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1 SUBJECT HEADING

Zechariah and Elizabeth, the Parents of John the Baptist: Godly Parents Luke 01: 05-25	
1 The parents of John the Baptist a. They lived in the time of Herod b. The father was a priest and the mother was of a priestly family 2 They were parents who were righteous 3 They were parents with human problems a. They had no child b. They were elderly 4 They were parents who worshipped	5 In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. 6 Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly. 7 But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years. 8 Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was

2 MAJOR POINTS

3 SUBPOINTS

GOSPEL READING

4 COMMENTARY

DEEPER STUDY

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Introduction

Every generation needs the example of godly parents. The parents of John the Baptist were dynamic, godly examples of what parents should be. They were human, showing some weaknesses, but they were striking examples for all.

- I. The parents of John the Baptist (v. 5).
- II. They were parents who were righteous (v. 6).
- III. They were parents with human problems (v. 7).
- IV. They were parents who worshipped (v. 8-9).
- V. They were parents who prayed and led others to pray (v. 10).
- VI. They were parents greatly favoured by God (v. 11-17).
- VII. They were parents who found it difficult to believe the humanly impossible (vv. 18-19).
- VIII. They were parents who had to be disciplined by God (vv. 20-22).
- IX. They were parents who saw God fulfil His promise (vv. 23-25)

I. Luke 01: 05 The Family of John the Baptist

The parents of John the Baptist. Note three facts.

1. The baby John was promised to his parents during the reign of Herod the Great, right at the very end of his reign (BC 37-4 AD) (See *Herod*, Mt. 2:3-4.)

Zachariah and Elizabeth, the Parents of John the Ba

2. John's father was Zechariah.

- a. *His name means* Remembered of Jehovah
- b. He was from the country, a mountainous
- c. He was of "the priestly division of Abijah division of the priests. Remember that all t Aaron were priests. There were over twen and only one temple, so they had to b (1 Chr. 24:1-6). Zechariah served in the e (1 Chr. 24:10). There were twentyfour g served in the temple for one week, twice a

MATHEW 02: 02-03 HEROD T

Herod the Great was a bloody tyrant. Secular hi murdered many of his own family members in wife (he had ten), her grandfather, her brother, children. On one occasion, he had the whole body of Jewish government, assassinated. On had murdered every notable man in Jerusalem. I of the crime reported here. Christ was born duri Herod's reign, and his reign as king had been a l AD). This fact shows just how much of a blood was. He would not even be around when a chi the throne, yet he felt threatened by the reports was a man possessed by evil. He was suspicious, Herod had all the children killed, not only in B its vicinity" (v. 16). □

1 Glance at the **Subject Heading**. Think about it for a moment.

2 Glance at the **Subject Heading** again, and then the **Major Points** (1,2,3, etc.). Do this several times, reviewing them together while quickly grasping the overall subject.

3 Glance at **both** the **Major Points** and **Subpoints** together while reading the **Scripture**. Do this slower than Step 2. Note how these points sit directly beside the related verse and simply restate what the Scripture is saying - in Outline form.

4 Next read the **Commentary**. Note that the Major Point Numbers in the Outline match those in the Commentary. In certain cases reference to a **Deeper Study** (example, see *Herod the Great*, Mt. 2:2-3), is made at the end of a Subject Heading.

Finally, read the **Thoughts** and **Support Scripture** (not shown).

As you read and re-read, pray that the Holy Spirit will bring to your attention exactly what you should preach and teach. May God bless you richly as you study and teach His Word.

The website www.voiceofgod.online contains everything you need for sermon preparation:

1. **The Subject Heading** describes the overall theme of the passage.
2. **Major Points** are keyed with an outline number guiding you to related commentary. Note that the Commentary includes "Thoughts" (life application) and abundant Supporting Scripture.
3. **Subpoints** explain and clarify the Scripture as needed.
4. **Commentary** is fully researched and developed for every point.

Thoughts (in bold) help apply the Scripture to real life.

Deeper studies provide in-depth discussions of key words or phrases.