

The Chiastic Structure of Luke 1:26-45 (Life from a Barren Womb)

A) Luke 1:26-29 – An Angelic Announcement of Yeshua’s Birth

1. Now in the sixth month *the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth*
2. “*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.* (Mary received an unusual greeting from the angel and is confused by it)

B) Luke 1:30 – Then the angel said to her, “*Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.*” (Mary encouraged to be fearless)

C) Luke 1:31-34 – Prophecy of Yeshua’s Conception

1. 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.”
2. Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, *since I do not know a man?*” (Reason a miracle is needed)

D) Luke 1:35 – 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.

C) Luke 1:36 – Good News of John the Baptist’s Conception

1. Now indeed, *Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son* in her old age;
2. . . . and this is now the sixth month *for her who was called barren* (Reason a miracle is needed)

B) Luke 1:37-38 – *For with God nothing will be impossible.*” Then Mary said, “*Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.*” And the angel departed from her. (Mary reacting without fear)

A) Luke 1:39-45 –

1. *Now Mary arose* in those days *and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah*
2. And it happened, *when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb;* and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “*Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.*” (Mary receives an unusual greeting from Elizabeth but understands it)