

Luke 1:39-56 **Mary visits Elizabeth**

Mary traveled from Nazareth of Galilee to the home of Zacharias and Elizabeth in Judah

9 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

Response of Elizabeth prompted by the Holy Spirit

41 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. 42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45 Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

Mary's prophetic answer of Rejoicing

46 And Mary said:

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name.

50 And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty.

54 He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy,

55 As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever."

56 And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ The angel and Holy Spirit visited Mary in Nazareth of Galilee when Elizabeth was in the sixth month of her pregnancy carrying John the Baptist, and informed Mary of Elizabeth's pregnancy. [Luke 1:26-37]

Mary traveled from Nazareth of Galilee to the home of Zacharias and Elizabeth in Judah

- ✚ Mary left her home in Nazareth and went to be with Elizabeth through the rest of her pregnancy until after the birth of John the Baptist. [Luke 1:39-40, 56]

- ✚ Mary entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. [Luke 1:40]

Response of Elizabeth prompted by the Holy Spirit

- ✚ When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. [Luke 1:41]

- ✚ Speaking by the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth uttered a prophetic response: [Luke 1:42-45]

✧ Before Mary had a chance to tell Elizabeth about her own pregnancy, Elizabeth began with a blessing to Mary, indicating that the revelation was from the Holy Spirit.

✧ Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

- ✧ She continued by acknowledging that the baby in the womb of Mary is Adoney (my Lord) and that the visit by Mary is regarded as a great honor.
- ✧ This indicates that though John the Baptist is Great in God's purpose of conception, the child in Mary's womb is even greater.
- ✧ Confirming evidence was the fact that when Elizabeth heard Mary's voice, the baby leaped in her womb for joy.
- ✧ Elizabeth knows that Mary believed the words of the angel, and assured Mary that God would fulfill the things spoken to her by the angel.
- ✧ This is an amazing revelation since Mary had not said anything except, "Shalom Aleichem" (peace to you) which is the normal greeting when Jews meet.

Mary's prophetic answer of Rejoicing

- ✧ Mary's prophetic response is a praise to Yehowah for the long awaited fulfillment of His Messianic promises. [\[Luke 1:46-55\]](#)
 - ✧ Mary exalts the name of Yehowah.
 - ✧ Mary acknowledged that God is her Savior, the source of her joy.
 - ✧ Mary marvels that God has chosen her for this occasion.
 - ✧ Mary realizes that all future generations will recognize the blessing of her role in this birth.
 - ✧ The Almighty has done it and His Name is Holy.
 - ✧ It is a revelation of God's everlasting mercy toward those of all generations who fear Him.
 - ✧ God has shown His power and brought down the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 - ✧ God has put down the mighty from their thrones,
 - ✧ God has lifted up the lowly.
 - ✧ God has provided for the hungry and poor, and sent the rich away empty.
 - ✧ Remembering his mercy, God has helped Israel, keeping his everlasting promise to Abraham and his descendants (In your seed, all the families of the earth shall be blessed). [\[Genesis 12:3\]](#)

- ✧ Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months, which would go past the time of the birth of John the Baptist, and then she returned to her own house in Nazareth of Galilee. [\[Luke 1:56\]](#)