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The Promise of a Saviour

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Luke 1:26-38

Introduction: Nineteen hundred years have not dimmed the luster of this glorious chapter nor cast any shadow over the hard historical facts related therein. Facts which have been etched into the conscience of all mankind and which are indelibly written into the pages of the world's authentic records. The account here was written by a brilliant **physician, scientist** and **literary genius**, following years of patient and thorough research, and who had the incomparable opportunity of examining all of the sources, written and oral, that had any bearing on the events narrated. Luke's vivid, **scientific account** is as far above the subjective guesses of modern scholars as the sun in heaven is above the mud-flats of earth. If men would know what really happened at that pivotal point in history which would **split all time** into the **two segments** called **B.C. and A.D.**, then let them read it here. This is what happened!

This chapter contains the author's preface (Luke 1:1-4), the record of the annunciation to Zacharias (Luke 1:5-23), the conception of Elizabeth (Luke 1:24-25), the annunciation to Mary (Luke 1:26-38), and Mary's visit to Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56), the birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:57-66), the prophecy of Zacharias (Luke 1:67-79), and a one-sentence summary of John the Baptist's early life (Luke 1:80).

(Source: <http://classic.studyight.org/com/bcc/view.cgi?book=lu&chapter=001>)

Luke 1:24-26, And **after** those days his wife **Elisabeth** conceived, and **hid** herself **five months**, saying, *Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my **reproach** among men. And in the **SIXTH month** the **angel Gabriel** was **sent** from God unto a city of **Galilee**, named **Nazareth**...*

NOTE: Nazareth ... Luke's explanation that Nazareth was a **city of Galilee** indicates that many of his readers were **Gentiles**. No Jew would have needed to be told the location of Nazareth. No man could ever have imagined that an **archangel** would be commissioned by the God of **all creation** to visit a village such as Nazareth, situated in a district, the very name of which announced it as a place of the despised Gentiles. "**Galilee** is a contraction of the region's full name, [Hebrew: geliyl ha-gowyim], which means "**district of the pagans.**" Many reasons have been suggested for God's choice of such a place for the residence of the divine Messiah, including the following: **(1)** Its Gentile character pointed to God's purpose of saving Gentiles. **(2)** Its insignificance suggested that no place where men live is beyond the Father's love and care. **(3)** The rural atmosphere provided an appropriate place for Jesus to develop into maturity. **(4)** By such a choice God signaled the reversal of human value judgments. **(5)** It enabled the **fulfillment** of the **prophecy** that **Jesus** should be

called a **Nazarene** (Matt. 2:23). **(6)** It was less accessible to the curiosity and malignant (dangerous to life) **HATRED** of powerful rulers than would have been the case with some large city. (Source: <http://classic.studylight.org/com/bcc/view.cgi?book=lu&chapter=001>)

Luke 1:27, To a **VIRGIN** espoused (betroth [to contract to any one for a marriage]) to a man whose name was **Joseph**, of the house of **David**; and the **VIRGIN'S** name was **Mary**.

NOTE: Among the **Jews** of that period the **betrothal** took place a year before the couple lived together; but in every other respect it WAS the **marriage ceremony**. The bride's infidelity during the betrothal period was a capital offense (Deut. 22:23f).

The Old Testament foretold the virgin birth. The first prophecy of the Messiah ever given (Genesis 3:15) identified him as "the **SEED of woman**"; and that never meant, nor could it ever have meant, anything other than the **VIRGIN BIRTH** of Christ.

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Isaiah 7:14, Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a **SIGN**; Behold, a **VIRGIN** shall CONCEIVE, and bear a **SON**, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:22-23, Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a **VIRGIN** shall be **with child**, and shall bring forth a **SON**, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, **God WITH us**.

Thought 1. That scripture is NOT saying Jesus WAS God. But, that God was WITH him, by his Spirit, INSIDE Jesus' Spirit the SAME way that he's inside us.

John 14:10 ...the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the **Father** that **DWELLETH IN me**, **HE doeth** the works.

Acts 10:38, How God **anointed** Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with **power**: who went about DOING GOOD, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for **God (Yahweh)** was **WITH him**.

Luke 1:28, And the **angel** came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art **highly favoured, the LORD** is WITH thee: **blessed** art THOU among women.

Lord defined 2962, supreme (HIGHEST) in authority.

Psalms 18:13, **The LORD (Jehovah [Yahweh])** also thundered in the heavens, and **the Highest** gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

Exodus 6:2-3, And **God** (the CREATOR) spake unto **Moses**, and said unto him, **I am the Lord (self-Existent or Eternal)**: And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of **God Almighty** (omnipotent; all-powerful), but by my **NAME JEHOVAH** was I NOT known to them.

NOTE: In the **Hebrew Scriptures**, the **name of God** is recorded as **YHWH**. So, where did the name "Jehovah" come from? Ancient Hebrew did not use vowels in its written form. The vowels were pronounced in spoken Hebrew but were NOT recorded in written Hebrew. The appropriate vowel sounds of words were passed down **orally**.

This particularly becomes an issue when studying the Hebrew name of God, written in the Hebrew Scriptures as **YHWH**, also known as the **tetragrammaton**. Despite much study and debate, it is still NOT universally agreed upon how the Hebrew name for God YHWH was pronounced. Some prefer "**Yahweh**" (YAH-way); others prefer "**Yehowah**" or "**Yahuweh**"; still others argue for "**Jehovah**."

The vast majority of Jewish and Christian biblical scholars and linguists do NOT

believe “**Jehovah**” to be the proper pronunciation of **YHWH**. There was no true **J sound** in ancient Hebrew. ...Jehovah is essentially a Germanic pronunciation of the **Latinized transliteration** of the Hebrew YHWH. It is the letters of the tetragrammaton, Latinized into JHVH, with vowels inserted. “**Yahweh**” or “Yehowah” is far more likely to be the correct pronunciation.

The form **Jehovah**, though, is very commonly used. It is used in the King James Version of the Bible (Genesis 22:14; Exodus 6:3; 17:15; Judges 6:24; Psalm 83:18; Isaiah 12:2; 26:4). It is also used, and strenuously promoted by, the **Jehovah’s Witnesses**. The **Jehovah’s Witnesses** emphasize the use of **Jehovah** to the extent that any other name or title for God is viewed as borderline idolatry or outright heresy.

With all of that said, it is **NOT crucial** to the **Christian faith** for the proper pronunciation of **YHWH** to be known. Both the Old and New Testaments, inspired by God, use generic terms for “God” and “Lord,” including El, Elohim, and Adonai (Hebrew); and Theos and Kurios (Greek). If the **authors of Scripture**, under the **inspiration** of the **Holy Spirit**, were allowed to use these terms, it is **NOT WRONG** for us to refer to Him as “God” or “Lord,” either.

In conclusion, it is highly unlikely that “Jehovah” is the correct pronunciation of YHWH. Further, it is **far MORE IMPORTANT** to **KNOW God through FAITH in Jesus Christ**, than it is to know the correct pronunciation of His name in Hebrew. (Source: <https://gotquestions.org/Jehovah.html>)

Thought 1. The Lord (Yahweh) waits until it’s the **SIXTH** month of Elisabeth’s pregnancy and then sends the same angel, Gabriel, to Mary that had been sent to Zacharias. And remember Zacharias was burning incense with his **EYES wide open** when Gabriel appeared at the right side of the altar. He was afraid at just seeing Gabriel when the Lord opened his eyes to SEE him. This is what some people call an “OPEN VISION”. You’re NOT asleep, and having a NIGHT VISION. You’re awake, and all of a sudden, you’re looking at this spiritual being and your eyes are still OPEN as you hear them speak! Here’s more proof.

Numbers 24:3-4 ...Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose **eyes are open** hath said: He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the **vision** of the **Almighty**, falling into a **trance**, but having his **eyes open**...

2 Kings 6:15-17, And when the **SERVANT** of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an **host (an ARMY)** compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, **FEAR NOT**: for **they** that **be WITH US** are **MORE** than **they** that **be with them**. And **Elisha** prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, **open his eyes**, that he may SEE. And the Lord **opened** the **eyes** (*the eyes of the spirit*) of the young man; and he **SAW**: and, behold, the mountain was **full of horses** and **chariots of FIRE** **round** about **Elisha**.

Thought 2. See also Lk. 9:28-32, and Num. 22:21-35 where Balaam and his donkey both were granted the opening of their eyes to see an angel. As you know, donkeys are **not** of the spiritual realm, but God granted that she SEE the angel and SPEAK to Balaam.

Luke 1:29, And when she **SAW HIM**, she was **troubled (disturb wholly, agitate with alarm)** at HIS SAYING, and cast in her **mind** what manner of salutation THIS should be.

Thought 1. Unlike Zacharias, Mary was NOT afraid at seeing Gabriel. However, she was disturbed at his SAYING, while thinking on his salutation. Evidently, she WAS familiar with the scriptures that spoke of angels appearing to men and women of old. The telling of their ministry is all through the scriptures! And if a person studies, and learns of them, trusting in what they do for humans, there will be NO FEAR if this happens to them! Although, like Mary, it may disturb you because of what you **HEAR** when he shows up.

Mary was a chosen vessel since she had been equipped and thoroughly furnished by

God's word. She had the understanding to ACCEPT, and OBEY whatever the Lord wanted to reveal, or DESIRE of her! And if you and I will meditate all of God's Word, and be taught, we too will get the understanding that's necessary to be furnished unto ALL good works.

2 Timothy 3:16-17, All scripture is given by **inspiration** of God, and is **profitable** for doctrine, for reproof, for **CORRECTION**, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be **perfect (fresh)**, [useful, profitable, untainted; PURE], **complete** [having no deficiency]), throughly furnished unto **ALL good works**.

Thought 2. As you probably know, all scriptures show angels as being mature and MALE in gender. There are NO baby nor female angels. Angels carry God's messages, execute his deliverance/ protection, and his judgments; OBEYING his word. Women are the only spirits in existence of the female gender. They're unique, and were made so that men who desire wives could have them and the human race could multiply. All angels are created beings. And after humans die and are resurrected, they don't become angels, and never will.

Luke 1:30-31, And the angel said unto her, Fear NOT, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

NOTE: JESUS ... is the New Testament form of the Old Testament "**Joshua**," and has the meaning, "Jehovah is salvation." Matthew's account quotes the angel as giving the reason why this name was chosen, "For it is he who shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). Thus, the great purpose of Jesus' entry into our earth life was not political or secular, but **redemptive**.

(Source: <http://classic.studylight.org/com/bcc/view.cgi?book=lu&chapter=001>)

Jesus defined 2424, Iesous pronounced: ee-ay-sooce' of Hebrew origin (3091); **Jesus (i.e. Jehoshua).**
3091, Yhowshuwa` pronounced: yeh-ho-shoo'-ah or Yhowshua {yeh-ho-shoo'-ah}; from 3068 and 3467; **Jehovah-saved; Jehoshua (i.e. JOSHUA).**

NOTE: "In **Late Latin** Jesus was original spelled **Iesus**; In **Greek** it was spelled **Iêsous**; and in ancient **Hebrew** spelled "**yËshÛa**"... Many misspell the Messiah as "**yËshÛa**," (which is a contraction for "yehÛshÛa."). The **ERROR** is that it does not have the "**Yah**" part of the **Father's name** in the translation.

In the King James Version of the Bible, Psalm 68:4 clearly reveals that the shortened form of the Father's name is "Jah." King David writes: "*Sing to God, ...Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name JAH...*" Since there is **NO J** in Hebrew then "**Jah**" should be spelled Yah or Iah. So **yehÛshÛa** should be spelled **yahÛshÛa**.

The error of changing **Yah** to **Yeh** is due to the manmade tradition of the Jewish priests. Their **reverence** for the holy name caused them to BELIEVE that it was **too sacred to pronounce**. So they CHANGED the vowel points from **a** to **e** in the Tetragrammaton YHWH. This changes the pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton. The letter "a" was the correct vowel to be inserted between the YH obtaining YaH.This is short form of the sacred Name is in **Yahshua**.

Now the SAME ERROR is explained in the Biblesoft's ...Strongs New Exhaustive **Strong's Numbers** and **Concordance** with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Only the letters "Jes" in "Jesus' name has any relationship to the Hebrew name **Yahshua** for the letters "us" denote gender.

Finally, it also should be noted that Greek has no "**sh**" sound as in **Yahshua** Hebrew name. To denote this "**sh**" Hebrew sound in the Greek, the letter "**s**" is used. Thus, this article has examined all FIVE of the letters in... "**Jesus**" ...name and showed their derivation from ...**Hebrew, Greek Latin** and **English**.

(Source: *THE MISSING J*: <http://www.yaim.org/missingJ.htm>, *Yahshua True Name of Saviour*, <http://www.iahushua.com/ST-RP/name.htm>)

Luke 1:32-33, He shall be great, and shall be called the **Son** of the **Highest (the Supreme God)** and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father **David**: And he shall REIGN over the house of **Jacob** **for ever**; and of his **kingdom** there shall be **NO END**.

Thought 1. Humility to God is what MAKES a person great. This is still true today!

Matthew 18:2-4, And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be **converted (turn quite around)**, and become **AS (LIKE)** little children, ye shall NOT enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall **HUMBLE** himself as (LIKE) this little **child**, the same is **GREATEST** in the kingdom of heaven.

NOTE: He shall be great - There is undoubted reference in this passage to Isaiah 9:6-7. By his being "great" is meant he shall be distinguished or illustrious; great in power, in wisdom, in dominion on earth and in heaven.

Shall be called - This is the same as to say he "**shall BE**" the Son, etc. The Hebrews often used this form of speech. See Matthew 21:13.

The Highest - God, who is **infinitely exalted**; called the Highest, because **He is EXALTED** over all his creatures on earth and in heaven. See Mark 5:7.

The throne - The kingdom; or shall appoint him as the lineal successor of David in the kingdom.

His father David - David is called his father because Jesus was **lineally descended** from him. See Matthew 1:1. The promise to David was, that there should "NOT FAIL" a man to sit on his throne, or that his throne should **be perpetual** (continuing forever in future time) 1 Kings 2:4; 1 Kings 8:25; 1 Kings 9:5; 2 Chron. 6:16, and the promise was fulfilled by **EXALTING Jesus** to be a **Prince** and a **Saviour**, and the **perpetual King** of his people. (Source: <https://www.studyight.org/commentaries/bnb/luke-1.html>)

Philippians 2:5-11, Let this **MIND** be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the **FORM** of God, thought it NOT robbery to be **equal** with God: but **MADE** himself of **NO REPUTATION**...

Made & No Reputation defined 2758, to make empty (containing NOTHING) **to abase** (reduce LOW; applied to rank, office).

Thought 2. He emptied himself, but was STILL, **in essence** the same person, but in a different FORM, with **NO** attributes of "a God." But, he did have God's nature as a human, LIKE Adam had, and as do we Christians!

...and took upon him the **FORM** of a **SERVANT (slave)**, was **made** in the **likeness** of **MEN**: And being found in fashion as a MAN, HE **HUMBLED himself**, and became **OBEDIENT** unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore (for which cause) God also hath **HIGHLY EXALTED HIM**, and given him a NAME which is **ABOVE** every **name**: That at the **name (authority)** of **Jesus** every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is **Lord (RULER)**, to the **GLORY** of **God** the **Father**.

Luke 1:34-35, Then said **Mary** unto the angel, **HOW** shall **this be**, **seeing I know not** a man?

Thought 1. Her question was not IF it would happen, which is what Zacharias questioned. She believed that it would happen. But inquired about **HOW**, since she was a VIRGIN.

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the **POWER** of **the Highest** shall **OVERSHADOW** thee: **therefore** also that **holy thing** which shall be **born** of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Power defined 1411, dunamis pronounced *doo'-nam-is*, FORCE (literally or fig.); specially, miraculous POWER.

Overshadow defined 1982, to envelope in a haze of brilliancy [dazzling brightness].

Thought 2. Gabriel considered this to be a good question. So, he explained exactly HOW the Lord would DO it. And she evidently had read about the sign of a VIRGIN conceiving and bearing a son, but had no idea that she would be that virgin. She had also read in the scriptures about, and possibly heard about, God's power being SEEN as a HAZE of brilliance. Some people call it a "GLORY CLOUD".

Exodus 40:33-35, And he reared up the court round about the **tabernacle** and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work. Then a **cloud** covered the tent of the congregation, and the **glory** of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was **not** able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the **cloud** abode thereon, and the **glory** of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

1 Kings 8:10-11 ...the **cloud** filled the house of the Lord, So that the priests could not stand to minister... for the **glory** of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord.

Thought 3. Furthermore, our Father still causes that HAZE of brilliancy to be seen today by those whose eyes he opens as he moves among us during praise, preaching, and prophesying in our worship of him and Jesus. This is his stamp of approval that he's PLEASED with what's being done and/or said.

Matthew 17:3-5, And, behold, there appeared Moses (*whose body God buried*) and Elias talking with him... behold, a **bright cloud overshadowed** (*same word as in Luke 1:35*) them, and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

Acts 9:3, And as he **journeyed (walk)**, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there SHINED round about him a **light** from heaven: And he **fell** to the earth...

Thought 4. This is exactly what happened to the priests in 1 Kings 8:11. The cloud of the glory filled the house of the Lord and they could not stand up! So, first, Saul was not riding anything. They were all walking. Next, he wasn't knocked down by the Lord, he just fell under the glory that was manifested.

Luke 1:36-38, And, behold, thy **cousin** Elisabeth, she hath also **conceived** a **SON** in her old age: and this is the **SIXTH month** with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the **handmaid (FEMALE SLAVE)** of the Lord; **BE it UNTO ME ACCORDING** to thy **WORD**. And the angel departed from her.

Thought 1. Once Gabriel finished his explanation as to HOW the Lord would fulfill his word, she was okay and had peace. She had believed and embraced the announcement. She considered (looked only at) God's word as to whether or not it could happen in her life. This is strong faith produced by reverence for God. (Proverbs 14:26 & Romans 4:17-22)

Luke 1:39-40, And **Mary** arose in **those days**, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of **Juda**; And entered into the house of **Zacharias**, and saluted **Elisabeth**.

NOTE: Milligan identified the "city of Judah" mentioned here as a place called "**Juttah**," basing his conclusion upon the following: (1) From the fact that **Juttah** was one of the forty-eight cities that were given to the **priests** (Josh. 15:55; 11:16). (2) It was in the hill country of Judaea; and (3) This is according to the tradition of the **primitive Church**. (Source: <http://classic.studylight.org/com/bcc/view.cgi?book=lu&chapter=001>)