

God's Plan for the Nation of Israel

(Luke 1:67-80)

A. Zacharias' Initial Prophecy about _____ . Luke 1:67-75

1. Was Zacharias (father of John the Immerser – Luke 1:57-66) a prophet at this point? (Luke 1:67)
2. Whom did Zacharias bless? (Luke 1:68)
3. Why did he bless Him? (Luke 1:68)
4. How did God look with favor on the nation of Israel? (Luke 1:69) (And who is this talking about?)
5. Had this been predicted in the past? (Luke 1:70)
6. What was the nature of the salvation God was providing for Israel? (Luke 1:71)
7. Has this happened yet? (Luke 1:71, quoting Psa. 106:10)
8. What were the reasons for this salvation? (Luke 1:72-73)
 - a. Mercy – (Luke 1:72a)
 - b. Covenant – (Luke 1:72b; cf. Gen. 15:17-21)
 - c. Oath – (Luke 1:73; cf. Gen. 22:16-18)
9. The result of this salvation: (Luke 1:74-75)
 - a. From whom will Israel be rescued? (Luke 1:74a)
 - b. How will Israel be able to serve God? (Luke 1:74b)
 - c. What will be Israelis' character as they serve God? (Luke 1:75a)
 - 1) In _____
 - 2) In _____
 - d. How long will Israelis serve God? (Luke 1:75b)

10. Has any of this happened yet?
11. Will it happen?
12. When will it happen?
13. Does God still have a plan for Israel?

B. Zacharias' Secondary Prophecy about _____ . (Luke 1:76-79)

1. To whom was this second phase of prophecy directed? (Luke 1:76a)
2. What would his son be called? (Luke 1:76b)
3. What would his son do? (Luke 1:76c, alluding to Isa. 40:3, quoting Mal.3:1; cf. Mark 1:2)
4. What would his son give to his people? (Luke 1:77a)
5. How would this knowledge of salvation be achieved? (Luke 1:77b)
6. The broader role, motivation, and purpose of God: (Luke 1:78-79)
 - a. What motivated God? (Luke 1:78a)
 - b. Who would visit God's people? (Luke 1:78b)
 - c. To whom does the term "Sunrise from on high" refer? (Luke 1:78b)
 - d. Upon whom was this "Sunrise" to shine? (Luke 1:79a, quoting loosely from Isaiah 9:1-2; cf. Matt. 4:12-16)
 - e. What would eventually happen? (Luke 1:79b)

C. What Happened to Zacharias' Son in the Short Term? (Luke 1:80)

D. Questions for Reflection

1. How does the arrival of the Church affect God's plans for Israel?
2. Will there ever be a time when Israel is right with God as a nation? (Rom. 11:26)
3. How will that affect the rest of the world? (Rom. 11:11-12)