

“The Promise Of God”

The Harbinger Of Our Hope — John!

I. Luke’s preface and the introduction of John and Jesus (1.1—2.52)

A. Preface: Luke carefully builds on precedent (1.1-4)

B. Infancy narrative: forerunner and fulfillment (1.5–2.40)

1. Announcement to Zechariah (1.5–25)
2. Announcement to Mary (1.26–38)
3. Meeting of Mary and Elizabeth (1.39–45)
4. Mary’s praise: the Magnificat (1.46–56)
5. Birth of John (1.57–66)

6. Zechariah’s praise: the Benedictus (1.67–80)

Benedictus comes from the first Latin word in Zechariah’s praise, *Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel* — “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel”

“visit” — When God “visits,” it is divine intervention! Nothing is ever the same following God’s “visit”! When God “visits,” destiny is determined! “Visit” is important in LukeActs, Luke 1.68; 1.78; 7.16; 19.44; Acts 15.14.