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Zechariah and Elizabeth

Luke 1:12–17

"When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." (NIV)



Zechariah and Elizabeth

Abraham and Sarah (Gen. 21).
Rachel and Jacob (Gen. 30; 35).
Sampson (Judges 13)
Samuel (1 Samuel 1)





The Announcement of Jesus' Birth

Luke 1:30–33

"But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.'" (NIV)



The Announcement of Jesus' Birth

Luke 1:34–35

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." (NIV)



The Announcement of Jesus' Birth

Luke 1:36–38

"Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her." (NIV)



Crossing The Context

As we enter the story of Christmas, it's not a new story. It's the story of God's faithfulness through Messiah Jesus moving in unexpected ways.

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