

Jesus' Birth Foretold – Luke 1:26-38 (New American Standard Bible)

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin ^[a] betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the ^[b] descendants of David; and the virgin's name was ^[c] Mary. ²⁸ And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord ^[d] is with you." ²⁹ But she was very perplexed at *this* statement, and was pondering what kind of greeting this was. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; ³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." ³⁴ But Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I ^[e] am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; for that reason also the ^[f] holy Child will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, even your relative Elizabeth herself has conceived a son in her old age, and ^[g] she who was called infertile is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, the Lord's bond-servant; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed.