

Greetings, today our manna is from 1Chron. 7 & 8; Amos 5; Hebrews 11; Luke 1:1-38

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1Chron. 7

1Chronicles 7 records the descendants of Issachar, Benjamin, Naphtali, Manasseh, Ephraim, and Asher.

Descendants of Issachar

1Ch 7:1 And the sons of Yissasḡar: Tola, and Pu'ah, Yashuḡ, and Shimron, four.

1Ch 7:2 And the sons of Tola: Uzzi, and Reḡphayah, and Yeri'ēl, and Yaḡmai, and Yiḡsam, and Shemu'ēl, heads of their father's house. Of Tola there were great men of might in their generations; their number in the days of Dawiḡ was twenty-two thousand six hundred.

1Ch 7:3 And the son of Uzzi: Yizraḡyah, and the sons of Yizraḡyah: Miḡa'ēl, and Oḡḡayah, and Yo'ēl, Yishshiyah. All five of them were heads.

1Ch 7:4 And with them, by their generations, according to their fathers' houses, were thirty-six thousand, bands of the army for battle, for they had many wives and sons.

1Ch 7:5 And their brothers among all the clans of Yissasḡar were mighty brave men, listed by their genealogies, eighty-seven thousand in all.

Descendants of Benjamin

1Ch 7:6 Of Binyamin: Bela, and Beḡer, and Yeḡiya'ēl, three.

1Ch 7:7 And the sons of Bela: Etsbon, and Uzzi, and Uzzi'ēl, and Yerimoth, and Iri, five – heads of their fathers' houses, and they were listed by their genealogies, twenty-two thousand and thirty-four mighty brave men.

1Ch 7:8 And the sons of Beḡer: Zemirah, and Yo'ash, and Eli'ezer, and Elyo'ēynai, and Omri, and Yerimoth, and Aḡiyah, and Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these were the sons of Beḡer,

1Ch 7:9 with their genealogy according to their generations, heads of their fathers' houses, twenty thousand two hundred mighty brave men.

1Ch 7:10 And the son of Yeḡiya'ēl: Bilhan, and the sons of Bilhan: Ye'ush, and Binyamin, and Ĕhuḡ, and Kena'anah, and Zēthan, and Tarshish, and Aḡishaḡar.

1Ch 7:11 All these sons of Yeḡiya'ēl were heads of their fathers' houses, seventeen thousand two hundred mighty brave men going out to the army for battle.

1Ch 7:12 And Shuppim and Ḥuppim were the sons of Ir, and Ḥushim was the son of Aḡēr.

Descendants of Naphtali

1Ch 7:13 The sons of Naphtali: Yaḡtsi'ēl, and Guni, and Yētser, and Shallum, sons of

Bilhah.

Descendants of Manasseh

1Ch 7:14 The sons of Menashsheh: his Aramean concubine bore him Maḳir the father of Gil'ad, the father of Asri'ël.

1Ch 7:15 And Maḳir took wives for Ḥuppim and Shuppim; and the name of one was Ma'aḳah, and the name of the second was Tselophḥad. And Tselophḥad had daughters.

1Ch 7:16 But Ma'aḳah the wife of Maḳir bore a son, and she called his name Peresh. And the name of his brother was Sheresh, and his sons were Ulam and Raqem.

1Ch 7:17 And the son of Ulam: Beḡan. These were the sons of Gil'ad, son of Maḳir, son of Menashsheh.

1Ch 7:18 And his sister Hammoleḳeth bore Ishhod, and Abi'ezer, and Maḥlah.

1Ch 7:19 And the sons of Shemiḡa: Aḥyan, and Sheḳem, and Liḳhi, and Aniyam.

Descendants of Ephraim

1Ch 7:20 And the sons of Ephrayim: Shuthelaḥ, and Bereḡ his son, and Taḥath his son, and Elaḡah his son, and Taḥath his son,

1Ch 7:21 and Zaḡad his son, and Shuthelaḥ his son, and Ezer and El'ad. But the men of Gath who were born in that land killed them because they came down to take their livestock.

1Ch 7:22 And Ephrayim their father mourned many days, and his brothers came to comfort him.

1Ch 7:23 And when he went in to his wife, she conceived and bore a son. And he called his name Beri'ah, because evil had come upon his house.

1Ch 7:24 And his daughter was She'erah, who built Lower and Upper Bëyth Ḥoron and Uzen She'erah.

1Ch 7:25 And Rephaḥ was his son, as well as Resheph, and Telaḥ his son, and Taḥan his son,

1Ch 7:26 La'dan his son, Ammihuḡ his son, Elishama his son,

1Ch 7:27 Nun his son, Yehoshua his son.

1Ch 7:28 And their possessions and dwelling places were Bëyth Ēl and its towns: to the east Na'aran, and to the west Gezer and its towns, and Sheḳem and its towns, as far as Ayyah and its towns.

1Ch 7:29 And by the borders of the children of Menashsheh were Bëyth She'an and its towns, Ta'anaḳ and its towns, Meḡiddo and its towns, Dor and its towns. In these dwelt the children of Yosëph, son of Yisra'ël.

Descendants of Asher

1Ch 7:30 The sons of Ashër: Yimnah, and Yishwah, and Yishwi, and Beri'ah, and their sister Seraḥ.

1Ch 7:31 And the sons of Beri'ah: Ḥeḡer and Malki'ël, who was the father of Birzoth.

1Ch 7:32 And Ḥeḡer brought forth Yaphlëṯ, and Shomër, and Ḥotham, and their sister

Shuwa.

1Ch 7:33 And the sons of Yaphlēt: Pasaḳ, and Bimhal, and Ashwath. These were the children of Yaphlēt.

1Ch 7:34 And the sons of Shemer: Aḥi, and Rohagah, Yeḥubbah, and Aram.

1Ch 7:35 And the sons of his brother Ḥēlem: Tsophaḥ, and Yimna, and Shelesh, and Amal.

1Ch 7:36 The sons of Tsophaḥ: Suwah, and Ḥarnepher, and Shu'al, and Bēri, and Yimrah,

1Ch 7:37 Betser, and Hoḡ, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Yithran, and Be'ēra.

1Ch 7:38 And the sons of Yether: Yephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara.

1Ch 7:39 And the sons of Ulla: Araḥ, and Ḥanni'ēl, and Ritsya.

1Ch 7:40 All these were the children of Ashēr, heads of their fathers' houses, chosen ones, mighty brave men, chief leaders. And when they registered by genealogy for the army, for battle, their number was twenty-six thousand.

1Chronicles 8

A Genealogy of Saul

1Ch 8:1 And Binyamin brought forth Bela his first-born, Ashbēl the second, Aḥraḥ the third,

1Ch 8:2 Noḥah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

1Ch 8:3 And the sons of Bela: Addar, and Gēra, and Aḇihud,

1Ch 8:4 and Aḇishua, and Na'aman, and Aḥowaḥ,

1Ch 8:5 and Gēra, and Shephuphan, and Ḥuram.

1Ch 8:6 And these are the sons of Ēḥud. They were the heads of the fathers' houses of the inhabitants of Geḇa, and they were exiled to Manaḥath.

1Ch 8:7 And Na'aman, and Aḥiyah, and Gēra – he exiled them. And Ēḥud brought forth Uzza and Aḥihud.

1Ch 8:8 And Shaḥarayim brought forth children in the field of Mo'ab, after he had sent away Ḥushim and Ba'ara his wives.

1Ch 8:9 And by Ḥoḡesh his wife he brought forth Yoḇab, and Tsibya, and Mēysha, and Malkam,

1Ch 8:10 and Ye'uts, and Shobyah, and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of their fathers' houses.

1Ch 8:11 And by Ḥushim he brought forth Aḇituḇ and Elpa'al.

1Ch 8:12 And the sons of Elpa'al: Ēber, and Mish'am, and Shemer, who built Ono and Loḡ with its towns;

1Ch 8:13 and Beri'ah and Shema, who were heads of their fathers' houses of the inhabitants of Ayalon, who drove out the inhabitants of Gath.

1Ch 8:14 and Aḥyo, Shashaq, and Yerēmoth,

- 1Ch 8:15 and Zebadyah, and Arad, and Eder,
1Ch 8:16 and Mika'el, and Yispah, and Yoḥa were the sons of Beri'ah.
1Ch 8:17 And Zebadyah, and Meshullam, and Hizqi, and Heber,
1Ch 8:18 and Yishmerai, and Yizli'ah, and Yoḇab were the sons of Elpa'al.
1Ch 8:19 And Yaqim, and Zikri, and Zabdi,
1Ch 8:20 and Eli'eynai, and Tsillethai, and Eli'el,
1Ch 8:21 and Adayah, and Berayah, and Shimrath were the sons of Shim'i.
1Ch 8:22 And Yishpan, and Eber, and Eli'el,
1Ch 8:23 and Abdon, and Zikri, and Hanan,
1Ch 8:24 and Hananyah, and Eylam, and Antothiyah,
1Ch 8:25 and Yiphdeyah, and Penu'el were the sons of Shashaq.
1Ch 8:26 And Shamsherai, and Sheharyah, and Athalyah,
1Ch 8:27 and Ya'areshyah, and Elyah, and Zikri were the sons of Yeroḥam.
1Ch 8:28 **These were heads of the fathers' houses by their generations, heads. These dwelt in Yerushalayim.**
1Ch 8:29 And the father of Gib'on, whose wife's name was Ma'akah, dwelt at Gib'on.
1Ch 8:30 And his first-born son was Abdon, then Tsur, and Qish, and Ba'al, and Nadab,
1Ch 8:31 and Gedor, and Ahyo, and Zeḳer,
1Ch 8:32 and Miqloth, who brought forth Shim'ah. And they also dwelt alongside their relatives in Yerushalayim, with their brothers.
1Ch 8:33 **And Ner brought forth Qish, and Qish brought forth Sha'ul, and Sha'ul brought forth Yehonathan, and Malkishua, and Abinadab, and Esh-Ba'al.**
1Ch 8:34 And the son of Yehonathan was Merib-Ba'al, and Merib-Ba'al brought forth Miḳah.
1Ch 8:35 And the sons of Miḳah: Pithon, and Meleḳ, and Ta'arëa, and Aḥaz.
1Ch 8:36 And Aḥaz brought forth Yeho'addah, and Yeho'addah brought forth Alemeth, and Azmaweth, and Zimri. And Zimri brought forth Motsa.
1Ch 8:37 And Motsa brought forth Bin'a, Raphah his son, El'asah his son, Atsël his son.
1Ch 8:38 And Atsël had six sons whose names were these: Azriqam, Boḳeru, and Yishma'el, and She'aryah, and Oḇadyah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of Atsël.
1Ch 8:39 And the sons of Ešheq his brother: Ulam his first-born, Ye'ush the second, and Eliphelet the third.
1Ch 8:40 And the sons of Ulam were mighty brave men, archers, and had many sons and grandsons, **one hundred and fifty**. These were all sons of Binyamin.

Amos 5 A clear message is given to Israel from YHWH:

Seek YHWH and Live

Amo 5:1 Hear this word which I take up against you, this lamentation, O house of Yisra'ël:

Amo 5:2 The maiden of Yisra'ël has fallen, not to rise again. She lies forsaken on her land, with no one to lift her up.

Amo 5:3 For thus said the Master יהוה,

- ✚ “The city that goes out by a thousand has a hundred left, and that which goes out by a hundred has ten left to the house of Yisra'ël.”

This verse describes remnants of 1/10 in both scenarios.

Amo 5:4 For thus said יהוה to the house of Yisra'ël,

- ✚ “Seek Me and live,
- ✚ Amo 5:5 but do not seek Běyth Ĕl, nor enter Gilgal, nor pass over to Be'ěrsheḃa. For Gilgal shall certainly go into exile, and Běyth Ĕl become a non-entity.
- ✚ Amo 5:6 “Seek יהוה and live, lest He break out like fire upon the house of Yosěph, and shall consume it, with no one to quench it in Běyth Ĕl.
- ✚ Amo 5:7 “O you who are turning right-ruling to wormwood, and have cast down righteousness to the earth!”
- ✚ Amo 5:8 He who made Kimah [Pleiades, a constellation of seven stars] and Kesil [Orion], and who turns the shadow of death into morning and darkened day into night, who is calling for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the face of the earth – יהוה is His Name –
- ✚ Amo 5:9 who is flashing forth destruction upon the strong, so that destruction comes upon the stronghold.
- ✚ Amo 5:10 They hated the one who reproves in the gate, and they despise the one who speaks the truth.^a Footnote: ^a [Isa 59:15](#), [2Ti 4:4](#).

Amo 5:11 Therefore,

- ✚ because you trample on the poor and take grain taxes from him – you have built houses of hewn stone but you are not going to dwell in them, you have planted pleasant vineyards but not drink wine from them.
- ✚ Amo 5:12 For I know your transgressions are many and your sins are great, afflicting the righteous and accepting bribes, and turning aside the poor at the gate.

Amo 5:13 Therefore the wise keep silent at that time, for it is an evil time.

Amo 5:14 Seek good and not evil, so that you live. And let יהוה Elohim of hosts be with you, as you have spoken.

Amo 5:15 Hate evil and love good, and set up right-ruling in the gate. It might be that

יהוה Elohim of hosts shows favor to the remnant of Yosēph.

Amo 5:16 Therefore יהוה Elohim of hosts, יהוה, said this,

- ✚ “There is wailing in all open squares, and in all the streets they say, ‘Alas! Alas!’ and shall call the farmer to mourning, and skilled lamenters to wailing.
- ✚ **Amo 5:17** “And in all vineyards there is wailing, for I pass through your midst,” said יהוה.

Let Justice Roll Down

Amo 5:18 **Woe to you who are longing for the day of יהוה!**

- ✚ What does the day of יהוה mean to you? It is darkness, and not light,
- ✚ **Amo 5:19** as when a man flees from a lion, and a bear shall meet him; or entered his house, rested his hand on the wall, and a serpent shall bite him.
- ✚ **Amo 5:20** Is not the day of יהוה darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?
- ✚ **Amo 5:21** “I have hated, I have despised your festivals, and I am not pleased with your assemblies.”
- ✚ **Amo 5:22** “Though you offer Me ascending offerings and your grain offerings, I do not accept them, nor do I look on your fattened peace offerings.
- ✚ **Amo 5:23** “Take away from Me the noise of your songs, for I do not hear the sound of your stringed instruments.
- ✚ **Amo 5:24** “And let right-ruling roll on like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream.

Amo 5:25 “You brought Me slaughterings and meal offerings in the wilderness for forty years, O house of Yisra’ēl,

Amo 5:26 but you took up Sikkuth your sovereign and Kiyyun, your idols, your astral mighty ones,^b which you made for yourselves! **Footnote: ^b Act 7:43.**

Amo 5:27 “Therefore I shall send you into exile beyond Dammeseq,” said יהוה Elohim of hosts – His Name.

BDB Definition:

Molech = “king”

- 1) the god of the Ammonites and Phoenicians to whom some Israelites sacrificed their infants in the valley of Hinnom

BDB Definition:

1) Chiun = “an image” or “pillar” 1) probably a statue of the Assyrian-Babylonian god of the planet Saturn and used to symbolise Israelite apostasy

Hebrews 11 Hall of Faith –

Eph 2:15 Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, 9 even the law of carnal commandments (Book of the Law) to make in Himself from the two one new man, so making shalom.

By Belief or By Faith!

Heb 11:1 And belief is the substance of what is expected, the proof of what is not seen.

Heb 3:14 For **we have become partakers of Messiah** if we hold fast the beginning of our trust firm to the end,

Heb 11:2 For by this the elders obtained witness.

Heb 11:3 By belief, we understand that the ages were prepared by the word of Elohim, so that what is seen was not made of what is visible.

Act 17:24 “יהוה, who made the world and all that is in it, this One being Master of heaven and earth, does not dwell in dwellings made with hands.^a Footnote: ^aSee [Act 7:48](#).

Heb 11:4 By belief, Hebel offered to Elohim a greater slaughter *offering* than Qayin, through which he **obtained witness that he was righteous**, Elohim witnessing of his gifts. And through it, having died, he still speaks.

1Jn 3:11 Because this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,

1Jn 3:12 not as Qayin who was of the wicked one and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because his works were wicked but those of his brother were righteous.

Mat 23:33 “Serpents, brood of adders! How would you escape the judgment of GëHinnom?

Mat 23:34 “Because of this, see, I send you prophets, and wise men, and scholars *of Scripture*.^f Some of them you shall kill and impale, and some of them you shall flog in your congregations and persecute from city to city, Footnote: ^fSee [Mat 13:52](#).

Mat 23:35 so that **on you should come all the righteous blood shed on the earth**, from the blood of righteous Hebel to the blood of Zeqaryah, son of Berekyah, whom you murdered between the Dwelling Place and the slaughter-place.

Heb 11:5 By belief, Hanok was translated so as not to see death, **“and was not found because Elohim had translated him.”** [Gen 5:24](#) For before his translation he obtained witness, that he pleased Elohim.

Jud 1:14 And Hanok, the seventh from Adam, also prophesied of these, saying, **“See, יהוה comes with His myriads of set-apart ones,**

Heb 11:6 But without belief it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to Elohim has to believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who earnestly seek Him.

Heb 11:7 By belief, Noah, having been warned of what was yet unseen, having feared, prepared an ark to save his house, through which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to belief.

Mat 24:37 “And as the days of Noah, so also shall the coming of the Son of Adam be.

Mat 24:38 “For as they were in the days before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that **Noah entered into the ark**, [Gen 7:7](#).

Mat 24:39 and they did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also shall the coming of the Son of Adam be.

2Pe 2:5 and did not spare the world of old, but preserved Noah, a proclaimer of righteousness, and seven others, bringing in the flood on the world of the wicked,

Mat 24:15 “So when you see the **'abomination that lays waste**,^b [Dan 11:31](#) spoken of by Dani'el the prophet, set up in the set-apart place” – he who reads, let him understand

Mat 3:7 And seeing many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his immersion, he said to them, “Brood of adders! Who has warned you to flee from the coming wrath?”

Mat 24:25 “See, I have forewarned you.

Mat 12:41 “Men of Nineweh shall stand up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Yonah, and look, a greater than Yonah is here.

Mat 12:42 “The sovereignty of the South shall rise up in the judgment with this generation and shall condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Shelomoh, and look, a greater than Shelomoh is here.

Eze 14:13 “Son of man, when a land sins against Me to commit a trespass, and I shall stretch out My hand against it, and cut off its supply of bread and send scarcity of food on it, and cut off man and beast from it,

Eze 14:14 even though these three men, Noah, Dani'el, and Iyob, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,” declares the Master יהוה.

Eze 14:15 “If I cause an evil beast to pass through the land, and it shall bereave it, and it shall be a wasteland, so that no man passes through because of the beasts,

Eze 14:16 even though these three men were in it, as I live,” declares the Master יהוה, “they would deliver neither sons nor daughters. They alone would be delivered, but the land be a wasteland.

1Pe 3:20 who were disobedient at one time when the patience of Elohim waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight beings, were saved through water,

Gen 7:1 And יהוה said to Noah, “Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.

Rom 1:17 For in it the righteousness of Elohim is revealed from belief to belief, as it has been written, **“But the righteous shall live by belief.”** [Hab 2:4](#).

Rom 4:13 For the promise that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Aḅraham or to his seed through the Torah, but through a righteousness of belief.

Php 3:9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through belief in Messiah, the righteousness which is from Elohim on the basis of belief,

2Pe 1:1 Shim'on Kěpha, a servant and emissary of יהושע Messiah, to those who have obtained a belief as precious as ours by the righteousness of our Elohim and Saviour יהושע Messiah:

Heb 11:8 By belief, Aḅraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he was about to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Deu 9:5 “It is not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you go in to possess their land, but because of the wrong of these nations that יהוה your Elohim drives them out from before you, in order to establish the word which יהוה swore to your fathers, to Aḅraham, to Yitṣḥaq, and to Ya'aqob.

Neh 9:7 “You are יהוה, the Elohim who chose Aḅram, and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gave him the name of Aḅraham,

Neh 9:8 and found his heart trustworthy before You, and made a covenant with him to give the land of the Kena'anites, the Ḥittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Yebuṣites, and the Girgashites – to give it to his seed. And You have established Your words, for You are righteous,

Heb 11:9 By belief, he sojourned in the land of promise as a stranger, dwelling in tents with Yitṣḥaq and Ya'aqob, the heirs with him of the same promise,

Joh 14:2 “In My Father's house are many staying places. And if not, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Heb 11:11 By belief also, Sarah herself was enabled to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the normal age, because she deemed Him trustworthy who had promised.

Heb 11:12 And so from one, and him as good as dead, were born **as numerous as the stars of the heaven, as countless as the sand which is by the seashore.** [Gen 15:5](#), [Gen 22:17](#).

Rev 21:2 And I, Yoḥanan, saw the set-apart city, renewed Yerushalayim, coming down out of the heaven from Elohim, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Heb 11:12 And so from one, and him as good as dead, were born **as numerous as the stars of the heaven, as countless as the sand which is by the seashore.** [Gen 15:5](#),

Gen 22:17.

Gen 15:5 And He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward the heavens, and count the stars if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So are your seed."

Heb 11:13 In belief all these died, not having received the **promises,^a** but seeing them from a distance, welcomed and embraced them, and confessed that they were aliens and strangers on the earth. Footnote: ^aSee Heb 11:39.

Joh 8:56 "Your father Abraham was glad that he should see My day, and he saw it and did rejoice."

Heb 11:14 For those who speak this way make it clear that they seek a fatherland.

Heb 11:15 And yet, if they had indeed kept remembering that *place* from which they had come out, they would have had the chance to return.

Heb 11:16 But now they long for a better *place*, that is, a heavenly. Therefore Elohim is not ashamed to be called their Elohim, for He has prepared a city for them.

Luk 12:32 "Do not fear, little flock, because your Father did delight to give you the reign.

Heb 11:17 By belief, Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Yitshaq, and he who had received the promises offered up his only brought-forth son,

Rev 3:10 "Because you have guarded My Word of endurance, I also shall guard you from the hour of trial which shall come upon all the world, to try those who dwell on the earth.

Joh 3:16 "For Elohim so loved the world that He gave His only brought-forth Son, so that everyone who believes in Him should not perish but possess everlasting life.

Heb 11:18 of whom it was said, "**In Yitshaq your seed shall be called,**" Gen 21:12. [This is a key Scripture. It was Isaac that was conceived in Sarah through the flayed flesh of Abraham's covenant circumcision. Abraham was 99 and Ishmael was 13. The covenant seed passed through the flayed skin and Isaac was conceived.]

Rom 9:7 neither are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham, but, "**In Yitshaq your seed shall be called.**" Gen 21:12.

Gen 21:12 But Elohim said to Abraham, "Let it not be evil in your eyes because of the boy and because of your female servant. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice, for in Yitshaq your seed is called.

Heb 11:19 reckoning that Elohim was able to raise, even from the dead, from which he

received him back, as a type.

Rom 4:17 as it has been written, **“I have made you a father of many nations”** [Gen 17:5](#) – in the presence of Him whom he believed, even Elohim, who gives life to the dead and calls that which does not exist as existing,

Rom 4:18 who against *all* expectation did believe, in expectation, so that he should become father of many nations, according to what was said, **“So shall your seed be.”** [Gen 15:5](#).

Rom 4:19 And not having grown weak in belief, he did not consider his own body, already dead, being **about a hundred years old**, and the deadness of Sarah’s womb,

Rom 4:20 he did not hesitate about the promise of Elohim through unbelief, but was strengthened in belief, giving esteem to Elohim,

Rom 4:21 and being completely persuaded that what He had promised He was also able to do.

Heb 11:20 By belief, Yitshaq blessed Ya’aqob and Ĕsaw concerning that which was to come.

Heb 11:21 By belief, Ya’aqob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Yosēph, and did reverence on the top of his staff.

Heb 11:22 By belief, Yosēph, when he was dying, made mention of the outgoing of the children of Yisra’ēl, and gave orders concerning his bones.

Heb 11:23 By belief, Mosheh, having been born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a **comely child**,^b and were not afraid of the sovereign’s command. **Footnote: ^b [Exo 2:2](#).**

[Act 7:20](#) “At that time Mosheh was born, and he was well-pleasing to Elohim. And he was reared three months in the house of his father.

Heb 11:24 By belief, Mosheh, having become great, refused to be called the son of the daughter of Pharaoh,

Heb 11:25 choosing rather to be afflicted with the people of Elohim than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a time,

[Psa 84:10](#) For a day in Your courts Is better than a thousand *days*. I have chosen rather to be a doorkeeper In the House of my Elohim, Than to dwell in the tents of the wrong.

[Act 20:23](#) except that the Set-apart Spirit witnesses in every city, saying that chains and pressures await me.

[Act 20:24](#) “But I do not count my life of any value to me, so that I might accomplish my mission with joy, and the service which I received from the Master יהושע, to bear witness to the Good News of the favour of Elohim.

Heb 11:26 deeming the reproach of Messiah greater riches than the treasures in Mitsrayim, for he was looking to the reward.

1Pe 4:14 If you are reproached for the Name of Messiah, *you are blessed, because the Spirit of esteem and of Elohim rests upon you.* On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is praised.

Heb 11:27 By belief, he left Mitsrayim, not fearing the wrath of the sovereign, for he was steadfast, as seeing Him who is invisible.

Heb 11:28 By belief, he performed the Pěsaḥ and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the first-born should touch them.

Heb 11:29 By belief, they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, and when the Mitsrites tried it, they were drowned.

Heb 11:30 By belief, the walls of Yeriḥo fell, having been surrounded for seven days.

Heb 11:31 By belief, Raḥaḇ the whore did not perish with those who did not believe, having received the spies with peace.

Heb 11:32 And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to relate of Gid'on and Baraq and Shimshon and Yiphtaḥ, also of Dawiḍ and Shemu'ēl and the prophets,

Heb 11:33 who through belief, overcame reigns, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Heb 11:34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became mighty in battle, put foreign armies to flight.

Heb 11:35 Women received *back* their dead by resurrection. And others were tortured, not accepting release, to obtain a better resurrection.

Heb 11:36 And others had trial of mockings and floggings and more, of chains and imprisonment.

Heb 11:37 They were stoned, they were tried, they were sawn in two, they were slain with the sword. They went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being in need, afflicted, mistreated,

Heb 11:38 of whom the world was not worthy – wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes of the earth.

Jdg 14:5 Then Shimshon went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnah, and saw a young lion roaring as it met him.

Jdg 14:6 And the Spirit of יהוה came mightily upon him, and he tore it apart as the tearing apart of a young goat, with naught in his hand. But he did not make known to his father or his mother what he had done.

2Ti 4:17 But the Master stood with me and did strengthen me, so that through me the preaching might be completely accomplished, and that all the nations should hear. And I was **rescued out of the lion's mouth.** [Psa 22:21.](#)

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, watch, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1Pe 5:9 Resist him, firm in the belief, knowing that the same hardships are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Heb 11:39 And having obtained witness through the belief, all these did not receive the promise,^c Footnote: ^cSee [Heb 11:13](#).

Heb 11:40 Elohim having provided what is better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Luk 10:23 And turning to His taught ones He said, separately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see,

Luk 10:24 for I say to you that many prophets and sovereigns have wished to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it.”

Heb 12:22 But you have drawn near to Mount Tsiyon and to the city of the living Elohim, to the heavenly Yerushalayim, to myriads of messengers,

Heb 12:23 to the entire gathering and assembly of the first-born having been enrolled in heaven, and to Elohim the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect,

Luke 1:1-38

The author, Luke, was an evangelist and a physician possibly native to Antioch. He was a faithful travel companion with Paul and is also believed to have written the Book of Acts. Some say the Book of Acts could have easily been titled ‘2 Luke’. Though not an eyewitness, he was well acquainted and within the circle of the apostles. He was fluent in the Greek language and very knowledgeable of Jewish customs; his name was of Greek origin; some believe he was a gentile and possibly was a Jewish proselyte that later converted to belief in Yahusha. Be that as it may, in Yahusha HaMashiach’s kingdom, there is neither Greek nor Jew; male nor female; bond nor free. The Book of Luke was believed to have been written in 62 or 63 C.E.

Both the Book of Luke and the Book of Acts are addressed to Theophilus. The Book of Luke being the first account. There are varying opinions of who Theophilus was. **“Most excellent” Theophilus** mentioned in **Luke 1:3** is a title generally used of a Roman official – like a Roman governor. So, it is felt that Luke may have been writing to provide an accurate account of the gospel message and about Paul; since we know later Paul appeals to Caesar in Rome. Since the name, Theophilus, means ‘friend of Elohim’, the letter can also be viewed as being written to all that love YHWH. I lean more toward the letters being written to Theophilus, a Roman official, but also acknowledge that his letters speak to all that love YHWH.

Dedication to Theophilus

Luk 1:1 Since many have indeed taken in hand to set in order an account of the matters completely confirmed among us,

Luk 1:2 as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word

delivered them to us,

Luk 1:3 it seemed good to me as well, having followed up all these matters exactly from the beginning, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilos,

Luk 1:4 that you might know the certainty of the words which you were taught.

Luke wastes no time diving into an accurate account **in chapter one** of amazing facts concerning:

1. **The birth of John the Baptist foretold**
2. **The birth of Yahusha foretold**
3. Miryam's (Mary's) visit to Elizabeth
4. Mary's song of praise
5. The birth of John the Baptist
6. Zechariah's prophecy

The first two are in our devotional today. The foretelling of the birth of John the Immerser and Yahusha.

It is noted that both Zechariah and Elizabeth were of Aaronic lineage and both were righteous (Tzadik).

Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

Luk 1:5 There was in the days of Herodes, the sovereign of Yehudah, **a certain priest named Zeḳaryah, of the division of Aḇiyah. And his wife was of the daughters of Aharon, and her name was Elisheḇa.**

Luk 1:6 And they were both righteous before Elohim, blamelessly walking in all the commands and righteousnesses of יהוה'.

Luk 1:7 And they had no child, because Elisheḇa was barren, and both were advanced in years.

Luk 1:8 And it came to be, that while he was serving as priest before Elohim in the order of his division,

Luk 1:9 according to the institute of the priesthood, **he was chosen by lot to burn incense when he went into the Dwelling Place of יהוה'.**

Luk 1:10 And the entire crowd of people was praying outside at the hour of incense.

Luk 1:11 And a messenger of יהוה' appeared to him, standing on the right side of the slaughter-place of incense.

Luk 1:12 And when Zeḳaryah saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

Luk 1:13 But the messenger said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zeḳaryah, for your prayer is heard. And your wife Elisheḇa shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Yoḥanan.

Luk 1:14 "And you shall have joy and gladness, and many shall rejoice at his birth.

Luk 1:15 "For he shall be great before יהוה', and shall drink no wine and strong drink at

all. And he shall be filled with the Set-apart Spirit, even from his mother's womb.

Luk 1:16 “And he shall turn many of the children of Yisra'el to יהוה their Elohim.

While in the Dwelling Place of YHWH, Gabriel brings him a message that he and Elizabeth, whom had been barren, would conceive a child and they were to name him John. The child was not to drink wine nor strong drink and **would be filled with the Spirit from birth**. He would walk in the spirit and the **power of Elijah** (thus fulfilling prophecy). Since, Zechariah doubted how this could be, he was made unable to speak until the child would be born. After the delay in coming out of the Dwelling Place and being unable to speak; everyone knew he had seen a vision. Thus, as prophesied, Elizabeth conceived as stated by Gabriel.

Luk 1:17 “And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Ēliyahu, **‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’** [Mal 4:6](#) and the disobedient to the insight of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for יהוה.”

Luk 1:18 And Zeḱaryah said to the messenger, “By what shall I know this? For I am old, and my wife advanced in years.”

Luk 1:19 And the messenger answering, said to him, “I am Gaḅri'el, who stands in the presence of Elohim, and was sent to speak to you and announce to you this good news.

Luk 1:20 “But see, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day this takes place, because you did not believe my words which shall be filled in their appointed time.”

Luk 1:21 And the people waited for Zeḱaryah, and marvelled at his delay in the Dwelling Place.

Luk 1:22 And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them. And they recognised that he had seen a vision in the Dwelling Place, for he was beckoning to them and remained dumb.

Luk 1:23 And it came to be, as soon as the days of his service were completed, he went away to his house.

Luk 1:24 And after those days his wife Elisheḅa conceived. And she hid herself **five months**, saying,

Luk 1:25 “יהוה has done this for me, in the days when He looked upon me, to take away my reproach among men.”

Gabriel visits Mary, a virgin, engaged to Joseph of the House of David, in the city of Galilee, named Nazareth. Gabriel tells her that she would conceive and give birth to a Son and call His Name Yahusha.

Birth of Yahusha Foretold

Luk 1:26 And in the **sixth month** the messenger Gaḅri'el was sent by Elohim to a city of

Galil named Natsareth,

Luk 1:27 to a maiden engaged to a man whose name was Yosēph, of the house of Dawid. And the maiden's name was Miryam.

Luk 1:28 And the messenger, coming to her, said, "Greetings, favoured one, the Master is with you. Blessed are you among women!"

Luk 1:29 But she was greatly disturbed at his word, and wondered what kind of greeting this was.

Luk 1:30 And the messenger said to her, "Do not be afraid, Miryam, for you have found favour with Elohim.

Luk 1:31 "And see, you shall conceive in your womb, and shall give birth to a Son, and call His Name יהושע.^a Footnote: ^aSee [Mat 1:21](#).

Luk 1:32 "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High. And יהוה Elohim shall give Him the throne of His father Dawid.

Luk 1:33 "And He shall reign over the house of Ya'aqob forever, and there shall be no end to His reign."^b Footnote: ^bSee [Psa 2:1-12](#), [Psa 89:14-34](#), [Isa 9:7](#), [Isa 16:5](#), [Jer 23:3-6](#), [Jer 30:9](#), [Eze 37:24](#), [Dan 2:44](#), [Dan 7:18-27](#), [Mic 5:2-4](#), [Act 1:6-7](#), [Rev 11:15](#).

Luk 1:34 And Miryam said to the messenger, "How shall this be, since I do not know a man?"

Luk 1:35 And the messenger answering, said to her, "The Set-apart Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow you. And for that reason the Set-apart One born of you shall be called: Son of Elohim.

Luk 1:36 "And see, Elisheba your relative, she has also conceived a son in her old age. And this is now the sixth month, er who was called barren,

Luk 1:37 because with Elohim no matter shall be impossible."

Luk 1:38 And Miryam said, "See the female servant of יהוה! Let it be to me according to your word." And the messenger went away from her.

So as stated in Scripture, we believe in the virgin birth but NOT in the Catholic doctrine of the "Immaculate Conception" giving Mary a sinless status. **Only Yahusha was without sin.** Miriam [Mary] a virgin served as a surrogate birthmother of Yahusha.

Essentially, the Immaculate Conception is the belief that Mary was protected from original sin, that Mary did not have a sin nature and was, in fact, sinless. This is biblically false.

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