

The Birth of John the Baptist - 2

Luke 1:57-80

I. The Birth Itself 1:57-66

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There are many parallels between the Birth of “the Baptizer” and “Christ”.
Each of their childhoods are summed up in one verse.

John – Luke 1:80

Jesus – Luke 2:52

II. Zechariah’s Hymn of Praise 67-79

A. God’s Faithfulness to the Davidic Covenant 68-71

1. The Davidic Covenant – in simplest terms – was the promise – made by God to David that his throne would be an everlasting one. **2 Samuel 7:8-16**

Isaiah 9:6-7 -- For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

2. The horn of salvation

Psalms 132:11-18 -- The LORD has sworn *in* truth to David; He will not turn from it:
I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body.

¹² If your sons will keep My covenant And My testimony which I shall teach them,
Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore.”

¹³ For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired *it* for His dwelling place:

¹⁴ “This *is* My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

¹⁵ I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

¹⁶ I will also clothe her priests with salvation, And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

¹⁷ There I will make **the horn of David** grow I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed.

¹⁸ His enemies I will clothe with shame, But upon Himself His crown shall flourish.”

B. God’s Faithfulness to the Abrahamic Covenant 72-75

There are 4 infinitives that tie this thought together.

- 1) To perform mercy (v. 72a)
- 2) To remember – as in remembering His covenant (v. 72b)
- 3) To grant – which is to give or bestow to us (v. 74a)
- 4) Might serve is also an infinitive – to serve – that’s the reason (v. 74b)

Genesis 12:1-3

I will bless them that bless you.

I will curse them that curse you.

Genesis 22:15-18

In verse 16 – God says, “*By myself I have sworn*”.

The commentary on this in Hebrews 6:13-18 tells us that God
swore by Himself because there was nothing greater He could swear by.

C. Zechariah’s Praise for the Gift of John 76-77

D. Zechariah’s Praise for a “New Day” 78-79

Isaiah 9:2 -- “*The people who walked in darkness – have seen a great light.
Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them a light has shined.*”