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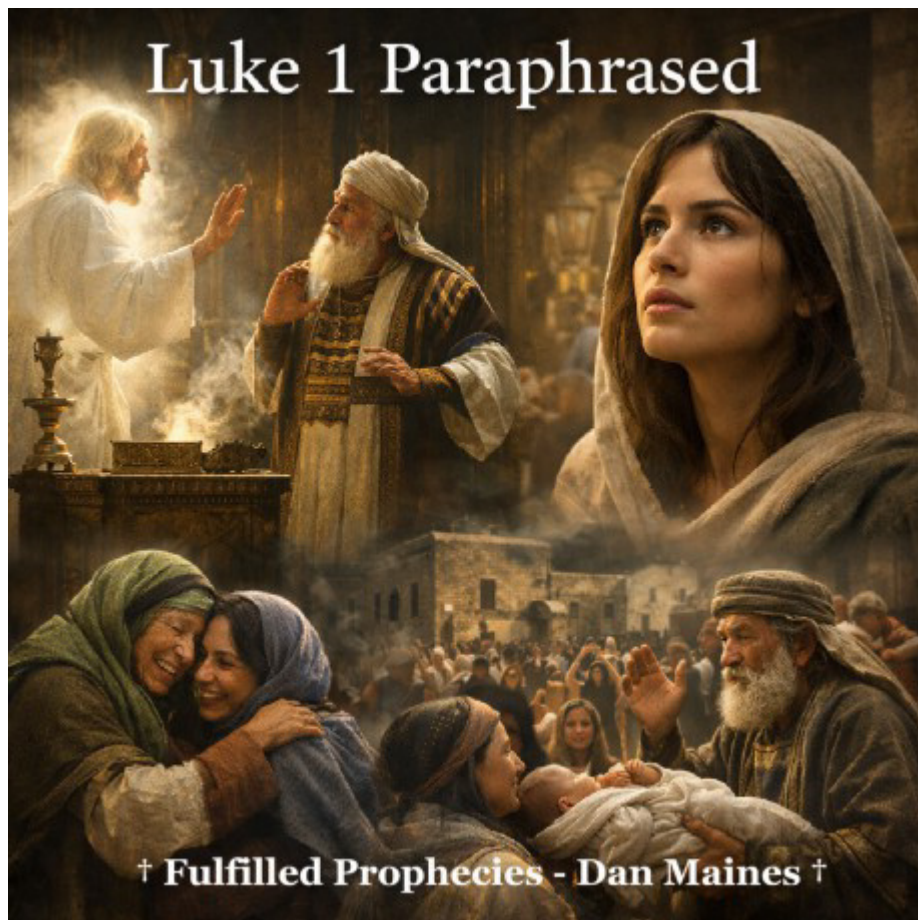
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## Luke 1 Paraphrased



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### Introduction

† This chapter records the beginning of fulfillment as God brings His promises into reality in their generation

† It shows the preparation of the way through John and the arrival of the Messiah

† Everything here is grounded in eyewitness truth and fulfilled expectation

### Luke 1:1

Many have already written accounts about the things that have

been fulfilled among us

† This confirms fulfillment was already happening in their time, not future (Matthew 24:34)

† The wording shows completion, not anticipation

† The gospel is rooted in fulfilled events, not predictions

### **Luke 1:2**

These were passed down by those who saw them firsthand and served the message

† Eyewitness testimony confirms historical reliability (2 Peter 1:16)

† The message was preserved through direct witnesses

† This removes speculation and anchors truth in reality

### **Luke 1:3**

So I also decided, after carefully examining everything from the beginning, to write it out in order for you, most excellent Theophilus

† Luke emphasizes careful investigation and accuracy

† This shows God preserved an orderly account

† The structure confirms intention, not randomness

### **Luke 1:4**

So you may know the certainty of what you've been taught

† The purpose is assurance and clarity

† Truth is confirmed through fulfilled reality

† The message is meant to remove doubt

### **Luke 1:5**

In the days of Herod king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah from the division of Abijah, and his wife Elizabeth was from the daughters of Aaron

† This anchors the account in real historical time

† The priestly line connects this to covenant structure

† This shows continuity with Israel's system

## **Luke 1:6**

Both were righteous before God, living faithfully in all the commandments

† Righteousness existed under the Old Covenant system

† Obedience defined faithfulness before fulfillment

† This shows God's people were still active within the system

## **Luke 1:7**

But they had no child because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in age

† God often begins fulfillment through impossible situations (Genesis 21:1-2)

† Barrenness highlights the need for divine action

† This prepares for a miraculous intervention

## **Luke 1:8**

While Zechariah was serving as priest before God in the order of his division

† The temple system was still functioning

† This shows the Old Covenant was still in operation

† Fulfillment begins while the system is still standing

## **Luke 1:9**

He was chosen by lot to enter the temple and burn incense

† This was a priestly responsibility tied to worship

† Incense symbolizes prayers rising to God (Revelation 5:8)

† God meets him at the center of covenant worship

## **Luke 1:10**

The people were praying outside at the time of the incense offering

† Worship was centered around the temple

† The people remained under the covenant system

† This shows corporate participation in worship

## **Luke 1:11**

An angel of the Lord appeared to him standing at the right side of the altar

† God intervenes directly within the temple setting

† This signals a shift from shadow to fulfillment

† The location emphasizes covenant transition

### **Luke 1:12**

Zechariah was troubled and fear came over him

† Fear accompanies divine revelation

† This shows the seriousness of God's presence

† Human response reveals the weight of the moment

### **Luke 1:13**

The angel said, do not be afraid, your prayer has been heard, your wife will bear a son, and you will name him John

† God answers long-standing prayers

† John is divinely appointed for a purpose

† This begins the preparation phase of fulfillment

### **Luke 1:14**

You will have joy, and many will rejoice at his birth

† This birth has national significance

† Joy marks the arrival of fulfillment

† It impacts more than just one family

### **Luke 1:15**

He will be great before the Lord, drink no wine, and be filled with the Spirit even from the womb

† John is set apart from birth

† This shows divine calling and separation

† His role is unique and prophetic

### **Luke 1:16**

He will turn many of Israel back to the Lord

† This is a call to covenant restoration

† It fulfills prophetic expectation (Malachi 4:5-6)

† The focus is on Israel returning to God

### **Luke 1:17**

He will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, turning hearts and preparing people

† John fulfills the Elijah prophecy

† This confirms the time of fulfillment had arrived

† Preparation precedes the Messiah's work

### **Luke 1:18**

Zechariah said, how will I know this, I'm old and my wife is advanced in age

† Doubt appears even among the faithful

† Human limitation questions divine promise

† This shows the struggle between faith and sight

### **Luke 1:19**

The angel said, I am Gabriel who stands before God, sent to bring you this message

† This confirms divine authority

† The message comes directly from God's presence

† This removes any doubt about the source

### **Luke 1:20**

You will be silent until this happens because you did not believe

† Unbelief brings consequence

† God still fulfills His word despite doubt

† This serves as a confirming sign

### **Luke 1:21**

The people were waiting and wondering why he delayed in the temple

† The delay signals something unusual occurred

† God's work often interrupts normal patterns

† The people sense something significant happened

### **Luke 1:22**

When he came out, he couldn't speak, and they realized he had seen a vision

† The sign confirms the encounter

† God's message is visibly validated

† This removes uncertainty about the event

### **Luke 1:23**

When his service ended, he went home

† Life continues but everything has changed

† Fulfillment has now begun

† God's plan is unfolding quietly

### **Luke 1:24**

After this, Elizabeth became pregnant and stayed in seclusion

† God fulfills His promise

† This confirms divine intervention

† The miracle is hidden but real

### **Luke 1:25**

She said the Lord has removed my disgrace among people

† God's blessing removes shame

† This reflects restoration and honor

† Fulfillment brings personal healing

### **Luke 1:26**

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent to Nazareth

† The focus shifts toward the Messiah

† God moves from preparation to fulfillment

† Nazareth becomes central to the plan

### **Luke 1:27**

To a virgin named Mary, engaged to Joseph from the house of David

† This fulfills the Davidic covenant promise

† Jesus comes through the royal line

† The virgin birth is essential to the plan

## **Luke 1:28**

The angel said, greetings, favored one, the Lord is with you

† Mary is chosen for divine purpose

† Favor is given by God's will

† This marks her role in fulfillment

## **Luke 1:29**

She was troubled by this greeting

† Divine encounters disrupt normal expectations

† This shows human reaction to divine presence

† God's work often brings initial confusion

## **Luke 1:30**

The angel said, do not be afraid, you have found favor with God

† God's grace removes fear

† Favor confirms divine selection

† This reassures her of God's plan

## **Luke 1:31**

You will conceive and bear a son, and name Him Jesus

† This is the announcement of the Messiah

† The name reflects His mission

† Fulfillment is now directly declared

## **Luke 1:32**

He will be great and called the Son of the Most High, and will receive David's throne

† This fulfills the covenant with David (2 Samuel 7:12-13)

† Jesus is the rightful King

† His authority is established by God

## **Luke 1:33**

He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will not end

† This is the eternal kingdom

† It begins in their generation

† It replaces the old covenant system

### **Luke 1:34**

Mary said, how can this be since I am a virgin

† This reflects natural questioning

† God's work surpasses human understanding

† Faith seeks understanding, not rejection

### **Luke 1:35**

The Spirit will come upon you, and the power of God will overshadow you

† This is a divine conception

† God directly brings forth the Messiah

† This confirms supernatural origin

### **Luke 1:36**

Even your relative Elizabeth has conceived in old age

† God confirms His power through another miracle

† This strengthens faith through evidence

† Nothing limits God's ability

### **Luke 1:37**

Nothing will be impossible with God

† This is a universal truth

† God's power overrides natural limits

† This anchors faith in His ability

### **Luke 1:38**

Mary said, I am the Lord's servant, let it be done to me

† This is full submission to God's will

† Faith responds with obedience

† This models true belief

### **Luke 1:39**

Mary went quickly to a city in Judah

† Action follows belief

† Faith produces movement

† This shows urgency in response

### **Luke 1:40**

She entered Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth

† Both miracle accounts connect

† God's plan unfolds together

† This confirms unity in purpose

### **Luke 1:41**

The baby leaped in Elizabeth's womb, and she was filled with the Spirit

† This confirms divine involvement

† Even the unborn respond to fulfillment

† The Spirit validates the moment

### **Luke 1:42**

She cried out, blessed are you among women

† Recognition of God's work

† Mary is honored for her role

† This affirms divine selection

### **Luke 1:43**

Why am I honored that the mother of my Lord comes to me

† Elizabeth recognizes Jesus as Lord

† This shows early acknowledgment

† The identity of Christ is revealed

### **Luke 1:44**

When I heard your greeting, the baby leaped with joy

† Joy marks the arrival of fulfillment

† God's presence brings life

† This confirms spiritual awareness

### **Luke 1:45**

Blessed is she who believed what the Lord spoke

† Faith receives God's promises

† Belief leads to fulfillment

† This highlights the importance of trust

## **Historical References**

† Josephus confirms temple practices and priestly divisions

† Irenaeus affirms John as the prophetic forerunner

† Eusebius records early understanding of fulfillment

† Clement of Alexandria ties these events to prophecy

## **How it applies to us today**

† We stand on fulfilled promises, not future expectation

† God's word is certain and complete

† Faith responds with obedience just like Mary

† We live in the reality of what has already been accomplished

## **Q & A Appendix**

**Q** What does Luke 1 show

**A** That fulfillment had already begun (Luke 1:1)

**Q** Who was John

**A** The forerunner fulfilling prophecy (Luke 1:17)

**Q** What does Mary represent

**A** Faith and submission to God's will (Luke 1:38)

**Q** What does this chapter prove

**A** That prophecy was being fulfilled in their generation (Matthew 24:34)

**Q** What should we take from this

**A** Confidence in completed promises (2 Corinthians 1:20)

† **This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled**

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