

“A New Epoch”

I. The Intertestamental Period - From Malachi to Matthew
God actively prepares the world for the arrival of His Son.

II. _____

Malachi 3:1 “Look! I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. Then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly come to his Temple. The messenger of the covenant, whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming,” says the Lord.”

Malachi 4:5-6 “Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord arrives. ⁶ His preaching will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers.”

Luke 1:11-16 ^{11b}An angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah. ¹² Zechariah was shaken and overwhelmed with fear when he saw him. ¹³ But the angel said, “Don’t be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give you a son, and you are to name him John. ¹⁴ You will have great joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the eyes of the Lord. He must never touch wine or other alcoholic drinks. He will be **filled with the Holy Spirit**, even before his birth. ¹⁶ And he will turn many Israelites to the Lord their God.

III. Spirit _____

Luke 1:35-37 “The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ What’s more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For the word of God will never fail.”

Psalms 51:5 For I was born a sinner— yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

IV. _____ is filled with the Holy Spirit

Luke 1:41 “At the sound of Mary’s greeting, Elizabeth’s child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.”

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Luke 1:67-68 “Then his father, Zechariah, was **filled with the Holy Spirit** and gave this prophecy: ⁶⁸ “Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited and redeemed his people.”

VI. The Prophecy of _____

Luke 2:25-33 ²⁵ At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The **Holy Spirit was upon him** ²⁶ and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So, when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, ²⁸ Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. ³⁰ I have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared for all people. ³² He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!” ³³ Jesus’ parents were amazed at what was being said about him.

Zechariah 7:11-13 “Your ancestors refused to listen to this message. They stubbornly turned away and put their fingers in their ears to keep from hearing. ¹² They made their hearts as hard as stone, so they could not hear the instructions or the messages that the Lord of Heaven’s Armies had sent them by his Spirit through the earlier prophets.

VII. The Baptism of _____

Isaiah 11:1-2 “Out of the stump of David’s family will grow a shoot— yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root. ² And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”

Luke 3:21-23 “One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.”²³ Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his public ministry.”

VIII. The Father's

Isaiah 59:20-21 "The Redeemer will come to Jerusalem to buy back those in Israel who have turned from their sins," says the Lord. ²¹ "And this is my covenant with them," says the Lord. "**My Spirit will not leave them**, and neither will these words I have given you. They will be on your lips and on the lips of your children and your children's children forever. I, the Lord, have spoken!"

Joel 2:28-29 "Then, after doing all those things, **I will pour out my Spirit upon all people**. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions.²⁹ In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike."

Luke 3:15-16 "Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered their questions by saying, "I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit** and with fire."

Acts 1:3-5 During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.⁴ Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. ⁵ John baptized with water, but in just a few days **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit**."

Luke 11:11-13 You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? ¹² Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! ¹³ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly **Father give the Holy Spirit** to those who ask him."

The Spirit in Action

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The Spirit Centered Life

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