**“BIRTH OF JESUS FOREFOTOLD”**

Luke 1:25-38 (32)

*“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David”*

1. Where and to whom did the angel Gabriel visit next? (26, 27) What was Mary’s life situation? What was the angel’s greeting? (28) What does it mean to be “highly favored,” and to “find favor with God”? (30) Why was Mary so greatly troubled and fearful (29)? What was the mission God was giving Mary and why might this be hard for her to bear humanly? (31)
2. How did the angel describe the child that would be born through Mary? (32-33) What does this tell us about his uniqueness and character? What would be his mission and privilege? What do you know about David’s kingdom? (1 Ch 17:10b-12[[1]](#footnote-1); Ac 13:36[[2]](#footnote-2)) About the Messiah’s kingdom? (Isa 11:1-9; Da 7:14,18)
3. Why was it hard for her to accept the angel’s words? (34) How did the angel answer her question and how could it be possible for a virgin to bear a son? (35) What evidence of God’s power encouraged her to believe? (36-37)
4. What was Mary’s decision of faith? (38) What was the basis for her decision? What can you learn from her about obedience? Think about the great cost and the great privilege that would result from her decision.

1. ..and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also subdue all your enemies. “’I declare to you that the LORD will build a house for you. When your days are over and you go to be with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. 1 Ch 17:10b-12 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. “Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. Acts 13:36 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)