

## Magnification of Faith in the midst of fear, Part 3

Luke 1:26-38; 2 Samuel 7:1-17

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Luke uses “the five-element pattern of the OT birth-announcement”[1]

1. The Messenger from Heaven, vs. 28
2. Perplexity, vs. 29
3. The Message, vv. 30-33
4. Objection, vs. 34
5. Reassurance and sign, vv. 35-37

A “list can be provided of ways in which the second annunciation surpasses the first:

- i. the first is in response to prayer; the second is entirely by the initiative of God;
- ii. conception by the barren and aged is a wonder of God, but has OT precedents; conception by a virgin is an unheard-of wonder;
- iii. Zechariah is greeted by name; but Mary is greeted with the awesome “Rejoice, favored one, the Lord is with you”;
- iv. John will be great before the Lord; but Jesus’ greatness knows no qualification;
- v. John is consecrated to Nazirite abstinence; Jesus’ holiness extends to the very basis of his existence;
- vi. John will be preparer; but Jesus will be Son and King forever;
- vii. John will be filled with the Holy Spirit while still in the womb; but Jesus’ human existence is due entirely to the activity of the Spirit;
- viii. Zechariah could not believe the angelic announcement; Mary declared herself ready for God’s declared purpose.”[2]

The Message, vv. 30-33, cp. 2 Samuel 7

1. Do not fear Mary, vs. 30a, cp. Luke 1:13; Judges 6:24, Dan. 10:12
2. You have found favour with God, vs. 30b, cp. Gen. 6:8

Bock writes: "She is honored by God not because of her own merit or because she has done anything, but simply because she is the chosen vessel for this demonstration of God's grace." [3]

3. You will conceive in your womb, vs. 31a
4. You will give birth to a son, vs. 31b
5. You will give him the name Jesus, vs. 31c
6. He will be great, vs. 32a
7. He will be called Son of the Most High, vs. 32a
8. The Lord God will give Him the throne of his father David, vs. 32b

Compare the following:

2 Sam 7:9 "a great name"

Luke 1:32 "he will be great"

13 "the throne of his kingdom"

32 "throne of his father David"

14 "he will be my son"

32 "Son of the Most High"

16 "your house and your kingdom"

33 "king over the house of Jacob forever" [4]

9. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever , cp. 2 Sam. 7:16;
10. His kingdom will never end, vs. 33b, cp. Isa. 9:7; Dan. 7:14

Reassurance and sign, vv. 35-38, cp. Romans 1:3-4

1. Reassurance that God will supernaturally bring about this conception.
  - a. The Holy Spirit will come upon you//The power of the Most High will overshadow you, cp. Acts 1:8; Isa. 32:15//Luke 9:34; Ex. 40:35
  - b. The Holy one to be born will be called the Son of God, Luke 3:22.

2. Sign

- a. Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, cp. John 1:33.
- b. She is in her sixth month, cp. vs. 24

Nothing is impossible with God, vs. 37, cp. Gen. 18:14

Mary's Acceptance and visit, vv. 38-45

Mary's Praise, vv. 46-56, cp. 1 Samuel 2

1. She glorifies and rejoices in the Lord
2. She is humbled by the opportunity
3. She recognizes that she will be called blessed, due to the fact that she will bear the promised son.
4. She recognizes God's sovereign hand of power to accomplish what only He can accomplish, vv. 51-54
5. She recognizes that her life is part of God's fulfilling His promises to Abraham, vv. 54-55.

Review of the Promises of God

1. Promised Son to Eve, Gen. 3:15
2. Promises to Abram, Gen. 12 – Great name, land, promised seed.
3. Promises to David, 2 Samuel 7 – Son on the throne, everlasting Kingdom
4. Promises to Zechariah and Elizabeth – have a son who will be great.
5. Promises to Mary – to have a son and to be with her and provide everything she will need to fulfill the task of having the Messiah.

6. Promise of life to all who believe that He was sent from the Father, John 5:24
7. Promise to reward those who walk in faithful obedience, John 4:21; Rev. 22:12.

[1] Joseph A. Fitzmyer, *The Gospel according to Luke I-IX: Introduction, Translation, and Notes*, vol. 28, Anchor Yale Bible (New Haven; London: Yale University Press, 2008), 335.

[2] John Nolland, *Luke 1:1-9:20*, vol. 35A, *Word Biblical Commentary* (Dallas: Word, Incorporated, 1989), 40-41.

[3] Darrell L. Bock, *Luke*, p. 58.

[4] Joseph A. Fitzmyer, p. 338.