

# **God Keeps His Promises**

#### Luke 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup> just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. <sup>3</sup> With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

#### Luke 1:26-28

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

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: <u>The virgin</u> will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Isaiah 7:14

Isaiah 9:6-7. Micah 5:2

It was around 700 years from the time of Isaiah's prophecy to the time of Jesus' birth.

### Mission Impossible

<sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> 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, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

- God plans include doing the IMPOSSIBLE.
- This King will be **GREAT**.
- The length of this King's rule: FOREVER.

Luke 1:34-38

Luke 1:29 -33

<sup>34</sup> "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy One to be born will be called Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her 6 month. <sup>37</sup> "For nothing is impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

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**Genesis 1:2** The Spirit "hovering" or "moving over" the waters before creation.

**Exodus 40:34–35** God's glory "overshadowing" the Tabernacle.

## **APPLICATION & REFLECTION**

- God's promises still stand. Trust Him!
- God works through the unexpected.
- God invites our participation in His Kingdom.