

Interaction with the heavenly realm in Luke 1-2

CHAPTER/VERSE	CHARACTER(S)	MEANS OF INTERACTION	MESSAGE
1:11-20	Zechariah	Conversation with Gabriel	Annunciation of birth of John the baptist
1:28-38	Mary	Conversation with Gabriel	Annunciation of birth of Jesus
1:41-46	Elizabeth	Filled with the Holy Spirit	Blessing on Mary
1:47-55	Mary	Prayer	Magnificat: greatness of God in looking upon the lowly
1:64	Zechariah	“mouth was opened and tongue freed”	Praise of God
1:67-79	Zechariah	Filled with the Holy Spirit	Benedictus: fulfillment of ancient promises in raising up a prophet of the Most High
2:9-15	Shepherds	Angel and heavenly host	Birth of the Messiah
2:20	Shepherds	Prayer	Glory and praise to God
2:25-35	Simeon	Holy Spirit “on” and “in” him	God’s salvation revealed to the nations and to Israel; prediction of opposition
2:36-38	Anna	Prayer	Praise of God
2:40, 2.52	Jesus	Prayer (implied)	Increase in strength, wisdom and grace of God