

Introduction: We will start today by answering the question, from what tribe was Mary? Was she from Judah or Levi? Let's read Luke 1:26-38. Vs. 36 says that Elizabeth is her relative. According to v. 5 Elizabeth and Zacharias are from the tribe of Levi, so for Mary to be a relative she would have had to have been a Levite. Relative here is Greek word *suggenes*; a relative [by blood] by extension a fellow country man; kin, cousin. There are two genealogies listed Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:22-38; Hebrews 7:14 "For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood." Joseph's hometown was Bethlehem. Elizabeth's was probably Hebron a town given to the priests and Levites in the tribe of Judah. What they were doing living in Nazareth we do not know.

### THE PROPHETIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHRIST'S BIRTH, vs. 25-38

1. Gabriel – messenger angel who speaks the mind of God to others, prophetic, v. 25
2. Betrothed, v. 27 – an example in Judges 14:1-2,5,7-8 the story of Samson's betrothal.
3. The greeting from the angel of God, v. 28-30
  - a. Rejoice highly favored one
  - b. The Lord is with you
  - c. Blessed are you among women
  - d. Do not be afraid, v. 30
  - e. "You have found favor with God." V. 30
4. The will of God, vs. 31-35.
  - a. You will conceive and deliver a Son, called Jesus
  - b. He will be great, v. 32
  - c. He will be called the Son of the Highest
  - d. He will be given the throne of His father David, v.32
  - e. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, v.33
  - f. His kingdom will never end, v.33
  - g. The Holy Spirit will come upon you, 35
  - h. The power of the Highest will overshadow you
  - i. The Holy One will be called the Son of God, v.35
5. Word of encouragement – Elizabeth your relative is in the sixth month with child, v.36
  - a. V.37 "For with God nothing will be impossible"
  - b. Genesis 18:14 "Is anything too hard for the Lord."

### THE GREETING AND THE TWO SONGS, vs. 39-56

1. Greetings that causes one to rejoice.
  - a. The baby leaped in her womb, v. 41
  - b. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, v.41
2. Elizabeth prophesied loudly, vs. 42-45
  - a. Blessed are you among women
  - b. Blessed is the fruit of your womb
  - c. The mother of my Lord should come to me, v. 43

- d. Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord, v.45
- 3. Mary's prophecy following Elizabeth's, vs. 46-55
  - a. My soul magnifies the Lord and rejoices, v. 46-47
  - b. The Lord has done great things for me, v. 49
  - c. God's name is mercy, His nature is love, v.50
  - d. He has filled the hungry with good things, v.53

### **THE INSTRUCTION AND CONFIRMATION TO JOSEPH, Matthew 1:18-27**

- 1. Joseph a just man, v. 19
- 2. Joseph, son of David, v. 20
- 3. Joseph you will name Him Jesus, v. 21
- 4. Joseph woke up and took Mary home to acknowledge her as his wife, v. 24

Last words: words create. Let this season be a life- giving season. Let our words acknowledge Him as our Savior and Lord.