KNOWING JESUS BY SEEKING THE COMING KING.



• "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



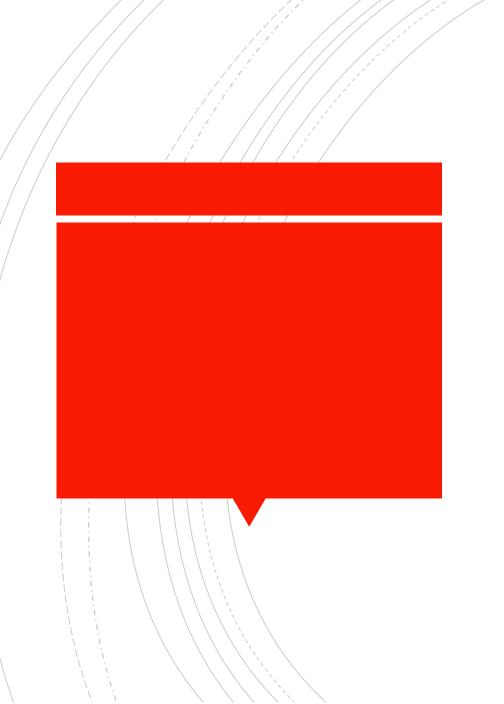
- THE KING FORTOLD.
- I. The Messianic Lineage and Identity. Genesis 3:15
- 2. The Birth of Jesus Foretold.Isaiah 7:14
- 3. The Messiah nature and mission. Isaiah 9:6-7



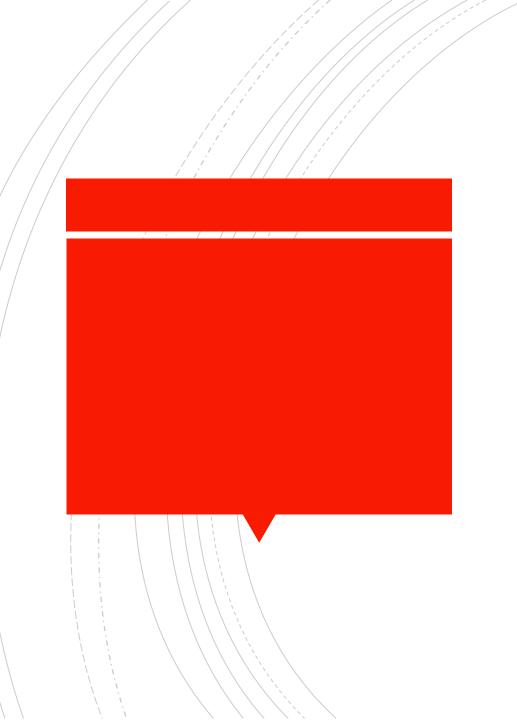
- 4. The Messiah's Suffering and Death. Psalm 22:1, 15,16.
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- •6. The Messiah's Ascension and Exaltation. Psalm 110:1

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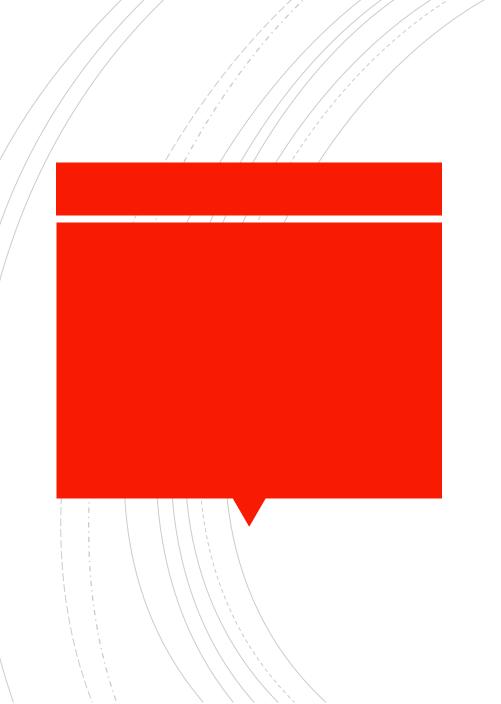
26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."



29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,



- 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."
- 34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"
- 35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God



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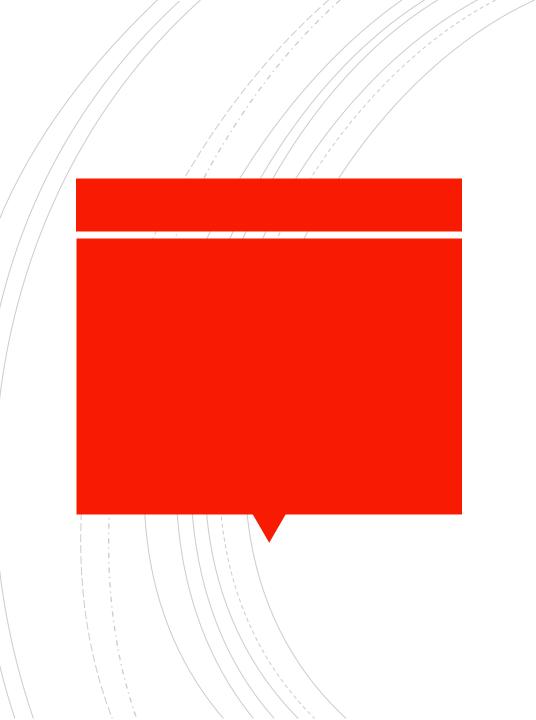
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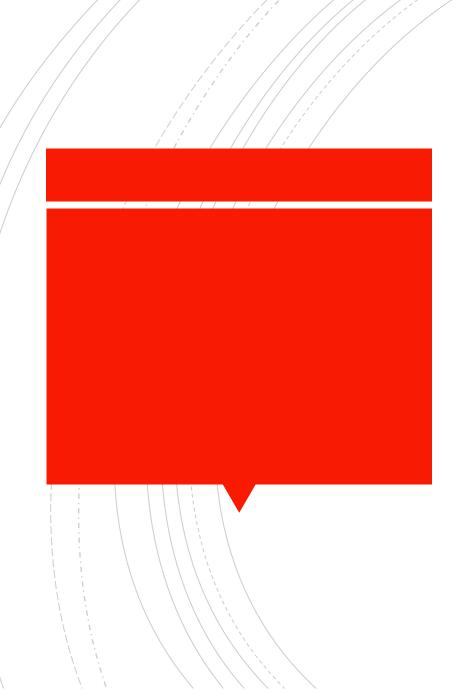
- A. DIVINE TIMING. [V26]
- In the sixth month-connects Mary's story to Elizabeth's.
- B. THE MESSENGER SENT V26.
- God sends Gabriel-same angel who announced John's birth.
- C. THE RECIPIENT .[V.27]
- A virgin named Mary, Living in Nazareth engaged to Joseph of the house of David. Messianic lineage.



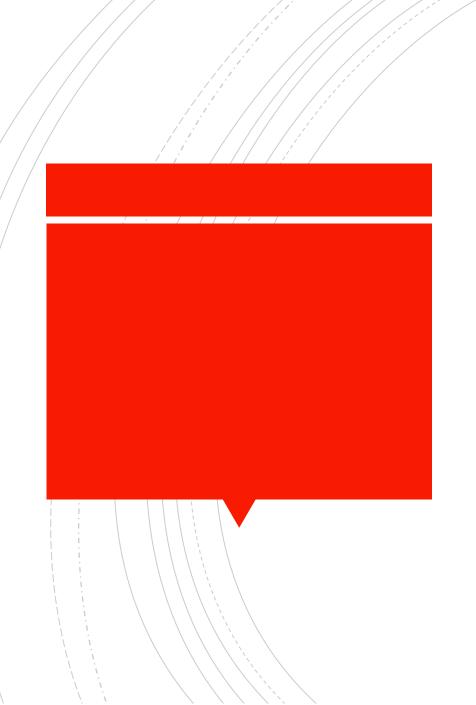
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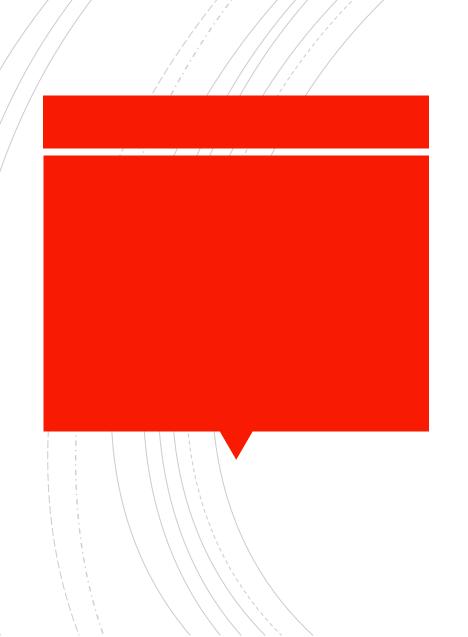
- A. THE GREETING OF GRACE. [V.28]
- "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you."
- B. MARY'S REACTION. [V29]
- Troubled and pondering, humility, discernment, sincere faith.



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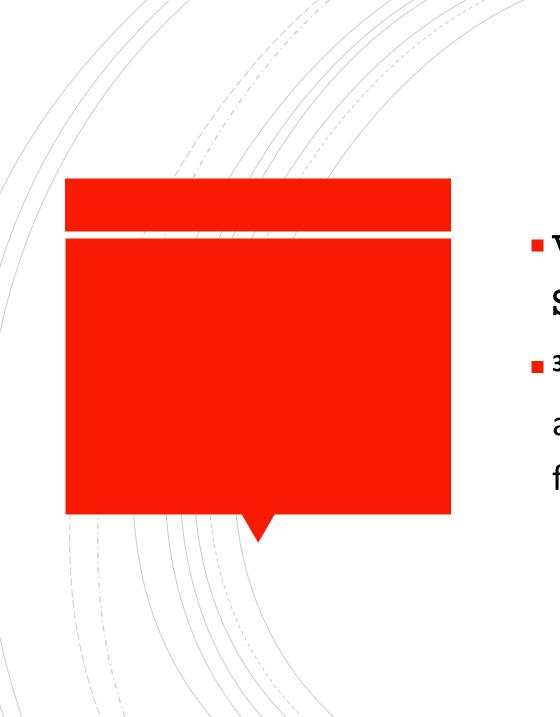
- A. COMFORT AND DIVINE FAVOR. V30
- "Do not be afraid... you have found favor with God."
- B. THE CHILD'S NAME AND MISSION. V31.
- "You will call His name Jesus".
- C. HIS GREATNESS AND DEITY. V32.
- "He will be great." Son of the Most high./"
- D. HIS ETERNAL KINGSHIP V32-33
- "Given David's throne, His kingdom will never end".



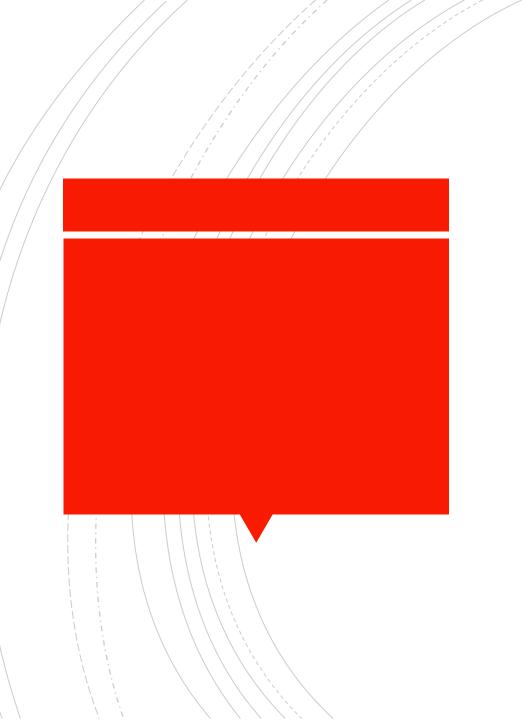
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- B. DIVINE POWER AT WORK. V.35
- Holy Spirit will come upon her.
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- C. THE SIGN OF ELEZABETH. V.36
- God confirms His promise by pointing to another miracle.
- D. THE PRINCIPLE OF DIVINE CAPABILITY. V37



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 SURRENDER. V.38.
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- "I am the Lord's servant"
- B. SUBMISSION TO GOD'S PLAN.
- "May your word to me be fulfilled."
- C. DIVINE DEPARTURE.
- "Then the angel left her."



- 1. GOD INTERRUPTS ORDINARY LIVES.
- 2. HIS PURPOSE ALWAYS EXALTS JESUS.
- 3. HIS POWER MAKES THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE.
- 4. HIS CALL INVITES OUR SURRENDER.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1. WHEN GOD INTERRUPS YOUR PLANS, DO YOU PAUSE AND LISTEN, OR PUSH BACK?
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- 2. GOD CHOOSES AN UNEXPECTED, HUMBLE PLACE AND PERSON.
- 3. GOD'S FAVOR INDICATES GOD'S SOVEREIGN CHOICE, NOT HUMAN MERIT.
- 4. THINGS IMPOSSIBLE TO MAN POSSIBLE TO GOD.