Luke 1:57-80

| vv. 57-58 | It was the custom for neighbors to join in celebrations. Just as the | | later shared in the |
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| | joy of the birth of | _, Elizabeth's | rejoice with her. |
| vv. 59-51 | Circumcision was usually done in th | e by the | The general |
| | custom was to name the first son with the name of his or | | |
| | . It seems obvious that Elizabeth had learned from Zacharias' | | |
| | what had happened in the Temple. | | |
| vv. 62-63 | Since Jewish custom was that babies were named by the father, were made to the | | |
| | evidently father. | | |
| | John means "Yahweh is | " or "Yahweh's g | racious" |
| v. 67 | While Mary's song is modeled on Hannah's, this song is much closer to the | | |
| | In | a sense, his song is about the _ | of his son's name! |
| The hymn | has two parts: vv. 67-75 and 76-79. | | |
| The first is | like portions of the | and | _ merged to rejoice that, after |
| centuries, | God is once again | to His people AND fulfilling t | he of the |
| Covenant. | | | |
| The second | d focuses on the part his son will have | e in | for the long promised |
| Messiah. | | | |
| v. 68 | "Visited" – the word has the idea of someone or something. | | |
| | "Redemption" – calls to mind the, God's redemptive action of the Old Testament. | | |
| | In the New Testament, the word of Christ is presented as a newer and greater | | |
| vv. 69-73 | The terms used, especially in vv. 71 | -73, are | , but what |
| | Zacharias is going to say needs to be | e taken primarily in a | sense. |
| v. 77 | The salvation to come is not from but from the sins of individual Jews. | | |
| v. 78 | "Dayspring" – literally an | movement, such as | a sunrise or when a particular star |
| | rises. However, it was used in the Septuagint to render the word translated "branch," "shoot," "sprout" – | | |
| | atitle. See Malachi 4:2. | | |
| v. 79 | Echoes Isaiah 9:1-2 | | |
| v. 80 | Echoed by 2:52 regarding | , while it also echoe | es 1 Samuel 2:26 in reference to |
| | Given his parents' ages, John was probably while young | | |
| | and possibly adopted by the Essenes, who did adopt orphans and raise them near the Dead Sea. However, | | |
| | John's ministry is very from the Essenes. | | |
| | This verse closes this narrative while preparing for the narrative that begins the third chapter. | | |