

TODAY'S LESSON

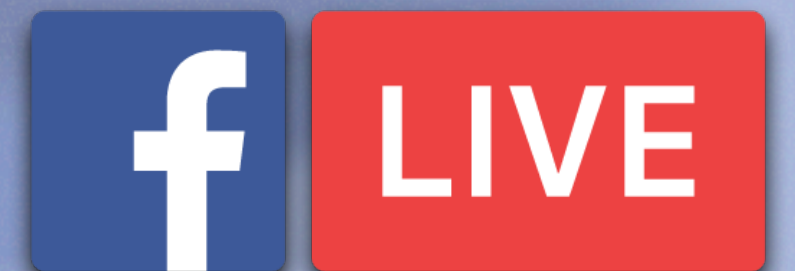
“THE PROPHECY OF ZACHARIAS”

LUKE 1:67-79

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After 400 Years of “Silence”

There were **actually longer times** of no direct communication from **God** to **men**

From **Cain** **Genesis 4:15** (earlier than 5400 B.C.)
to **Enoch** **Jude 14-15** (between 4132-4432 B.C.)

From **Enoch** **Gen. 5:22-24** (after 4432 B.C.) to
Noah **Gen. 6:13-22** (*circa* 3223 B.C.)

From **Flood** **Gen. 7:11-8:14-19** (3300 B.C.) to
God’s call to **Abram** **Gen. 12:1-4** (2091 B.C.)

From **Malachi** (440 B.C.) to **Zachariah** (3 B.C.)

Dates based on evangelist/archeologist Steve Rudd www.bible.ca

Old Testament History

Genesis 1-6 Creation to The Flood 5554-3298 B.C.

Genesis 7-12 The Flood to The Call of Abram 2091 B.C.

Genesis 12-50 Call of Abram to Israel in Egypt 1842 B.C.

Exodus 1-14 Israel in Egypt to The Exodus 1446 B.C.

Exodus 14-Joshua 24 The Exodus to “Completed”
Conquest of Canaan 1396 B.C.

Judges 1-1 Samuel 8 Conquest to Saul as King 1052 B.C.

1 Samuel 8-1 Kings 7 King Saul to Temple 931 B.C.

1 Kings 8-2 Kings 24 Temple to Captivity 587 B.C.

Ezra 1-Nehemiah 13 Captivity to Ezra/Nehemiah 458 B.C.

Malachi 4-Luke 1 “400 years of Silence” 440-3 B.C. 1 Macc
4:46

Books of Maccabees Not Scripture

1 Maccabees 4:41-47

41 Then Judas appointed certain men to fight against those that were in the fortress, until he had cleansed the sanctuary. **42** So he chose priests of blameless conversation, such as had pleasure in the law: **43** who cleansed the sanctuary, and bare out the defiled stones into an unclean place. **44** And when as they consulted what to do with the burnt offerings, which was profaned; **45** they thought it best to pull it down, lest it should be a reproach to them, because the heathen had defiled it: wherefore they pulled it down, **46** and laid up the stones on the mountain

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in a convenient place, **until there should come a prophet to shew what should be done with them.**

47 Then they took whole stones according to the law, and built a new altar according to the former...

Zachariah's Meeting With Gabriel

Luke 1:5-12 Gabriel appeared; Zecharias feared

v.13-17 Don't be afraid. God heard the prayer of you and your wife! Good news from God!

Son John fulfills **Malachi 4:5-6**

v.18 Zecharias doubted

v.19-20 made mute because of his doubt

v.26-56 John's conception a sign for Mary

v.57-58 John's birth brought joy

Zachariah's Prophecy

v.63-64 Zechariah's obedient faith freed his tongue to praise God for his special child

v.67-79 Zechariah spoke God's word

v.68 God has visited and redeemed His people **Romans 4:17**

v.69 raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David **2 Sam. 7:12-17; Matt. 1:1-21**

v.70 As all His prophets spoke since the world began **Luke 24:44**

Zachariah's Prophecy

v.71 That **we** **should be saved from our**
enemies and from the hand of **all** who **hate**
us **Exodus 1-14; Esther 3-10**

v.72-73 **To perform the mercy to our fathers,**
remember His holy covenant, His oath to
our father Abraham **Galatians 3**

v.74-75 **Being delivered from our enemies,**
may serve Him fearlessly in holiness and
justice before Him all the days of our life
Psalms 110; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Zachariah's Prophecy About John and Jesus

v.76 John prophet of the Most High, will go before the Lord Malachi 3:1; Matt. 11:10,14 to prepare the way of the LORD Isaiah 40:3-8; 1 Peter 1:17-25

v.77 to give experiential knowledge of salvation (YESHUA) to His (the LORD's) people in the remission of their sins Luke 3:2-6; Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38; 10:43-48; 22:16

v.78-79 God's compassionate mercy Ephesians 2:4-10 sent the dawning light Malachi 4:2; 2 Cor. 3:7-4:6

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