

<p align="center">THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO MARY LUKE 1:26-38</p>	<p align="center">HANNAH 1 SAMUEL 1-2</p>
<p>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. [vs 26-30]</p>	<p>But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. [1:15-18] In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord." [1:20]</p>
	<p align="center">THE PROMISE TO DAVID 2 SAMUEL 7:8-17</p>
<p>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great... [vs 31-32a]</p>	<p>I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. [vs 8b-9]</p>
<p>...and will be called the Son of the Most High,... [vs 32b] ...he will be called Son of God. [vs 35b]</p>	<p>I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. [vs 14a]</p>
<p>...and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. [vs 32c] <i>Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his work. He was the son (as was thought) of Joseph son of Heli...son of Nathan, son of David...son of Abraham...son of Adam, son of God. [Luke 3:23-38]</i></p>	<p>Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom forever. I will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. [vs 11b-13]</p>
<p>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. [vs 33]</p>	<p>Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. [vs 16]</p>
	<p align="center">NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD</p>
<p>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most</p>	<p>The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.</p>

High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible for God.” [vs 34-37]

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.”

Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?” [GENESIS 18:1, 9-14a]

For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: See, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh, is anything too hard for me? [JEREMIAH 32:15 and 26]

The word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. Thus says the Lord: I will return to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts shall be called the holy mountain. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Even though it seems impossible to the remnant of this people in these days, should it also seem impossible to me, says the Lord of hosts? Thus says the Lord of hosts: I will save my people from the east country and from the west country; and I will bring them to live in Jerusalem. They shall be my people and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness. [ZECHARIAH 8:1-8]

Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” He replied, “What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.” [LUKE 18:24-27]

