

Luke 1:26-32: The Promise.

I. The Announcement: 26-29.

Genesis 3:15 - *And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.*"

Genesis 12:1-3 - *Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

Nazareth was looked down upon as a place that nothing good comes out of. Jesus would forever be identified with this place, being repeatedly called *Jesus of Nazareth*.

Mary was **betrothed** to Joseph. There were three stages to a Jewish wedding in that day.

"The conception of John the Baptist, the forerunner, was miraculous; we should expect an even more remarkable conception of the Messiah."

Gabriel said three things to Mary. Each of these were certainly true of Mary, who had a unique privilege among any person to ever live. She was **highly favored**, the **Lord was with** her and that she was **blessed**.

II. Gabriel announces the birth of the Messiah, born to Mary.

i. A Son.

Isaiah 7:10-14 - *Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!" Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.*

ii. His name is Jesus - **Yěhowshuwa`"Jehovah is salvation"**

Genesis 49:18 - *I have waited for your salvation, O LORD!*

2 Samuel 22:47-“The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let God be exalted, the Rock of my salvation!

Isaiah 46:13 - I bring My righteousness near, it shall not be far off; My salvation shall not linger. And I will place salvation in Zion, for Israel My glory.

Revelation 12:10 - Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

iii. He is a King.

No one has influenced history more than Jesus Christ. “Is it not proven that he is great? Conquerors are great, and he is the greatest of them. Deliverers are great, and he is the greatest of them. Liberators are great, and he is the greatest of them. Saviours are great, and he is the greatest of them.” (Spurgeon)

Great in power, great in glory, Great in mercy, King of Heaven

Great in battle, great in wonder, Great in Zion, King over all the earth

2 Samuel 7:12-16 - “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. “He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. “I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. “But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. “And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.” ’ ’ ”

Hebrews 11:13 - These all died in faith, not having received the **promises**, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

1Kings 8:56 - “Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good **promise**, which He promised through His servant Moses.