

Our Coming Savior, Part 1
The Wonder of a Coming Savior
Zechariah and Elizabeth

Luke 1:5 *In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.*

⁶ *And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord.*

⁷ *But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.*

⁸ *Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty,*

⁹ *according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense.*

¹⁰ *And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense.*

¹¹ *And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.*

¹² *And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him.*

¹³ *But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear*

¹⁴ *And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth,¹⁵ for he will be great before the Lord.*

¹⁶ *And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God,*

¹⁷ *and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."*

Malachi 4:5 "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.

⁶ *And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.*

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Luke 1:18 And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years."

¹⁹ And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news."

²⁰ And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time."

²⁴ After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying,

²⁵ "Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

Luke 1:57 Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.⁵⁸ And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹ And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father,⁶⁰ but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John."

⁶¹ And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name."⁶² And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called.

⁶³ And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered.⁶⁴ And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God.

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people

⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,