



CHRISTMAS

STORY

**God, who at various times and in various
ways spoke in time past to the fathers by
the prophets,**

HEBREWS 1:1

**Has in these last days spoken to us by His
Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things,
through whom also He made the worlds;**

HEBREWS 1:2

**“Behold, I send My messenger, and he will
prepare the way before Me. And the Lord,
whom you seek, will suddenly come to His
temple, even the Messenger of the covenant,
in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,”
Says the LORD of hosts.**

MALACHI 3:1

As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?”

MATTHEW 11:7

But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

MATTHEW 11:8

**But what did you go out to see? A prophet?
Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.**

MATTHEW 11:9

**For this is he of whom it is written:
‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your
face, who will prepare Your way before You.’**

MATTHEW 11:10

**The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the LORD; make straight
in the desert a highway for our God.**

ISAIAH 40:3

He must increase, but I must decrease.

JOHN 3:30

“Theophilus” – Friend of God

Luke's purpose was to give Theophilus a written account that would confirm the trustworthiness of all that he had been taught concerning the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus.



Herod the Great

Herod's great building projects



Caesarea

Masada

Herodion

Temple
Expansion

Zacharias - The Lord will remember

Elizabeth - The oath of God

**And he believed in the LORD, and He
accounted it to him for righteousness.**

GENESIS 15:6

“Blameless” – ἄμεμπτος

Deserving no censure, free from fault or defect

**Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed,
not as in my presence only, but now much more in
my absence, work out your own salvation with fear
and trembling;**

PHILIPPIANS 2:12

**For it is God who works in you both to will and to do
for His good pleasure.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:13

**Do all things without complaining
and disputing,**

PHILIPPIANS 2:14

That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

PHILIPPIANS 2:15

**This is what pertains to the Levites: From
twenty-five years old and above one may
enter to perform service in the work of the
tabernacle of meeting;**

NUMBERS 8:24

**And at the age of fifty years they must
cease performing this work, and shall
work no more.**

NUMBERS 8:25



Zacharias and His encounter with the angel Gabriel

Gabriel the angel appeared both to Daniel and Zacharias.
(Daniel 9:20-21; Luke 1:11)

Gabriel the angel appeared to both at the time of sacrifice.
(Daniel 9:20-21; Luke 1:8-10)

Daniel and Zacharias were both afraid when they saw Gabriel.
(Daniel 8:17; Luke 1:12)

Daniel at first was speechless and Zacharias becomes mute.
(Daniel 10:15; Luke 1:20)

Daniel's encounter – future messianic times

**Zacharia's encounter – fulfilling of the
messianic time**

And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses —all dead.

II KINGS 19:35

**So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed
and went away, returned home, and
remained at Nineveh.**

II KINGS 19:36

“John” – “God has been gracious” or “God has shown favor”

The logic of the name is clear. A prayer had just been offered for grace and favor, and that prayer was heard. A son will be born and is to be named God has been gracious.

For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

LUKE 7:28

**“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of
the cup and dish, but inside they are full of
extortion and self-indulgence.**

MATTHEW 23:25

Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.

MATTHEW 23:26