

# A HEAD START ON CHRISTMAS

# NOTES

5 In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. 6 Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. 7 But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old. Luke 1:5-7 NIV

Old Zachariah had three great p\_\_\_\_\_ in his life:  
To administer an \_\_\_\_\_ of incense in the temple.  
He prayed for c\_\_\_\_\_ for him and his wife Elizabeth.  
He prayed that he might see the M\_\_\_\_\_.

8 Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, 9 he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. Luke 1:8-9  
And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. Luke 1:10 NIV

11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. 12 When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. 13 But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. Luke 1:11-13 NIV

6 He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. 17 And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Luke 1:16-17 NIV

5 "See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. 6 He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents Malachi 4:5-6 NIV

It had been \_\_\_\_\_ years since a prophet had been among God's people.  
How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." Luke 1:18b NIV

The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. Luke 1:19

And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time." Luke 1:20 NIV

The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people." Luke 1:25 NIV

He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John." Immediately his mouth was opened, and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. Luke 1:63b-64 NIV

A\_\_\_\_\_ Anticipation requires p\_\_\_\_\_. Patience is a sign of m\_\_\_\_\_.

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B\_\_\_\_\_ Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine... Ephesians 3:20a NIV

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