### **Who was John? March 16, 2025**

## **John is born!**

## ***Luke 1:57 Now Elizabeth’s full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. 58 When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her.***

## **Older women don’t have babies Miracle 1**

## ***Luke 1:59 So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. 60 His mother answered and said, “No; he shall be called John.”***

## ***61 But they said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name.” 62 So they made signs to his father–what he would have him called. 63 And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, “His name is John.” So they all marveled.***

## ***1:64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God.***

## **Saying a name doesn’t make someone deaf, hear again and talk! MIRACLE #2**

## **2 Things miracles always do:**

## ***Luke 1:65 Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea. 66 And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, “What kind of child will this be?” And the hand of the Lord was with him.***

## **AND GOD GIVES THEM AN ANSWER!**

## ***Luke 1:67 Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:***

## ***Luke 1:68 “Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people,***

## ***Psalm 106:48 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!***

## **The Holy Spirit ALWAYS GLORIFIES GOD not people!**



## **Be it prophet, priest, or king, all focus is on GOD.**



## **WHY?**

## ***Ezekiel 28:12 “Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.***

## ***13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created.***



## ***14 “You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. 15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.* PRIDE**



## ***16 “By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones.***



## ***17 “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you. 18 “You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you.***

## ***19 All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; You have become a horror, And shall be no more forever.” ’ ”***

## **Pride is the worst scourge of this creation!**



## **It exalts the created instead of the creator!**

## ***Vs 68 For He has visited and redeemed His people,***

## **His people in this context is Israel!**



## **These two individuals that Mary and Zacharias proclaim are the end times Messenger and Messiah.**



## **These revelations in Luke: Saved from our Enemies, the mercy promised**

## **and covenant remembered and the OATH SWORN are all here in Isaiah:**

## ***Isa 11:1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.***

## ***2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.***

## ***3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; 4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.***

## ***5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.***

## ***6 “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.***

## ***8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den.***

## ***9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.***



## **WAIT! Is the curse of Genesis lifted?**

## **NO!**



## **This also talks abut the final ingathering of all Jews and the Gentiles will all seek the Lord?**

## **The LORD will be ruling all nations!**

## **IS THAT HAPPENING RIGHT NOW? No this is:**

## ***Mark 12:1 Then He began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a place for the wine vat and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.***

## ***2 “Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that he might receive some of the fruit of the vineyard from the vinedressers****.*

## ***3 “And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 4 “Again he sent them another servant, and at him they threw stones, wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully treated.***

## ***5 “And again he sent another, and him they killed; and many others, beating some and killing some. 6 “Therefore still having one son, his beloved, he also sent him to them last, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’***

## ***7 “But those vinedressers said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ 8 “So they took him and killed him and cast him out of the vineyard.***

## ***9 “Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vinedressers, and give the vineyard to others. 10 “Have you not even read this Scripture: ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.***



## ***11 This was the LORD’s doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes’? ”***

## ***12 And they sought to lay hands on Him, but feared the multitude, for they knew He had spoken the parable against them. parable, they left Him and went away.***

## **As we are seeing this parable, we are seeing the history of what we are studying**

## **1. God has sent Prophets/servants to His people repeatedly who are communicators of His truth, and they have refused them. This was the Old Test teaching.**

## **2. In these last days He has sent the Messenger that prepares the way for the Lord Messiah, who is the King, God in the Flesh! They will come in very humble ways. The Jewish people will eventually refuse these Two also because OF PRIDE!**

## **3. That generation was rejected because they killed the Messinger and the Messiah. That generation will die in the destruction of Jerusalem.**



## **4. The Kingdom will be given to another future generation.**



## **For a moment in History, they can believe John and Messiah and Isaiah 11 will happen. But…**



## ***Mat 23:37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 38 “See! Your house is left to you desolate; 39 “for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ ”***