

REAL ► Θ 's Salvation must intersect w.
Human History + your personal history or it's
not relevant, it doesn't really matter... IT DOES

►►► K of Θ is breaking into human history, into
the real world of nations, kings, political power,
work, religion, morality, even the womb, the
nitty gritty of your life w. the BIGGEST of NEWS

Isaiah 40 ► The LORD'S COMING ► ADVENT
INCARNATION

Talk ...

Has this Kingdom - reign of Θ - become your
defining reality; re-tell your history? reign of Θ
growing in every square inch? Examples

Stop! Seriously "Real World" You expect me to
believe that this is actual history? Angels +
Miraculous conceptions?

Yes Why?

Beware of "chronological snobbery" Lewis
It was no easier for them to believe than
us Zechariah 1:12, 18

No One could have foreseen the historical
events that transpired Eyewitnesses ►

What are you going to do w. History of Luke 1 + Beyond?

SCRIPTURE READING (cont)

¹¹And there appeared to him an angel of
the Lord standing on the right side of the
altar of incense. ¹²And Zechariah was
troubled when he saw him, and fear fell
upon him. ¹³But the angel said to him,
"Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your
prayer has been heard, and your wife
Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you
shall call his name John. ¹⁴And you will
have joy and gladness, and many will
rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great
before the Lord. And he must not drink
wine or strong drink, and he will be filled
with the Holy Spirit, even from his
mother's womb. ¹⁶And he will turn many

of the children of Israel to the Lord their
God, ¹⁷and he will go before him in the
spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the
hearts of the fathers to the children, and
the disobedient to the wisdom of the
just, to make ready for the Lord a people
prepared."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GIVING

Redeemer Offerings for 2016

November total: \$26,608.00

Actual YTD: \$253,289.70

Target YTD: \$266,953.92

Net Difference: -\$13,664.22

2016 Target (stretch) \$289,200

2016 Target reflects Session's hope for giving in 2016
based on current giving and needs. Thank you for giving so
cheerfully and faithfully.

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

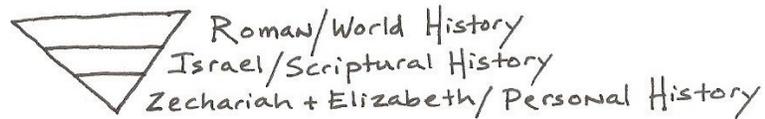
1. Discuss how the Kingdom of God breaks into world, biblical and personal history and why this matters.
2. Zechariah and Elizabeth were blameless but they had a deep personal tragedy of barrenness. God's kingdom broke into their life with salvation - covering their personal reproach. How is Zechariah and Elizabeth's situation a picture of the human condition? How did you need personal salvation in your own history?
3. How should the historical fact of the inbreaking of the Kingdom of God and Christ the King's incarnation redefine everything in our lives, including how we look at history and our own personal history?

3 Political upheaval + angst ▶ Doctrine/Practice of the KINGDOM OF Θ vital ▶ **5** WORDS

1 Accomplished = Θ is sovereign KING who has accomplished His Ancient Purpose revealed in Scripture to Save the world by reign of His K

2 History = Θ 's Kingdom is breaking into human history... your personal history!

Julian's Discovery



Roman History

- ☑ Roman Empire
- ☑ Herod, King of Judea
- ☑ Historical, political setting

Applications

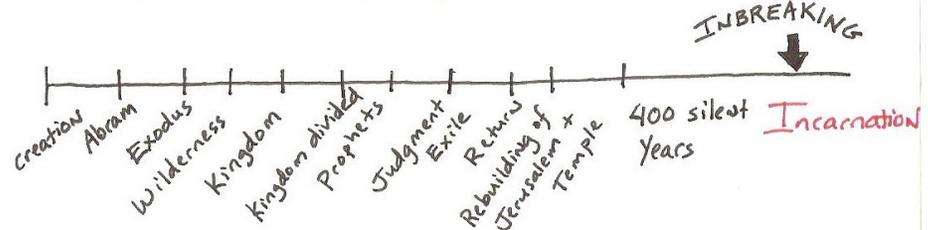
1. Kingdom of Θ is breaking into world history... "real world"
2. Upheaval + angst re political events + rulers no different today... just more tame

Scriptures' History

- ☑ Priest... of division of Abijah... chosen by lot
- ☑ Temple = political, religious, cultural center of Israel

➡➡➡ John ▶ forerunner ▶ Isaiah 40 The LORD is coming!

Point? = Θ 's Kingdom is breaking into -fulfilling- Scripture/Israel's History!



So What?

Scripture claims to be "Universal History," Relevant for every person!

PERSONAL HISTORY

☰☰ Zechariah + Elizabeth

- ✦ Righteous/Blameless
- ✦ Personal Tragedy Barren... "reproach"

Every person - You - in need of Personal Salvation = Kingdom of Θ to break into your Personal History and Save you. Illustration of Canaan Map