

Luke 1:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

Analysis

The sixth month reference connects to Elizabeth's pregnancy (Luke 1:24), demonstrating God's sovereign timing in redemptive history. Gabriel, whose name means 'God is my strength,' had previously appeared to Daniel and now announces the greatest event in human history. Luke's precision in naming both the angel and the obscure village of Nazareth highlights his careful historical documentation, while the choice of this humble Galilean town fulfills prophecy and demonstrates God's pattern of exalting the lowly.

Historical Context

Written around 60-62 AD, Luke's Gospel emphasizes God's work among the marginalized. Nazareth was a small, insignificant village in Galilee, prompting Nathanael's later skepticism (John 1:46). Gabriel had not appeared to humans since his messages to Daniel over 500 years earlier.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does God's choice of Nazareth challenge your assumptions about where and how He works?
2. In what ways does Gabriel's reappearance after centuries of prophetic silence speak to God's faithfulness to His promises?

Interlinear Text

Ἐν δὲ τῷ μηνὶ τῷ ἔκτῳ ἀπεστάλη ὁ ἄγγελος
in And month the sixth was sent the angel
G1722 G1161 G3588 G3376 G1623 G649 G3588 G32

Γαβριὴλ ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ εἰς πόλιν τῆς Γαλιλαίας ἦ
Gabriel from God unto a city of Galilee named
G1043 G5259 G2316 G1519 G4172 G3588 G1056 G3739

ὄνομα Ναζαρὲτ
Nazareth
G3686 G3478

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 2:23 (Parallel theme): And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

Luke 1:19 (References God): And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

John 7:41 (Parallel theme): Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?

Luke 2:4 (Parallel theme): And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

