



The Prologue & Birth Announcements

Luke 1:1-38

Introduction

Luke begins composing his “first treatise.” After reassuring Theophilus of his careful research, he logically begins by recording the birth announcements of the two principle characters who would come among men with revelations from God after more than 400 years of silence: God in the flesh Himself and the one who would prepare the way for Him & His kingdom.

The Prologue (1:1-4)

- 1) How does Luke describe his efforts to write the “first treatise?” (vv. 1, 3)
- 2) Who does he reference re: this work? (v. 2)
- 3) What was his aim in writing? (v. 4)

John’s Birth Foretold (1:5-25)

- 4) What is so significant re: what was about to be announced? (cp. Amos 8:11-12; Mal. 4:5-6)
- 5) What couple is mentioned in v. 5? How are they described? (vv. 6-7) What was Zacharias doing? (vv. 8-9; cp. 1 Chron. 24)
- 6) Who came to see him and with what message? (vv. 11-14)
- 7) How important would their child be? (vv. 15-17) Based on Gabriel’s words in v. 15, what kind of man would the child grow up to be?

The Two Treatises

Lesson 2

- 8) How did Zacharias receive the heavenly message? (v. 18) Were there any consequences for how he reacted? (vv. 19-23)
- 9) How does the text describe Elizabeth? (v. 24-25)

Jesus' Birth Foretold (1:26-38)

- 10) Who else does Gabriel visit? (vv. 26-27) What was the message this time? (vv. 28-31)
- 11) How important would this Child be? (vv. 32-33) Research Question: what O.T. passages and prophecies come to mind at this point?
- 12) What was Mary's reaction? (v. 34)
- 13) How did Gabriel reassure her? (vv. 35-37) How did Mary respond? (v. 38)