

THE MESSIAH'S BIRTH FORETOLD TO MARY

(Luke 1:26-38)

I. INTRODUCTION

II. The PREFACE to the Gospel of Luke (1:1-4)

III. The PREDICTION by Gabriel of John the Baptist's birth (1:5-25)

IV. The PROPHECY by Gabriel of Jesus Christ's birth (1:26-38)

A. The SETTING for the announcement of the physical birth of the Messiah (1:26-27)

1. While Elizabeth was in her 6th month of pregnancy, her relative received a _____
_____ in the town of Nazareth. (v. 26)
2. The _____ father of this child would be Joseph, and the _____
mother would be a young lady named Mary. (v. 27)

* What is emphasized about Mary twice in v. 27?

* What does the Bible teach about singleness and virginity?

B. Gabriel's PREDICTION and Mary's POSITIVE RESPONSE (1:28-38)

1. The angel identified Mary as the "_____ one." (v. 28)
2. As to be expected with a sudden appearance by an angel, Mary was "_____" and
she wondered about his _____ greeting. (v. 29)

* What did Gabriel mean when he said that Mary "*found favor with God*"? (v. 30)

3. The angel promised at least eight amazing truths about Mary's unborn Child (vv. 31-33)...

- a. "you will _____ in your womb...
- b. and (you will) bring forth a _____...
- c. and shall call His name _____...
- d. He will be _____...
- e. and will be called the _____ of the _____...
- f. and the Lord God will give Him the _____ of His father David...
- g. And He will reign over the house of Jacob _____...
- h. and of His kingdom there will be _____."

4. The initial response by Mary to these angelic promises was one of _____ in God's covenants and to inquire about the _____ of their fulfillment. (v. 34)

5. The angelic reply to Mary's question was to explain the divine means to this conception, which involved the " _____ " who would " _____ " her. (v. 35)

* In what two ways is Jesus described in v. 35, and what does this say about His nature?

6. With this announcement Gabriel gave Mary a _____ of confirmation; which was her relative Elizabeth's pregnancy through a _____ means. (vv. 36-37)

* Was Mary's freewill involved in God's plan? (v. 38)

* What can you apply from this passage in your own life?