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A Biographical Study of Elisabeth

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Elisabeth

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

- I. Elisabeth, the faithful—Both she and her husband Zacharias loved and served God. “And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless” (Luke 1:6).
- II. Elisabeth, the sorrowful—“And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years” (Luke 1:7).
- III. Elisabeth, the thankful—“And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men” (Luke 1:24-25).
- IV. Elisabeth, the joyful
 - A. The babe of Elisabeth—“And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost” (Luke 1:41).
 - B. The blessing by Elisabeth—“And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord” (Luke 1:42-45).
- II. Elisabeth, the fruitful—She gave birth to John.
 - A. The neighbors and her son—“Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her” (Luke 1:57-58).
 - B. The naming of her son—“And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John” (Luke 1:59-60).

STATISTICS

Spouse: Zacharias (Luke 1:5)

Son: John the Baptist (Luke 1:57-60)

First mention: Luke 1:5

Final mention: Luke 1:57

Meaning of her name: “God’s oath”

Frequency of her name: Referred to nine times

Biblical books mentioning her: One book (Luke)

Important fact about her life: She miraculously gave birth to John in her old age.