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Jesus' Birth Foretold

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In the Gospel According to Luke (AD 60-61), Luke is writing to Theophilus so the he would know the exact truth and record regarding the things he had been taught (1:3-4) about Jesus the Messiah. God used Luke as a messenger to Theophilus. In the Holy Scriptures we find that God also sends other messengers. Gabriel, the supreme messenger of God, is one of the two angels mentioned by name in the Bible (the other is Michael). Gabriel appeared in human form in the OT to Daniel, (Dn 8:16; 9:21, 22). In the NT Gabriel appeared to Zechariah to announce the birth of Zechariah's son, John the Baptist (Lk 1:11-20) and six months later Gabriel appeared to Mary to divinely announce that she would become the mother of Jesus. Luke describes the divine message that Gabriel delivers;

“Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming in, he said to her, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. “And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. “For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.” (Lk 1:26-38 NASB)

Mary was God's divine choice. Gabriel, God's divine messenger, was sent to a specific city in Galilee called Nazareth (Mt 2:23), to a specific woman, Mary (Lk 3:23-38), who was a virgin engaged to a specific man, Joseph, a descendant of King David (Mt 1:1-16). Mary was favored or was provided grace by God to bear a son named Jesus, the Messiah, Son of the Most High, holy Child, Son of God, and King of the house of Jacob and His kingdom will have no end. In the OT scripture Isaiah prophesied;

“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.” (Is 9:6-7)

“For nothing will be impossible with God.” While Mary did not understand how all of this could be accomplished, she had faith that God could and would do what He promised. Mary willingly submitted and yielded to God's will for her life, knowing that the human public consequence would be painful.

For Your Consideration:

- Do you believe and have faith that Jesus is the Messiah and that His kingdom has no end?
- Do you believe that God can and will do what He promises in your life?
- Do you believe that nothing is impossible with God?

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