



STAYING IN TUNE IN THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

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ZECHARIAS & ELIZABETH



MARY & JOSEPH



SIMEON



ANNA



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Luke 1:5-13

⁵ There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain **priest** named **Zacharias**, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was **Elizabeth**.

⁶ And they were both **righteous** before God, **walking** in **all the commandments** and **ordinances** of the Lord blameless.

⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were **both well advanced in years**.

⁸ So it was, that while he was **serving as priest** before God in the order of his division,

⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell **to burn incense** when he went into the temple of the Lord.

¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people was **praying** outside at the **hour of incense**.

¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

¹² And when Zacharias saw *him,* he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

ZECHARIAS



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- Righteous before God
- Walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord
- Advanced in years
- Served as priest to burn incense in the temple

Luke 1:26-28

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

²⁷ to **a virgin** betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was **Mary**.

²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!"

Luke 1:34-38

³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

³⁶ Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.

³⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible."

Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

MARY



- A virgin
- The Holy Spirit will come upon you
- Power of the Highest will overshadow you
- Let it be to me according to your word

MARY & JOSEPH

Luke 2:25-33

²⁵ And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was **Simeon**, and this man was **just** and **devout**, **waiting for the Consolation** of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

²⁷ So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law,

²⁸ he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

²⁹ "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word;

30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation

³¹ Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,

And the glory of Your people Israel."

³³ And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.

34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this *Child* is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against

35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

SIMEON



- Just and devout
- Waiting for the consolation of Israel
- Revealed & came by the Spirit
- Let it be according to Your Word
- Prophesised

SIMEON

Luke 2:36-38

³⁶ Now there was one, **Anna**, a **prophetess**, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was **of a great age**, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity;

³⁷ and this woman *was* a **widow** of about <u>eighty-four years</u>, who did not depart from the **temple**, but **served** *God* with **fastings** and **prayers** night and day.

³⁸ And coming in that instant she **gave thanks** to the Lord, and **spoke of Him** to all those who looked for **redemption** in Jerusalem.

Anna



- Prophetess
- Of great age 84 years old
- Stayed in the temple
- Served God with fastings and prayers
- Spoke of Jesus

ANNA



1. THEIR AGE

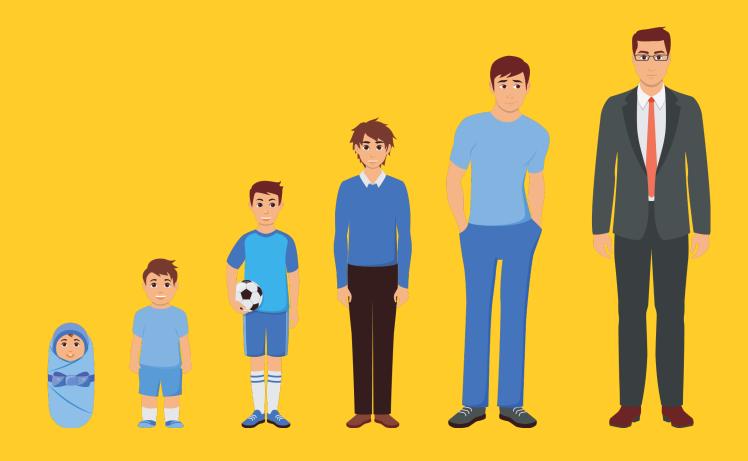


2. THEIR ALERTNESS



3. THEIR ASSIGNMENT

1. THEIR AGE







- **1. Zacharias:** Walking with God and burning incense (prayer)
- 2. Mary: Agreement with God's Word
- 3. Simeon: A man of the Holy Spirit
- 4. Anna: Fastings and prayers

BUT MANY MISSED THE MESSIAH

(70 WEEKS PROPHECY)

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

⁶ "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

⁷You shall **teach them diligently** to your children, and shall **talk of them** when you **sit in your house**, when you **walk by the way**, when **you lie down**, and when **you rise up**.

⁸ You shall **bind them** as a sign **on your hand**, and they shall be as **frontlets between your eyes**.

⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

3. THEIR ASSIGNMENT FOR THE NEXT GENERATION



1 Peter 1:10-12

¹⁰ Of this **salvation** the **prophets** have inquired and searched carefully, who **prophesied** of the **grace** that would come to you,

11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹² To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

John 4:38

³⁸ I sent you to **reap** that for which you **have not labored**; others have labored, and you have **entered into their labors**."

CONCLUSION