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**S**ix months later, the angel Gabriel appeared before a young girl named Mary of Nazareth. Gabriel said, "Fear not, Mary. You have found favor with God. Look, you will conceive and bring a son named Jesus. As the Son of God, he will be great and be given the throne of King David to rule over forever." When Mary, a virgin, doubted Gabriel's message, he spoke about her elderly cousin Elisabeth conceiving a baby and said, "With God nothing is impossible." Later, the Holy Ghost visited Mary and the power of God overshadowed her and she too became pregnant.

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### God Chooses Mary

### "Bible Notes" - A Summary Study Guide

**S**ix months later God sent Gabriel to the village of Nazareth to a virgin named Mary, who was engaged to Joseph from the little town of Bethlehem in Judea. The angel Gabriel greeted her by saying "Greetings, you who are highly favored. The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women!" (Luke 1:28). But his words troubled a startled Mary who pondered his greeting.

Gabriel said to her "Do not be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God. Look, you will conceive in your womb, and bring forth a Son, whom you shall call JESUS. He will be great and be called the Son of Most High. The Lord God will give to Him the throne of King David to reign over the house of Jacob forever (Genesis 49:10; Isaiah 9:6-9; Jeremiah 23:5). His Kingdom will have no end" (vv.30-33).

Confused, Mary asked the angel how this could happen because she was a virgin. Gabriel explained that the Holy Ghost would come and the power of God would overshadow her. As a result, the holy seed conceived [the flesh that would house the spirit of the Lord Jesus]] would be called the Son of God.



To convince Mary of God's awesome power, Gabriel told her that her elderly cousin Elisabeth whom people had previously called barren was now six months pregnant. "With God nothing is impossible!" (Jeremiah 32:17) Gabriel stated (v.37).

Mary complied and said, "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. Be it to me according to your word" (v.38). Gabriel then departed. Later, as foretold by the prophet Isaiah (7:14), the Holy Ghost came to Mary and overshadowed the young virgin, and God's power made her pregnant. [The Immaculate Conception prophesied in the Old Testament had finally occurred.]

**Sermon#4,  
Biblical Scriptures:**

*Gospel of Luke* - Chapter 1.

26. And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27. To a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28. And the angel came in to her, and said, "Hail, you that are highly favored, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women. 29. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of greeting this should be. 30. And the angel said to her, "Fear not, Mary. For you have found favor with God. 31. And, behold, you shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name JESUS. 32. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give to him the throne of his father David, 33. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there shall be not end." 34. Then Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, seeing I am a virgin and have not known a man?" 35. And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you, therefore also that holy thing [a seed of flesh] which shall be born

of you shall be called the Son of God. 36. And behold, your cousin Elisabeth, she has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37. 'For with God nothing shall be impossible.'" 38. And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it to me according to your word. And the angel departed from her.



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## God Chooses Mary (The Key of David)

## “EMMANUEL”

### [Jesus, The Promised Messiah]

In Elisabeth’s sixth month of pregnancy, the angel Gabriel came down from heaven to the village of Nazareth. He sought a young virgin named Mary engaged to a man named Joseph. Her husband to be belonged to the lineage or house of King David from Bethlehem. Finding her, he said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored. The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women.” (Luke 1:28)

His greeting troubled and confused Mary. Gabriel told her, “Do not be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God. You will conceive and bear a son, whom you shall call JESUS. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of King David to reign over the house of Jacob forever.<sup>27</sup> His kingdom will have no end.” (Luke 1:30-33)

[*Author’s Reflections:* Contrary to popular belief, Jesus’ kingdom to come will not be in heaven, but as the “Key of David,” His kingdom will be here on earth whose capital city will be Jerusalem.<sup>28</sup> Therefore Jesus Christ will reign from the actual throne of king David in the newly formed Promised Land over his followers forever. As part of fulfilling the “Key of David,” the prophets Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Hosea all prophesied that a resurrected King David would be one of the individuals that would indeed sit with the Lord Jesus upon His earthly throne in the regeneration of the planet.<sup>29</sup> (During this Millennium of peace of the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection, the saints of old and God’s elect of the Little Flock, those Christians, (both Jew and Gentiles,) who remain loyal solely to the gospel teachings of Jesus Christ will share in His kingdom.)]

“How can this be”, Mary asked, “since I am a virgin?” Gabriel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy seed born will be called the Son of God. Also, your elderly cousin, Elisabeth, has conceived a son and is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God.”<sup>30</sup> (Luke 1:37)

[*Author’s Reflections:* Spiritually, in the original King James version, the expression “holy thing which shall be born of thee” is not blasphemous, derogative or divisive. Here, is one the greatest mis-understood revelations of the entire holy Bible by Theologians and biblical scholars alike. The angel Gabriel’s divine message merely tries to indicate to all believers that the holy seed being carried by Mary of Nazareth was not the “Holy One” (John 1:13), but a holy shell that would one day house the “Holy One,” the Messiah. (Realize, the greatest man ever born of a woman, spoken by the Lord Jesus’ own mouth, not about Himself, but would be identified as John the Baptist as noted in Matthew 11:11.)]




<sup>27</sup> Genesis 49:10, Isaiah 9:6-7, Jeremiah 23:5.

<sup>28</sup> Revelation 3:12.

<sup>29</sup> Mark 10:39-40; Jeremiah 30:9; Ezekiel 34:23, 37:24; Hosea 3:5.

<sup>30</sup> Jeremiah 32:17.



Mary proclaimed, “Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done to me according to your word.” (**Luke 1:38**) Finished, Gabriel ascended to heaven. Afterward, the Holy Spirit came to Mary as foretold by the prophet Isaiah,<sup>31</sup> and the power of the Most High God overshadowed her, and a holy seed was conceived. [The immaculate conception prophesied in the Old Testament had finally occurred.]

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<sup>31</sup> Isaiah 7:14.