



# Elizabeth The Mother of John

Luke 1:5-25, 39-45, & 57-66  
Reader

In the days of <sup>1</sup>  
Her-od, king of  
Ju-de-a, there  
was a priest  
named  
Zach-a-ri-as, and  
he had a wife and  
her name was  
E-liz-a-beth.

2 They were both  
right-eous in the  
sight of God,  
walk-ing  
blame-less-ly  
in all the  
com-mand-ments  
and  
re-quire-ments of  
the Lord.

But they had no 3  
child, be-cause  
E-liz-a-beth was  
bar-ren, and they  
were both  
ad-vanced in years.

<sup>4</sup> Now it hap-pened  
*that* while he was  
per-form-ing his  
priest-ly ser-vice  
be-fore God in  
the *ap-point-ed*  
or-der of  
his di-vi-sion,

an an-gel of the <sup>5</sup>  
Lord ap-peared  
to him, stand-ing  
to the right of  
the al-tar of  
in-cense.

<sup>6</sup>Zach-ar-i-as was  
trou-bled when he  
saw *the an-gel*,  
and fear gripped  
him. But the  
an-gel said to him,  
"Do not be  
a-fraid,  
Zach-ar-i-as,

7  
for your  
pe-ti-tion has  
been heard, and  
your wife  
E-liz-a-beth will  
bear you a son,  
and you will give  
him the name  
John.

<sup>8</sup> "It is he who will  
go *as a*  
*fore-run-ner* be-  
fore Him in the  
spir-it and pow-er  
of E-li-jah so as  
to make read-y a  
peo-ple pre-pared  
for the Lord."

Af-ter these <sup>9</sup>  
days E-liz-a-beth  
his wife be-came  
preg-nant, and  
she kept her-self  
in se-clu-sion for  
five months,  
say-ing,

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”This is the way  
the Lord has  
dealt with me in  
the days when He  
looked *with*  
*fa-vor* up-on me,  
to take a-way  
my dis-grace  
a-mong men.”

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Now at this time  
Mary a-rose and  
went in a hur-ry  
to the hill  
coun-try and  
en-tered the  
house of  
Zach-ar-i-as and  
greet-ed  
E-liz-a-beth.

<sup>12</sup>When E-liz-a-beth  
heard Mar-y's  
greet-ing, the  
ba-by leaped in  
her womb; and  
E-liz-a-beth was  
filled with the  
Ho-ly Spir-it.

And she cried out<sup>13</sup>  
with a loud voice  
and said, "Bless-ed  
*are you a-mong*  
*wo-men!"*

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And how has it

*hap-pened* to me,

that the moth-er

of my Lord would

come to me?

15

For be-hold, when

the sound of

your greet-ing

reached my ears,

the ba-by leaped

in my womb for

joy.



16

Now the time had  
come for  
E-liz-a-beth to  
give birth, and she  
gave birth to a  
son.

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Her neigh-bors  
and her  
rel-a-tives heard  
that the Lord  
had dis-played His  
great mer-cy  
to-ward her; and  
they were  
re-joic-ing with  
her.