

Echoes of Hebrew Scripture in the Characterizations in Luke 1

| CHARACTER IN LUKE | CHAP/VERSE | HOW DESCRIBED | HEBREW SCRIPTURE |
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| Zechariah | 1.5 | Priest of the order of Abijah | Children of Aaron include Abijah, 1 Chr 24.10 |
| Elizabeth | 1.5 | Daughter of Aaron | Aaron's wife was Elisabeth, Ex 6.23 |
| Zechariah and Elizabeth | 1.6 | Living "blamelessly" before God | Like Abraham, Gen 15.6, 17.1 |
| Elizabeth | 1.7 | Barren older wife | Like Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel and esp. Hannah, 1 Sam 1 |
| Zechariah | 1.11ff | Angelic birth announcement | Hagar, Gen 16.7-12, Samson's mother, Judg 13.3-9 |
| Zechariah | 1.12 | Terrified at the sight of the angel | Daniel, Dan 8.16-17 |
| Zechariah and Mary | 1.13, 1.19ff | Experience the appearance of the angel Gabriel | Daniel, Dan 8.16, 9.21 |
| Zechariah | 1.15 | Son will not "drink wine or strong drink" | Hannah's child, 1 Sam 1.11 |
| John the baptist | 1.17 | Spirit of Elijah, to turn hearts of parents to their children | Elijah returned, Mal 4.4-6 (last verses of final prophet) |
| Zechariah | 1.18 | How will I know that this is so? | Abraham, Gen 15.8 |
| Zechariah | 1.20 | Struck speechless by the angel | Daniel, Dan 10.15 |
| Elizabeth | 1.25 | Becomes pregnant and gives credit to God for taking away her disgrace | Rachel, Gen 30.23 |
| Mary | 1.28 | Greeted with "favored one" | Meaning of name "Hannah" |
| Mary | 1.28 | Greeted with "The Lord is with you" | Gideon, Judg 6.12; David, 1 Sam 17.37, 2 Sam 7.3 |
| Mary | 1.30 | Found favor with God | Gideon, Judg 6.17 |
| Mary | 1.31 | Angelic birth announcement | Hagar, Gen 16.11; Samson's mother, Judg 13.24; Hannah, 1 Sam 1.20 |
| Mary | 1.35 | Holy Spirit will come upon you | David, 1 Sam 16.13 |
| Mary | 1.42 | Blessed are you among women | Jael, Judg 5.24 |
| Mary | 1.46ff | Magnificat | <i>See separate handout</i> |
| Zechariah | 1.68ff | Benedictus | <i>Numerous echoes; see separate handout</i> |
| Jesus | 1.80 (also, 2.40) | Child grew and became strong in spirit | Samson, Judg 13.24-25 Samuel, 1 Sam 2.21 |