# **Seven Very Special Births in the Bible**

#### 1. Adam & Eve → Cain

GOD GIVES THE FIRST CHILD TO THE FIRST COUPLE

 Gen 4:1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD."

#### 2. Adam & Eve → Seth

GOD APPOINTS ANOTHER SON

• Gen 4:25 And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed." – 5:3 And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot [a son] in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

#### 3. Abraham & Sarah → Isaac

GOD GIVES THE SON HE PROMISED TO A VERY OLD COUPLE

- Gen 17:17,19 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall a [child] be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" – Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, [and] with his descendants after him.
- Gen 21:1-2,5 And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken. For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. – Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

#### 4. Isaac & Rebekah → Esau & Jacob

GOD GIVE TWINS TO A BARREN COUPLE

• Gen 25:21,23 Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife, because she [was] barren; and the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived. – And the LORD said to her: "Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; [One] people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger."

#### 5. Elkanah & Hannah → Samuel

GOD GIVES A CHILD IN ANSWER TO A WOMAN'S PRAYER

- 1 Sam 1:2 And he had two wives: the name of one [was] Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. (1:6c ... because the LORD had closed her womb.)
- 1 Sam 1:11 Then she made a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life...

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• 1 Sam 1:20 So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, [saying], "Because I have asked for him from the LORD."

## 6. Zechariah & Elisabeth → John (the Baptizer)

GOD GIVES A SON TO A BARREN COUPLE TO PREPARE THE WAY

• Luke 1:5-7,13-17 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name [was] Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years. – 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. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

## 7. The Holy Spirit & Mary → Jesus

GOD GIVES HIS SON TO BECOME THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

- Luke 1:26-35 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name [was] Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored [one], the Lord [is] with you; blessed [are] you among women!" But when she saw [him], she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "[The] Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.
- Matt 1:20-21...behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."