

# John's Birth and Naming: An Event for All Generations

## Luke 01:57-66, 80

<p><b>1 <i>The child's birth</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sealed God's power</li> <li>b. Sealed God's mercy</li> <li>c. Caused all to rejoice</li> </ul> <p><b>2 <i>The child's name sealed a prophetic witness</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The child was circumcised: Given up to God</li> <li>b. The name was disputed</li> <li>c. The father confirmed the name John</li> </ul> <p><b>3 <i>The child's birth caused several important results</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The father was miraculously healed and praised God</li> <li>b. The people were awe-stricken</li> <li>c. The events were spread abroad</li> <li>d. The sense of destiny surrounded the child</li> </ul>	<p>57 When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son.</p> <p>58 Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.</p> <p>59 On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah.</p> <p>60 But his mother spoke up and said, "No! He is to be called John."</p> <p>61 They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who has that name."</p> <p>62 Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child.</p> <p>63 He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John."</p> <p>64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak, praising God.</p> <p>65 The neighbours were all filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things.</p> <p>66 Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, "What then is this child going to be?" For the Lord's hand was with him.</p>
<p><b>4 <i>Conclusion: John's childhood fulfils the prophecy</i></b></p>	<p>80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel.</p>