

Gospel of Luke

Luke 1:1-25

I. The Author

1. Who is this man Luke? – a companion of Paul
Scripture referred to him as “The beloved physician”
- Col. 4:14
2 Tim. 4:11 and Philemon 24 as one of Paul’s
“fellow workers”
He may be a Gentile who was converted but can
not be certain
2. He is given credit for two books in the New Testament
The Gospel according to Luke and the Book of Acts
Link is made as he wrote both books to Theophilus
3. Not given by name in Acts
But uses pronoun “we” when sailing to Macedonia –
Acts 16:10-11
4. Luke states his purpose—1:1-2
Luke notes fact others have written of what he is
about to write. – 1:1
He also notes that some of these writers were
eyewitnesses -1:2
Some of these writers were also “ministers of
the word”
5. Luke believes there is a place for what he writes –
1:3
He did considerable study & closely researched
these things
6. He is prompted to write an orderly account – 1:4
His account is directed to Greek Gentile,
Theophilus
This Theophilus is called “most excellent”
Theophilus has been taught about our Savior and
Luke wants to provide more certainty to what he
now knows
Luke’s desire is to help him have support for what
he knows
Wants to fill in any facts needed to strength
Theophilus’ faith

II. Parents of John the Baptist – 1:5-7

1. Introducing John’s parents – 5
Luke sets time as days of Roman king, Herod
Zechariah was a priest named in division of
Abijah
Many sons of Levi served as priests in the
temple
Divided into divisions so all could serve by turn
2. Zechariah had a wife named Elizabeth - 5-6
They were both righteous before God,
Walking blamelessly in commandments & statutes
of the Law
3. But they had no child, Elizabeth was barren – 7
And both were advanced in years

III. Promise of a Son – 1:8

1. Zechariah was serving as priest before God – 8-9
Chosen by lot to enter the temple to burn incense
2. Multitude of people were praying outside – 10
At the hour of incense
3. An angel of the Lord appeared unto him - 11
Standing on the right side of the altar of incense
4. Zechariah was troubled when he saw him – 12
And fear fell upon him
5. But the angel spoke to him – 13
“Do not be afraid Zechariah for your prayer has been
heard
Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son & you shall call
his name John
6. You will have joy and gladness – 14-15
Many will rejoice at his birth, he will be great before
the Lord
7. He must not drink wine or strong drink – 15
Will be filled with Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s
womb
8. Will turn many of children of Israel to the Lord – 16
their God
9. He will go before Him in spirit & power of Elijah – 17
“To turn hearts of fathers to the children”
“Disobedient to the wisdom of the just”
“Make ready for Lord’s people prepared”

IV. Zechariah Questions the Angel – 1:18-24

1. How can this be? 18
I am old, my wife is advanced in years
2. Angel answers – 19
I am Gabriel, I stand in presence of the Lord
“I was sent to speak to you & bring you good news”
3. A sign is given - 20
You will be silent, unable to speak, until that day
Because you did not believe my words, which will be
fulfilled in their time
4. People waiting, wondered at his delay – 21-23
When he came out, unable to speak, they knew he
had seen a vision
Made signs to them but could not speak – He went
home to his wife
5. After these days Elizabeth conceived – 24-25
For 5 months she kept herself hidden
Saying “Thus the Lord has done for me in the days
when He looked on me
To take away my reproach among people”

- done
6. He pronounces a blessing on those who are prepared – 14
Those who have washed their robes (in His cleansing blood)
So that they may have right to the Tree of Life
And that they may enter the city by the gates
 7. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers & idolaters & everyone who loves & practices falsehood - 15

II. Jesus Warns His Churches – 22:16-19

1. He sent His angel (messenger) to testify to you about these things for the churches
(this is what is found in the letters – Rev. 2 & 3)
He says “I am the root and the descendant of David” - 16
The bright and morning star – The leader & one who points the way
The focus of the church is to glorify and proclaim Him
He is the King and the leader of the church
2. He reminds these churches that they have a mission – 17
This ministry belongs to the churches led by the Holy Spirit

Prepare for Our Lord's Coming Revelation 22:12-21

I. Return of Jesus Christ – 22:12-15

1. His return will be “soon” – Greek has thought of suddenness–12
Suggests the need of watching and being prepared
2. Last week we set the Return of Christ to follow the Abomination Of Desolation
When the beast (or man of sin) makes himself to be God – 2 Thess. 2:1-4
This certainly will be an Abomination of Desolation - sign of the end of Trib.
Jesus will come from Heaven to fight against the beast & the armies of earth – Rev. 20
3. But for believers the rapture will rescue those who are in Christ
This is recorded in Rev. 7:9-17
And is promised in 1 Thess. 4:13-18 and in 1 Cor. 15:51-58
This is necessary to complete (conformity to the image of Christ) – 1 Jn. 3:2
Also that we have a body that is suited for eternity – 1 Cor. 15:42-44
4. He comes to repay each one for what He has done
He has promised to reward those who are faithful
5. He comes as the Alpha and Omega (first & last in Greek) – 13
He goes on to say the beginning and the ending
His knowledge is complete as to what each has

Their message as the bride of Christ is to call to those not believers, “to come”

In fact all who hear this message are to invite others to “come”

†To all who are thirsty say “come”

Let the one who desires take the water of Life without price

3. A general warning to anyone who hears this prophecy – 18

If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues herein

The plagues that God has prepared for the unbeliever in this book

He adds to his life that which is intended for the guilty

4. If anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy – 19

God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city

The glorious things that are described in this book

The Lord is warning all who hear these prophecies to handle them with great care

5. He who testifies in these things says: - 20

“Surely, I am coming soon” (Jesus speaks these words)

John says “amen, Come, Lord Jesus!”

Many have made light of words taken from this book

Making light of what is said here, neglecting the warning that is given

6. John closes this book with a word of blessing – 21
“The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all, Amen”
May all who hear receive these words of grace
May we not make light or think what God has said
to be untrue
Choosing not to believe what God has said in this book

Jesus adds His blessing to this message
“Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the
prophecy of this book”
Not just hears but “keeps” lives it out
The Greek word “soon” has the sense of “quickly”
or “with suddenness”
The word calls for being prepared for His coming

II. John Adds His Testimony – 22:8-9

1. He speaks for what he heard & what he saw – 8
The impact of this was so great that he was stirred
emotionally
He fell at the feet of the angel who showed them
2. The angel quickly corrected this response – 9
The angel said, “You must not worship me”
“I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers
the prophets”
And those who keep the words of this book”
“Worship God”
He is the source of this message and declared it
to be true
He alone is worthy of our worship

III. Angel Adds Directions – 22:10-11

1. “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book”
– 10
“For the time is near”
Compare this with directions given to Daniel –
Dan. 12:4
“You, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book,
until the time of the end”
Later Daniel is given more information about the
time of the end – Dan. 12:8-13
This point in time goes from “Abomination of
Desolation” – see Matt. 24:15-28
2. For John the “time is near” – 10-11
It is certainly more near and it is time to repent and
turn to Christ
By the time of the abomination of desolation it may
be too late
The time will come when God says “Let the evil
Doer still do evil”
“And the filthy still be filthy and the righteous still
Do right and the holy still be holy”

IV. A Sign for Israel – Dan. 12:6-13

1. God gave Israel a sign for coming of Messiah
– Dan. 9:24-27
From the decree for Israel to return to coming of
Messiah was 283 yrs.
This number came to pass when Jesus presented
Himself as Messiah
On the Day we call Palm Sunday when He rode
Into Jerusalem
Jesus’ crucifixion was carried out later that week
Jesus wept and prayed over Jerusalem for their

Last Words of Our Lord Jesus Revelation 22:6-21

I. His Testimony to the Message – 22:6-7

1. “These words are trustworthy and true – 6
Remember the words of Rev. 1:1-3
God gave the revelation of this book to His Son
Jesus – 1:1
“To show to His servants the things that must
soon take place”
God’s plan was to send His angel to His servant
John
“Who in turn bore witness to the Word of God
& to the testimony of Jesus Christ”
John was to record “all that he saw”
2. God pronounced a blessing on the message – 1:3
“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of
this prophecy”
This message is so vital that it needs to be read
to a gathering
“Blessed are those who hear, and who keep what
is written in it”
“For the time is near”
3. John was assured that “these words are trustworthy
& true” – 22:6
“And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets”
(Jesus)
“Has sent His angel to show His servants what
must soon take place”
Surely this message is “trustworthy and true”
4. Jesus speaks in support of this truth – 22: 7
“And behold, I am coming soon”

rejection

And what would be the result for Israel –
Luke 19:41-44

2. This break was predicted in Dan. 9:26-27
It comes to a close with the rise of one in Revelation called the beast
This ruler (prince) will make a covenant for 7 Yrs. with Israel – Dan. 9:27
But will break that covenant after 3 ½ yrs. with an abomination of desolation”
2 Thess.2:1-4 and Rev.13:13-15
Daniel given this in 12:8-13 as a time for return of Christ.- Matt. 24:27-31
3. Jesus points to this sign in Matt. 24:15-31
The Jews living in Israel should flee
This ends the tribulation & the return of Jesus Christ to earth
Remember believers in Christ will be raptured
Before this time Rev 7::9-17
Before the pouring out of God's wrath on earth
4. Coming back to Rev. 22:11
John is told not to seal this book because believers will be with Him in heaven during the time of judgement
It will be too late to try to make changes at that point

The River of Life Revelation 22:1-5

I. The River of Life – 22:1-5

1. The glorious river flows through the city – 1
The angel showed John this River of Life
2. This river was “the water of life” – 1
It was “bright as crystal”
3. The source of this river is from throne of God and the Lamb – 1
The source of the river explains the power of the water
“Flowing from the Throne of God & of the Lamb”
4. Jesus spoke of this water of life
He told the Samaritan woman about “water of life” – Jn. 4:13-14
This water will take away human “thirst”
”It shall be in him a well of water springing up into eternal life”
He also spoke to the Jews about this water of life – Jn. 7:37-38
He spoke to any who were thirsty to come to Him and drink
He promised “whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said” “out of his heart will flow rivers of living water”
- 5 This river flows through the middle of the street of the city – 2
This fulfills the promise that makes this water accessible
Human thirst is fully quenched from this river of life

What Jesus promised in His ministry He fulfills

II. The Tree of Life – 2-3

- 1 On either side of the river was the Tree of Life – 2
This tree was in the Garden of Eden – Gen. 2:9
It was planted right in the “midst of the garden”
And it promised eternal life to those who ate of it
2. God's creative work was prepared for eternity
Thankfully, it was never used even though it was accessible
After sin entered with Adam & Eve angels were sent to guard it – Gen 3:22-23
To keep anyone who might eat it and remain sinful for eternity
But now this tree is on either side of the river
God's plan for man to live eternally will be fulfilled
6. The Tree of Life had twelve kinds of fruit – 2
Yielding its fruit each month
There was provision, with variety, for humans in their renewed body
4. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations
As nourishment is provided for renewed bodies
So the bodies are also protected from any disease

- .5. No longer will there be anything accursed - 3
No more rebellion against God but there will be loyalty
“But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it”
All will live under the righteous rule of the holy God
And the Lamb of God will sit upon the throne
6. “And His servants will worship Him”

III. The Family of God – 22:4-5

1. As the family of God they will see His face – 4
The veil will be lifted & we shall see Him “face to face” – 2 Cor. 3:18
Creation's purpose will be fulfilled as God & man fellowship together
2. “His name will be on their forehead” – 4
They are His children – purchased by the blood of His Son
Conformed now to the image of His Son
3. And “night will be no more” – 5
No need for lamps or for the sun
The Lord God will be their light
The glory of God will radiate and fill our eyes with His glory
4. And they will reign forever and ever

