

**PANORAMA
OF
THE LIFE OF CHRIST**

Special Revelation



Angelic Visitors with Special Revelation

IV. An angelic visitors with Special Revelation

A. The announcement of the birth of John the Baptist – Luke 1:5-25

1. Luke 1:5a – When Herod the Great became ruler of Judea in 37 BC, he executed 45 of the 70 members of the Sanhedrin.
 - a. The Sanhedrin, which literally means sitting together or in essence “assembly,” was the supreme court of ancient Israel.

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- b. The Sanhedrin was composed of 71 members, making a tie impossible.
- c. Every important city in Israel had a lesser Sanhedrin composed of 23 members.
- d. These lower courts referred legal cases or issues they could not resolve to the 71 member Greater Sanhedrin.

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2. Luke 1:5b – Zacharias was a member of the priestly division of Abijah, meaning my father is Yahweh. His wife Elizabeth was descended from the first High Priest, Aaron.
 - a. King David divided Israel's priesthood into 24 groups, each serving one week in the temple in rotation.
1 Chronicles 4:1-32, 28:21

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- b. According to rabbinical writings, each group consisted of six priestly families, one of each serving for one day during its appointed week. On the Sabbath of that week, all six families worked together. This work order was strictly followed.
- c. The Abijah group was number eight of the 24 divisions serving in the temple.

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3. Luke 1:6 – Both Zacharias and Elizabeth were positionally righteous (saved). They also walked obediently (righteously) before God in their daily lives.

Genesis 1-11

אני תראה
לא תנאף
אני תגב
אני תענה
אני תחמד
אנכי ה'
לא יהיה
לא תשא
זכור את
כבוד את

Genesis 5-9

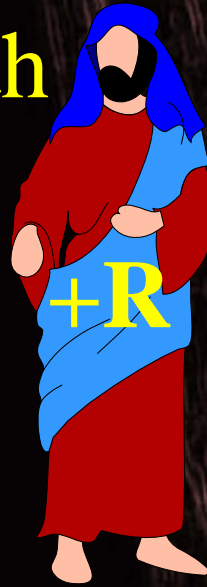


1st Tense

2nd Tense

Faith

Faith walk



Reality of Salvation

Permanent Reality

Saved from the
Penalty of sin

Titus 3:5

Acts 16:31

Present Reality

Saved from the
Power of sin

Philippians 2:12

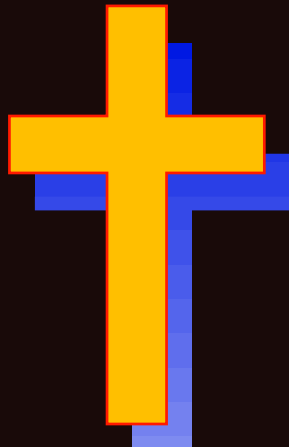
James 1:21

Future Reality

Saved from the
Presence of sin

Hebrews 9:28

Romans 13:11



*“The Righteous shall
live by faith” – Habakkuk 2:4*

Believer in Time

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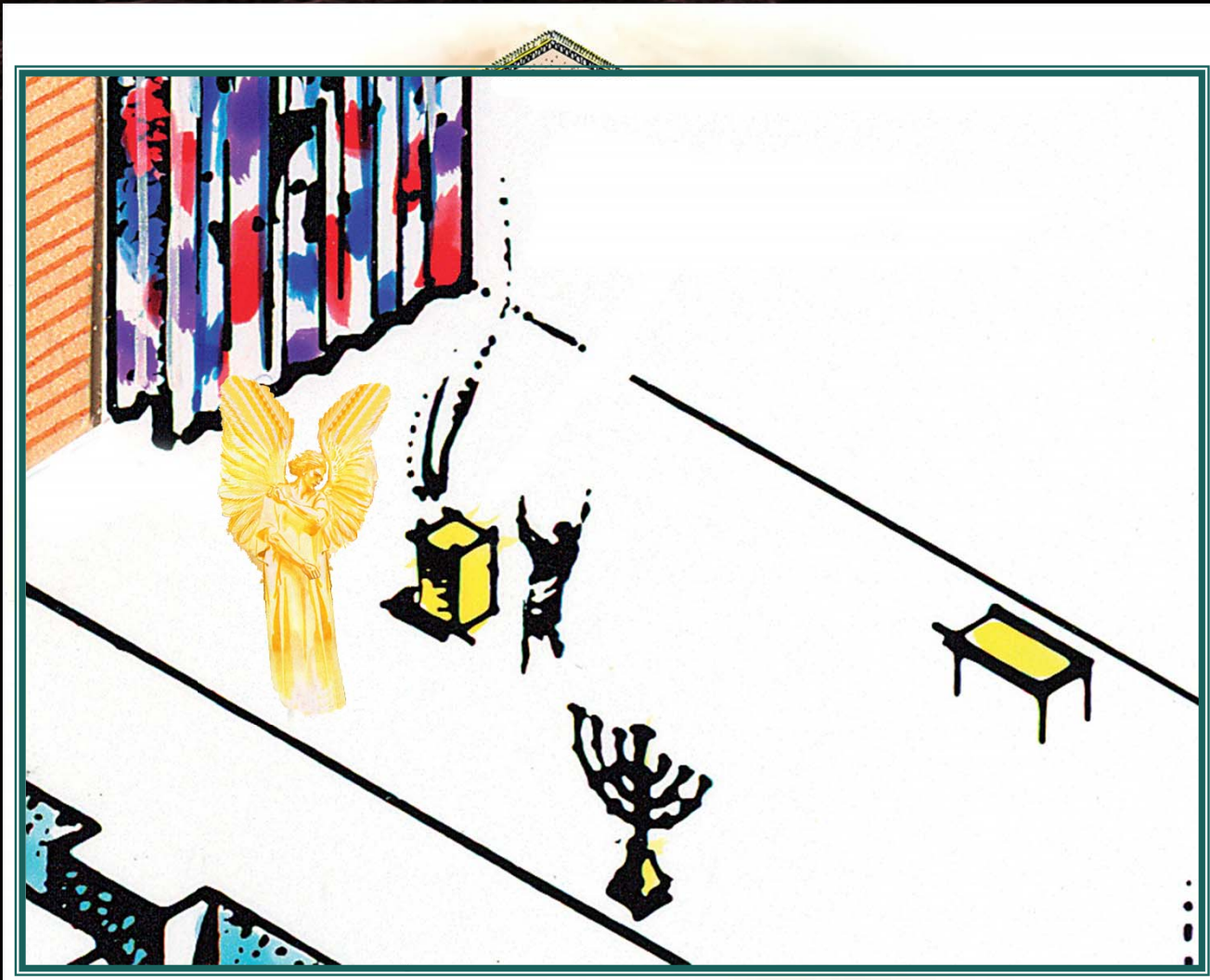
4. Luke 1:7 – Barrenness was a huge problem that had no human solution.
5. Luke 1:8-9 – The burning of incense was a once in a lifetime honor, and that lot had fallen to Zacharias. Proverbs 16:33

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6. Luke 1:10 – The burning of incense represented the prayers offered for Israel. Psalm 141:2, Revelation 5:8; 8:3-4
7. Luke 1:11 – The place the angel stood was reserved for the Angel of the Lord.
8. Luke 1:12 – Zacharias was afraid because the priests were taught that an angel came to the temple only if a priest had made a mistake in performing his duties.

Luke

Luke 1:5-25



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9. Luke 1:13 – Zacharias had been praying for a son. The angel gave him the good news that God had answered his prayers.
10. Luke 1:14-17 – At John's birth, Zacharias was to set him apart for God's service in preaching a message that would prepare the Jews for the arrival of Messiah. Acts 19:4

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11. Luke 1:18 – Zacharias showed lack of faith by requesting proof of God's promise. He doubted that at their ages he and Elizabeth could have a child.
12. Luke 1:19 – Gabriel was annoyed that Zacharias refused to trust God's word and believe the good news.
13. Luke 1:20 – Zacharias had nine to ten months of silence to reflect on his failure to trust God's word through His messenger angel, Gabriel.

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14. Luke 1:21-22 – When Zacharias came out of the temple, those waiting were concerned because they realized something unusual had happened to him.

15. Luke 1:23-24 – After returning home, Elizabeth conceived, thus verifying the prophetic word from Gabriel.

16. Luke 1:25 – Elizabeth went into seclusion for five months.

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B. The angel Gabriel's visit to Mary – Luke 1:26-38

1. Luke 1:26a – The sixth month referred to the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy.
2. Luke 1:26b – Mary and Joseph were from Nazareth in Galilee. The Jews in Jerusalem considered all Galilean Jews inferior.
3. Luke 1:26c – A Roman garrison was stationed in Nazareth to control the land, one reason elitist Jews hated that part of their country.

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4. Luke 1:27a – During the Jewish betrothal (legal contract) period that usually lasted a year, the man and woman were already considered husband and wife; therefore, infidelity (unfaithfulness) was punishable by death.
5. Luke 1:27b – Mary was a woman with a sin nature who chose to properly and eagerly wait for the Messiah, not someone divine worthy of worship or adoration.

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6. Luke 1:28 – Mary received God's grace in that at His appointed time He chose her to be part of His plan to redeem humankind.
7. Luke 1:29 – Mary was confused and disturbed. In humility, she knew she was unworthy of God's great honor.
8. Luke 1:30 – The angel Gabriel commanded her to stop being surprised.

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9. Luke 1:31 – *Jesus* is the English form of the Greek word *IESOUS*, which is the Greek form of the Hebrew word *YESHUA* (Joshua), meaning salvation.
10. Luke 1:32-33 – Gabriel gave five specific details about Jesus.
 - a. Jesus would be great. Isaiah 52:13, 53:12
 - b. Jesus would be called *Son of the Most High*, a title indicating His equality with the Father. Isaiah 9:6

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- c. God will give Jesus the throne of *His father David*. Jesus is the greater Son of David who will rule on David's throne for eternity. 1 Chronicles 17:14
- d. Jesus will rule the *House of Jacob* forever. The Kingdom will be united again under His reign. Psalm 89:3-4
- e. Jesus' Kingdom will have no end, continuing forever in eternity. Isaiah 9:7

The Davidic Covenant

Gabriel's announcements verify Mary's Son
will be the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant
– *Luke 1:30-33*.



The Davidic Covenant

Why does it matter?

The Davidic Covenant amplifies the seed aspect of the Abrahamic Covenant.



The Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:1-3

“land, seed, blessing”

**Real Estate
Covenant**

Deut. 29-30

“land”

**Davidic
Covenant**

2Sam 7:12-16

“seed”

**New
Covenant**

Jer. 31:31-34

“blessing”

The Davidic Covenant

Why does it matter?

Three things guaranteed by the precise nature of the prophecy:

Israel must be preserved.

David's Son must return to earth to rule on David's throne.

The Kingdom established at the return must be eternal.

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Understanding the Davidic Covenant means we know world peace will not come through social and political activity of the church.



Future Reign of Messiah

Christ's return to establish His reign will usher in the Millennial Kingdom – *Revelation 19-20*.

Christ's rule will be from Jerusalem – *Jeremiah 3:17; Zechariah 14:16*.

Christ's rule will extend over Israel – *Ezekiel 37:21-28*.

Christ's rule will extend beyond Israel to all the nations of the earth – *Psalms 2:8; 72:8*.

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Correct understanding of the Davidic Kingdom means we know the church's activities in this age are not connected to its establishment.

World peace will not come through social and political activity regardless of how conservative.

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11. Luke 1:34 – Mary's question was one of curiosity, not doubt.

12. Luke 1:35 – Gabriel explained the supernatural conception of Messiah in Mary's womb. No male human would be involved in this conception.

13. Luke 1:36 – Gabriel used Elizabeth's miraculous pregnancy to validate his promise of the Messiah child to Mary.

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14. Luke 1:37 – God accomplishes His purpose through the power of His Word. Genesis 1:3, Hebrews 4:12

15. Luke 1:38 – Mary's humble willingness to submit to God's plan showed her faith.

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C. Elizabeth's recovery and Mary's prayer – Luke 1:39-56

1. Luke 1:39-40 – Almost immediately, Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, who lived near Jerusalem.



Mary visits Elizabeth in Judea

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2. Luke 1:41 – Mary’s visit helped Elizabeth better understand God’s plan.
3. Luke 1:42 – Mary is blessed among women, not above women. The angel gave her, a sinner, a great honor, but she wasn’t greater than the rest of mankind.
4. Luke 1:43-45 – Elizabeth emphasized Mary’s faith. Her visit confirmed to Zacharias and Elizabeth that God was fulfilling His Old Testament promises through them.

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5. Luke 1:46 – Mary’s praise prayer is filled with theological understanding of God’s plan.
6. Luke 1:47 – Mary knew that God is the only source of salvation.
7. Luke 1:48 – Mary expressed knowledge of God’s omnipresence and omniscience.
8. Luke 1:49 – Mary knew God's character, that He is all-powerful and perfectly righteous.

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9. Luke 1:50 – Mary understood God’s justice, His mercy.
10. Luke 1:51 – Mary knew that God applies His righteous standard to the arrogant.
11. Luke 1:52 – Mary knew that God controls history through the establishment and removal of rulers and empires.
12. Luke 1:53 – Mary recognized God’s right to give and to take away.

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13. Luke 1:54 – Mary understood God's concern for His nation Israel.

14. Luke 1:55 – Mary knew her nation's history and God's righteous dealings in the past.

15. Luke 1:56 – Mary probably returned home right before or right after John's birth.

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D. John's birth and Zacharias' prophecy – Luke 1:57-80

1. Luke 1:57 – John's birth was a literal fulfillment of God's promise to Zacharias.
2. Luke 1:58 – John's birth was an exciting time, the beginning of God's plan for Israel's Kingdom was at hand.

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3. Luke 1:59 – John's circumcision on the eighth day fulfilled God's command to all Israelite men, beginning with Abraham. Genesis 17:12, Leviticus 12:3
4. Luke 1:60-61 – Zacharias' family and neighbors wanted to name the baby boy after his father in keeping with tradition, but Elizabeth refused because she obeyed God.

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5. Luke 1:62-63 – Zacharias and Elizabeth broke with tradition because they loved God.
6. Luke 1:64 - These events increased these Jews' knowledge of God and their awareness that He was doing something special.
7. Luke 1:65-66 – People all over the hill country of Judea talked about the miracle of John's birth, but they did not understand the extent of God's plan.

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8. Luke 1:67 – Zacharias had had nine months to think about his failure of faith in the temple. When he spoke for the first time, he was filled with the Holy Spirit and delivered a wonderful statement of faith.
9. Luke 1: 68-79 – Zacharias' prophecy related to Malachi's prophecy, both of which focused on God's solution to man's need for redemption. Malachi 3:1

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- a. Luke 1:69-73 – Zacharias' prophecy focused on national freedom from oppression as promised by God in the Abrahamic and Davidic Covenants.
- b. Luke 1:71 – Zacharias saw a parallel between Psalm 106:10 and his situation and used the psalm to illustrate the results of the coming of Messiah.
- c. Luke 1:74-75 – Peace allows man to focus on God's plan without distractions.

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- d. Luke 1:76 – This prophecy concerned John the Baptist's role in preparing the Jewish people for the Lord's ministry.
- e. Luke 1:78-79 - Darkness refers to Satan's cosmic system of thinking apart from God. Satan works to prevent us from trusting Christ by veiling God's message (2 Corinthians 4:3-4) while Christ's light leads us to peace with God.

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10. Luke 1:68-79 – As with Mary, Zacharias' praise highlighted the political blessings that the nation Israel will experience from God's hand through the Davidic Covenant.

a. Luke 1:68 – God *has come ... and redeemed His people.*

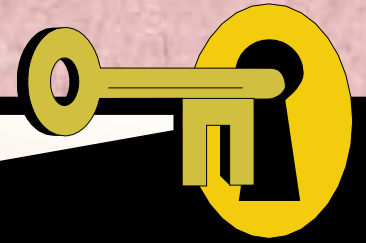
b. Luke 1:69 – God has raised up *for us* a horn (the power of salvation) *in the house of His servant David.*

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- c. Luke 1:70 – *Just as He said through his holy prophets so God will do.*
- d. Luke 1:71 – God will provide *salvation from our enemies.*
- e. Luke 1:72-73 – God will do this *to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant, which He swore to our father Abraham.*
- f. Luke 1:74 – God will *rescue us from the hand of our enemies so we are able to serve Him.*

Hermeneutics

Prophetic Keys:



Prophecy is always literally fulfilled.

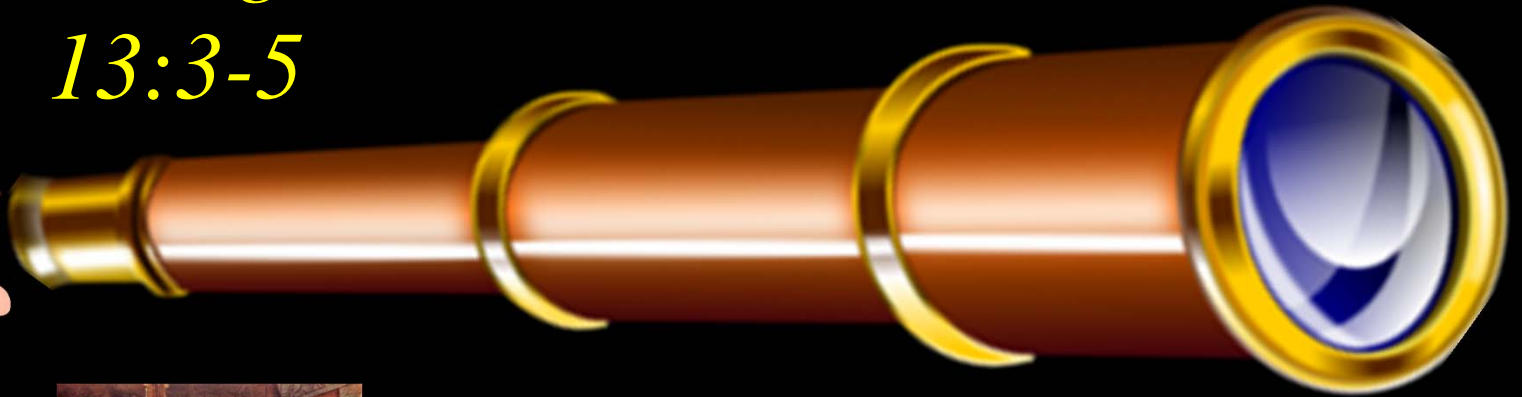
Prophecy will often involve a near and far element (telescoping) with the near being literally fulfilled to validate the future literal fulfillment of the far prophecy.



Near/Far Principle of Prophecy

1 Kings
13:3-5

1 Kings
13:2



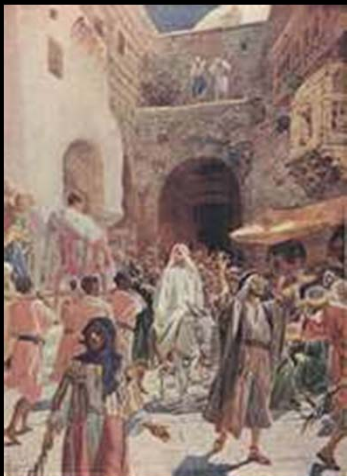
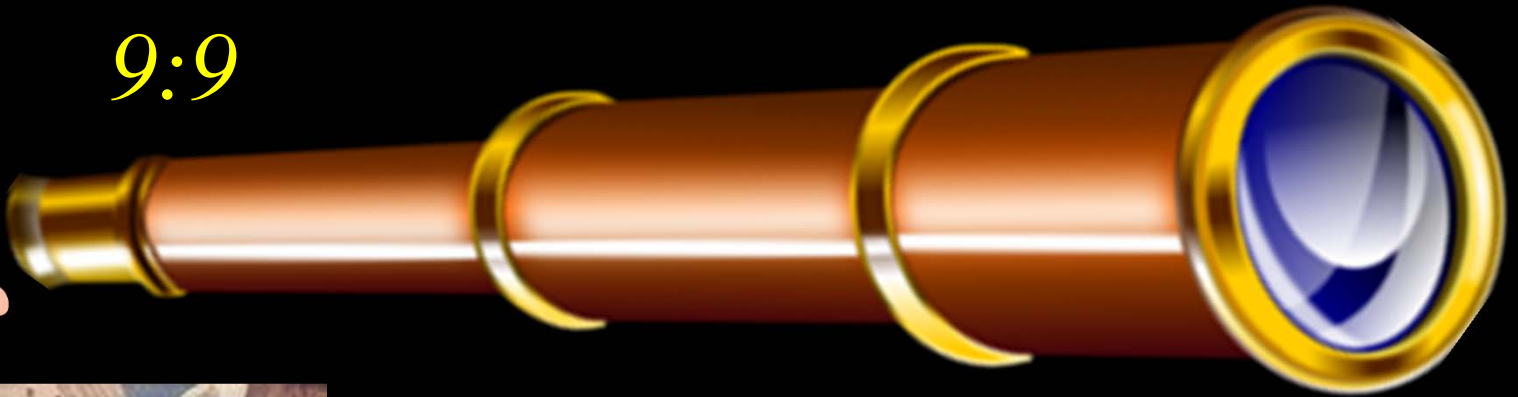
300 years
between
fulfillments



Near/Far Principle of Prophecy

Zechariah
9:9

Zechariah
9:10



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Over 2,000 years
between
fulfillments



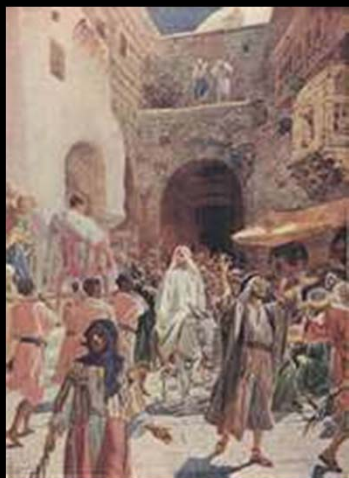
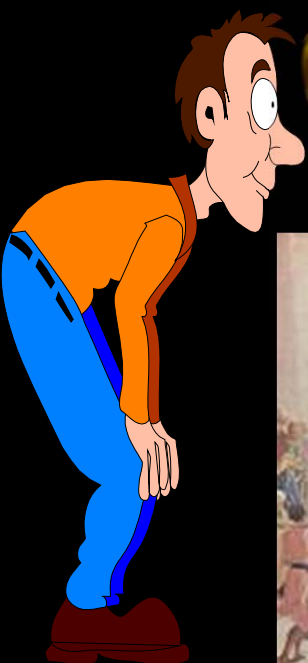
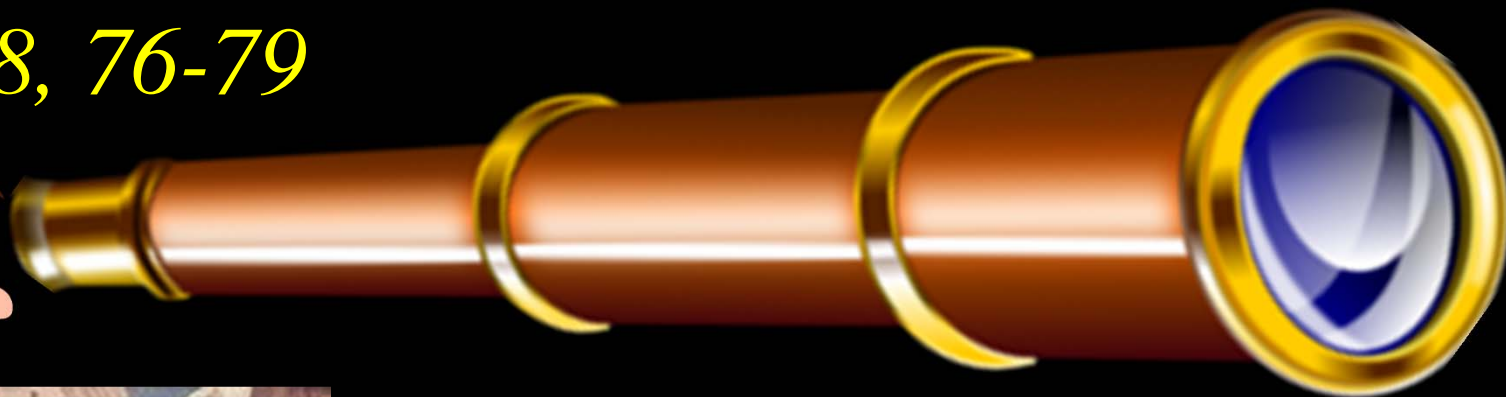
Near/Far Principle of Prophecy

Luke

1:68, 76-79

Luke

1:71-75



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Over 2,000 years
between
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11. PROPHECY KEYS

- a. Prophecy is always literally fulfilled.
- b. Prophecy often involved both a near and far element (telescoping) with the near being literally fulfilled to validate the future literal fulfillment of the future prophecy. 1 Kings 13:2-5, Zechariah 9:9

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12. Luke 1:80a – John grew physically, becoming self-controlled in his diet as Gabriel had predicted and as Matthew reported.

Matthew 3:4

13. Luke 1:80b – John grew spiritually because his parents trained him. Ephesians 6:4

14. Luke 1:80c – John grew into his calling from God by training for it and waiting until God's right time to begin his ministry.