

JESUS CHRIST SON OF MAN

PRE-NATAL EVENTS

I. INTRODUCTION TO LUKE

- A. Luke 1:1-4 Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us,²just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word.³Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus,⁴so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.
- B. Many have.
1. Luke will give us a view of the “Son of Man”
 - a. Jehovah’s perfect man
 - (1) **Zech. 6:12-13** Tell him this is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the LORD.¹³It is he who will build the temple of the LORD, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two.'
 - (a) **BRANCH = tsemach, Hebrew 6780, Strong’s tsemach, tseh'-makh;** from Hebrew 6779 (tsamach); a *sprout* (usually concrete), literal or figurative :- branch, bud, that which (where) grew (upon), spring (-ing).
 - b. Reasons why He is God’s perfect Man
 - (1) Dependant upon God
 - (a) **Luke 3:21** When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened
 - (2) Friend of the Outcast
 - (a) **Luke 5:29** Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them.
 - (b) **Luke 7:29-37** (All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus' words, acknowledged that God's way was right, because they had been baptized by John.³⁰But the Pharisees and experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.)³¹**"To what, then, can I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? ³²They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling out to each other "** 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not cry.'³³**For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.'**³⁴The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and "sinners."³⁵But wisdom is proved right by all her children."³⁶Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.³⁷When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume
 - (3) Compassionate
 - (a) **Luke 7:13** When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry."
 - (b) **Luke 13:1** Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.
 - (4) Neighborly
 - (a) **Luke 10:30** In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

C. I [a man of science] have investigated

1. To be included in this Gospel there had to be eyewitness [Greek = autoptal] as in autopsy

II. History of John's Parents

A. **Luke 1:5-7** In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. ⁶Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly. ⁷But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years.

1. Blamelessly

- a. **amemptos**, Greek 273, Strong's **amemptos**, *am'-emp-tos*; from Greek 1 (a) (as a negative particle) and a derivative of Greek 3201 (memphomai); *irreproachable* :- blameless, faultless, unblamable.

III. The coming of John and his purpose

A. **Luke 1:8-17** Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. ¹¹Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. ¹⁴He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. ¹⁶Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. ¹⁷And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous--to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

1. This "man of God" had a duty to perform

- a. [was on duty and he was serving as priest before God]
(1) It was at this time that he was visited by an angel of the Lord
- b. How often did Zechariah do this function?
(1) His division was one of 24 and he did this for one week.

2. Even from birth.

- a. **koilia**, Greek 2836, Strong's **koilia**, *koy-lee'-ah*; from **koilos** ("hollow"); a cavity, i.e. (special) the *abdomen*; by implication the *matrix*; figurative the *heart* :- belly, womb.

(1) NOTE "not after birth, but FROM the womb.

(a) When is a person a person

- b. **pletho**, Greek 4130, Strong's **pletho**, *play'-tho*; a prolonged form of a primary **pleo**, *pleh'-o* (which appears only as an alternate in certain tenses and in the reduplication form **pimplemi**); to "fill" (literal or figurative [*imbue*, *influence*, *supply*]); specially to *fulfil* (time) :- accomplish, full (...come), furnish.

(1) Filled, not Baptized

3. He had a job to do, he was equipped to do it.

- a. "Power and office of Elijah"

(1) **dunamis**, Greek 1411, Strong's **dunamis**, *doo'-nam-is*; from Greek 1410 (dunamai); *force* (literal or figurative); specially miraculous *power* (usually by implication a *miracle* itself) :- ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, might (wonderful)

work.

4. What was the Job?

- a. to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous--to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

IV. The sign to Zachariah

- A. **Luke 1:18-20** Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." ¹⁹The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. ²⁰And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time."

1. [because] Zachariah did not believe, his sign will be a mild rebuke

2. I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God,

- a. Four angels named in scripture

(1) Lucifer

- (a) **Isaiah 14:12** How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!
- (b) **Ezekiel 28:11-17** The word of the LORD came to me: ¹²"Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. ¹⁴You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. ¹⁵You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. ¹⁶Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. ¹⁷Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

(2) Michael

- (a) **Daniel 10:13** But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.
- (b) **Daniel 10:21** but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.
- (c) **Daniel 12:1** "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book--will be delivered.
- (d) **Jude 1:9** But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"
- (e) **Rev. 12:7** And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.

(3) Gabriel

- (a) **Daniel 8:16** And I heard a man's voice from the Ulai calling, "Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision."
- (b) **Daniel 9:21** while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice.

(4) Abaddon or Apollyon

- (a) **Rev. 9:11** They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is

Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon.

3. Their proper time

V. John is conceived

- A. **Luke 1:21-25** Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. ²²When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak. ²³When his time of service was completed, he returned home. ²⁴After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. ²⁵"The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people."

1. The people were waiting
 - a. Normal action would be a blessing from Zechariah when he returned from the presence of the Lord
2. NOTE; He did not abandon the job that God had given him to do to run home and tell the news. 'When his service as completed'
3. The Lord has done
 - a. An example of how God is involved in the lives of people who are in His will.
4. My disgrace among the people
 - a. A righteous woman
 - b. Husband had some status in the community
 - c. In good standing with the Lord, but not with her fellow woman.
5. Five months
 - a. Five equals Grace. What she has received is by the grace of God. She did not earn it, she did not buy it. Her being chosen is the free will of God

VI. The announcement of Jesus

- A. **Luke 1:26-38** In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³²He 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, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." ³⁴"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The 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 the Son of God. ³⁶Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷For nothing is impossible with God." ³⁸"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

1. In the sixth month.
 - a. Six = man
2. The Lord is with you.
 - a. Again we see 'a daughter of God' being used of God after she has found favor with God. Is obedience important?
3. In this greeting we see the Four great truths that correspond to the Four Gospels
 - a. Bring forth a son
 - (1) Son of man as seen in the Gospel of Luke
 - b. Call His name Jesus
 - (1) Behold my servant as seen in the Gospel of Mark

- c. He shall be great . . . the Son of the Most High
 - (1) Son of God as seen in the Gospel John
 - d. He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever
 - (1) The King as seen in the Gospel of Matthew
- 4. Son of the Most High God
 - a. When we speak of Jesus in any title we are speaking of Him in His humanity.
 - b. In the beginning He was the WORD. Not the Son of the Most High God.
 - c. It is from this point on that we have a God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. They were from the beginning but now their roles are changed.
 - d. Jesus was always the WORD, the revealed part of God, He is still that today, even more so.
- 5. For nothing is impossible with God
 - a. Elizabeth was to old, Mary was to young. Not knowing a man had not met the requirements of nature.
- 6. Over Jacob
 - a. In the New Testament Jacob equals natural man, Israel equals spiritual man
- 7. His Kingdom will have no end.
 - a. Nothing is clearer in scripture than the eternal reign of Christ and His saints
 - (1) **Genesis 8:22** "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."
 - (2) **Genesis 9:12** And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come:
 - (3) **Isaiah 9:6-7** 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. ⁷Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.
 - (4) **Daniel 2:44-45** "In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. ⁴⁵This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands--a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces. "The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and the interpretation is trustworthy."

VII. Mary visit to Elizabeth

- A. Luke 1:39-45 ³⁹At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴²In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy ⁴⁵Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!"
 - 1. She was filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - 2. Who spoke?
 - 3. Where did the message come from?
 - 4. 'The mother of my LORD'
 - a. Note in the spirit Elizabeth knows about the LORD, the coming of the LORD, and Mary's response to Gabriel's message

VIII. The PRAISE

- A. Luke 1:46-56 ⁴⁶And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me-holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. ⁵²He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers." ⁵⁶Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.
1. Again Mary now speaks by the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT. What she has to say is very important to us today.
 2. MY SOUL, the Mary Part of Me, Glorifies the Lord.
 3. MY SPIRIT, that part from God, it needs a Savior
 - a. Mary was not God, she was not perfect, she is and was just a humble servant of the Lord.
 4. But Now she goes on to show what the Lord does for those who see them selves as just HUMBLE SERVANTS OF THE LORD. [Again that is what this Book is about]

IX. The birth of John

- A. Luke 1:57-63 ⁵⁷When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy. ⁵⁹On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, ⁶⁰but his mother spoke up and said, "No! He is to be called John." ⁶¹They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who has that name." ⁶²Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. ⁶³He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John."
1. Relatives heard
 - a. Mary stays with Elizabeth until the birth of John
 2. John
 - a. He shall be called Johanan, or "Gracious," because he shall bring in the gospel of Christ, wherein God's grace shines most bright
 3. The day of circumcision was the day of naming. It goes back to Moses time

X. Zacharias Praises the Lord

- A. Luke 1:64-66 ⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵The neighbors were all filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. ⁶⁶Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, "What then is this child going to be?" For the Lord's hand was with him.
1. What is the key question?
 - a. What is this child going to be?
 2. Why was that question asked?
 - a. For the Lords hand was with him.
 - (1) **Matthew 28:20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
 3. For the Lord was with him.
 - a. When?
 - b. How do we regard children today?
 4. Zechariah lost his voice in unbeliever, now in believe he receives it back.

XI. From Praise to Prophecy

- A. Luke 1:67-79 ⁶⁷His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: ⁶⁸"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. ⁶⁹He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David ⁷⁰(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

⁷¹salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us-- ⁷²to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath he swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, ⁷⁷to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven ⁷⁹to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

1. What did he use his voice for?
2. Horn of salvation
 - a. Horn equals power.
3. Who was this for.
 - a. Why our fathers
4. What are the benefit of this salvation?
 - a. Deliverance from enemies [who is this enemies]
 - (1) **1 John 5:19** We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.
 - b. Mercy from God
 - (1) **Ephesians. 2:4-9** But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.
 - (2) **Titus 3:4-5** But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
 - c. Justification by Faith
 - (1) **Galatians 3:6-15** Consider Abraham: "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." ⁷Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. ⁸The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." ⁹So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. ¹⁰All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." ¹¹Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith." ¹²The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, "The man who does these things will live by them." ¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." ¹⁴He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. ¹⁵Brothers, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case.
 - d. Peace with God
 - (1) **Romans 5:1-11** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to

die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

- (2) **Ephesians. 2:14-18** For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

e. Holiness and Righteousness

- (1) **Ephesians. 4:24** and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.
- (2) **Titus 2:11-12** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹²It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

f. Reconciliation to God

- (1) **2 Cor. 5:14-21** For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
- (2) **Col. 1:20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

g. Light and Guidance

- (1) **John 16:7** But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you

5. GREAT BENEFIT - but what are they for?

- a. That we might SERVE HIM without fear, in Holiness and Righteousness before Him all the days of our lives.

(1) This LIVE!

6. Give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins.

- a. In remission of sins all have a personal knowledge of salvation

- (1) **Romans 8:14-16** because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

XII. The childhood of John

- A. Luke 1:80 ⁸⁰And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel.

- 1. **Numbers 4:3** Count all the men from thirty to fifty years of age who come to serve in the work in the Tent of Meeting.

