

Luke 1:5-25

The history of John the Baptist and his parents forms the link between the _____ and the _____.

Luke narrates the story of John only in so far as it points to _____.

Vs 5 _____ - King of Judea from 40 to 4 B.C

To be a priest and to be married to a priest's daughter was considered to be a _____ and special distinction.

Zacharias means: "The Lord _____." Elisabeth, means "My God is an oath (i.e. my God is the absolutely _____ One) "

Vs 6 Zacharias and Elisabeth were _____ " before God ." John, therefore, was sprung from parents in whom the highest form of Old Testament piety was personified.

Vs 7 The case of this couple seemed particularly hopeless as Elisabeth was not only barren but both, were already far _____ in years.

Vs 8-9 As there were so many priests, it was not allowed that a priest should burn incense more than _____ in his lifetime. This incense offering had to be brought _____ a day (Exod. 30:7-8).

Vs 10 _____ times a day there were public gatherings for prayer in the temple court or square outside the actual sanctuary. The first and last of these prayer gatherings coincided with the morning and afternoon incense offering.

Luke writes to readers in the _____ world or _____ speaking upper-class Rome.

The terms Luke uses to describe Zechariah and Elizabeth are the same used to described _____ (Gen.6:9), _____ (Gen 17:1) and _____ (Job 1:1). The Jewish reader would immediately think of righteous _____ and _____, who was also barren. See also Gen. 15:2; 16:1; 17:15-19; 18:9 - 15 _____; Gen. 25:21 _____; Gen. 29:31; 30:1-2; 22 - 24 _____. 1 Sam. 1:2, 5-6, 22 - 24 _____.

Application:

1. Continuity between Old and New Administrations of the Covenant of Grace—This story is totally in the context of the _____ but makes clear the coming of the _____ by giving an Old Testament prophet, who prepares for the New Testament.

2. Personal – What was Zacharias' sin? His question, we are told by the angel was a lack of _____.

We need to believe the Word, and pray, believing in God who hears and answers.