

Elpis Israel

for Young People

The Birth of the Messiah

Class 31

Finishing Off the Prophecies

He Wakeneth my Ear:

Isaiah 50:4-6

The Lord GOD hath given me ***the tongue of the learned***, that I should know how to speak a ***word in season*** to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to ***hear as the learned***. The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

- Instruction of the Holy Spirit / angels
- **Learned: 3928 – limmuwd – disciple, a learner, one taught – the tongue of the expert**
 - Know: 3045 – yadah – know by experience
 - Speak: 5790 – uwth – to hasten, to succor, to assist, to help wearied people
 - In season & weary: 3287 (2x) – ya’ept – to the weary, faint
- **Waketh – 5782 – uwr – to rouse, stir up, c/p Ezra 1:5 – Levites with all those whose spirit God had raised up to build the house, Isa 52:1 – awake put on thy strength O Zion**
 - Ear – 241 – ozen – ear
 - Hear – 8085 – shama – hear, perceive, understand, to heed, obey, give heed
 - Learned: 3928 – limmuwd – disciple, learner, one taught,
- **Opened: 6605 – pathach – to grave, to open as gates, to engrave, carve, c/p Exod 28:9 – grave on the onyx stones the names of the children of Israel; 2 Chron 3:7 – cherubim graved on the walls**
 - Rebellious: 4784 – Marah – to be disobedient to a father, rebellious, to lash with a whip, c/p Deut 21:18-21 “if a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father...”

Birth of Messiah

The Angelic Visitor Announced

Luke 1:26-27

*And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a **virgin** espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, **of the house of David**; and the virgin's name was Mary.*

- Where was this angel the last time we met him?
 - What was he doing?

The Messiah Announced:

Luke 1:30-33

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

- Key things we are told
 - She would have a son
 - Name to Be JESUS
 - Great (#3173 – Megas – age, rank, splendid, number or quantity)
 - **Son of the Highest**
 - Throne of his Father David
 - Reign over the house of Jacob
 - No end to Kingdom

Mary's Question:

Luke 1:34

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

- Physically impossible for her to have a child at this point
- Must be a miraculous intervention
- How would she have the “son of the Highest”

Gabriel's answer:

Luke 1:35

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

- The active agent: The Holy Spirit, power of God
- Method: Power of Highest overshadow thee
- Result: THEREFORE - Holy thing called Son of God

Overshadow:

Strong's: 1982 – episkiazō – to cast a shade upon – to envelope in a haze of brilliance
Thayers: to throw a shadow upon, to envelop in shadow, to overshadow

Demonstration:

Overhead – assorted items (ie. fork etc).... Cast the image on the wall – tell me what it is

Uses of the word:

Matthew 17:5 *While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud **overshadowed** them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.*
c/p Lk 9:34; Mk 9:7

Acts 5:15 *Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might **overshadow** some of them.*
▪ Whose image was cast on the sick?

What do you think was “overshadowed” on Mary’s womb.

- Was it a physical image or a mental one?
- Physical attributes or Character?

Col 1:12-15 *Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the **image** of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:*
▪ Image: (1504) Eikon – icon – a representation

Hebrews 1:1-3 *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his **Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the **brightness of his glory**, and the **express image of his person**, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high*
▪ Brightness: (541) *apaugasma* – an off-flash, effulgence, brightness
• Thayers: to emit brightness,
▪ Express Image: (5481) *Charakter* - an engraving tool, a die or a stamp, a seal

2 Corinthians 4:6 *For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to **give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.***

John 1:13-14 *Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the **Word** was made **flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and **we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,**) full of grace and truth.*

Exercise: Character Sketch

Putting the picture together – what do we know about the Messiah – before he came:

- Genesis 3:15** - Seed of a woman – miraculous
- Heel to be bruised – temporary injury
- He was to conquer SIN in the FLESH
- Gen 49:9-10** - He was to be the King – from the Tribe of Judah
- Num 24:17-19** - He would have dominion over his enemies
- Deut 18:15-18** - He would be like Moses
- God would put the words in his mouth
- 2 Sam 7:12-16** - Son of David
- Also Son of God
- Build the temple
- Kingdom last for ever
- Micah 5:2** - Born in Bethlehem
- Lineage – of Old (David); Everlasting (God)
- Isaiah 7:14-15** - Miracle birth from a virgin
- He would be “God with us” – or Immanuel
- He would choose GOOD and refuse EVIL
- Isaiah 9:6-7** - Child would be born (natural)
- Son – builder of the family – would be given (gift)
- Government on his shoulder – will be without end
- Wonderful – miracle birth
- Throne of David
- Isaiah 11:1-5** - Descended from Jesse
- He would have the Spirit of God “resting upon him”
- He would have the knowledge of the fear of the LORD
- He would be of quick understanding – able to sense right from wrong
- Isaiah 22:20-25** - Key of David on his shoulder
- Government will be in his hand – God given
- Isaiah 50:4-6** - God would instruct him
- Give him the TONGUE of the LEARNED