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LUKE 1:13-15a ESV

But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. [14] And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, [15] for he will be great before the Lord.”

LUKE 1:17 ESV

"...and he will 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 for the Lord a people prepared."

MALACHI 4:5-6 ESV

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. [6] And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

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LUKE 1:64-67 ESV

And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. [65] And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, [66] and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

Zechariah's Hymn

[67] And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying...

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Part One: 1:67-75 | The Fulfillment of a Promise

A praise to God who has kept His promise to redeem His people.

Part Two: 1:76-79 | The Blessing of a Father

A description of John's role as a prophet of the Most High.

LUKE 1:68-71 ESV

"Blessed be 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,
70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
71 that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us..."

LUKE 1:72-75 ESV

"...to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
74 that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days."

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LUKE 1:68-79

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LUKE 1:76-79 ESV

"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
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77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
78 because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

ISAIAH 40:3 ESV

A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

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NUMBERS 6:24-26 ESV

"The LORD bless you and keep you; [25] the LORD make his face to shine upon
you and be gracious to you; [26] the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and
give you peace."