the Child (Jesus) grew & became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; & the grace of God was upon Him!” Luke 2:40

“And Jesus increased in wisdom & stature, & in favor with God & men!” Luke 2:52