God Continues His Plan: John Is Born (Luke 1:57-80)

 Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her. 	a. The (as promised) 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. b. The (as promised) 14 "And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.
⁵⁹ So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. ⁶⁰ His mother answered and said, "No; he shall be called John." ⁶¹ But they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name." ⁶² So they made signs to his father— what he would have him called. ⁶³ And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, "His name is John." So they all marveled.	2. The Baby Is (59a) b. The (59b) c. The (60) d. The (61) e. The (62-63)
64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue <i>loosed</i> , and <u>he spoke</u> , praising God.	3. Zacharias Can Again a. Immediately his was opened 20 "But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time." b. He was, blessing God
65 Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea. 66 And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, "What kind of child will this be?"	4. The Neighborhood
And the hand of the Lord <u>was</u> with him.	5. The Hand of the Lord Was with John (66c)

 67 Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: 68 "Blessed <i>is</i> the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, 69 And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David, 	6. Zacharias a. His filling b. His speaking 7. Zacharias' a. What God Has (68-69) • Looked carefully over (episkeptomai) • Redeemed • Raised Up
⁷⁰ As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, Who <i>have been</i> since the world began,	 b. How God Has (70) By His holy prophets Since the world began
⁷¹ That we should be saved from our enemies And from the hand of all who hate us, ⁷² To perform the mercy <i>promised</i> to our fathers And to remember His holy covenant, ⁷³ The oath which He swore to our father Abraham:	 CGod Has Promised (71-73) Saved from enemies and those that hate us To perform mercy to our fathers To remember His holy covenant, the oath which he swore to Abraham
⁷⁴ To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, ⁷⁵ In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.	dGod Has Promised (74-75) • Having been delivered • Might serve God without fear • In holiness & righteousness before Him • All the days of our life
⁷⁶ "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, ⁷⁷ To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins, ⁷⁸ Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; ⁷⁹ To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."	8. John's Declared a. What He Will (76a) b. What He Will (76b) c He Will Do It (77-79)
80 So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.	9. John Grows a. Was b. Was becoming in spirit c. Was being in the d. Until the day of his forth