

Luke 1:57

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.

Analysis

Elisabeth's 'full time' for delivery fulfilled Gabriel's prophecy precisely, demonstrating God's faithfulness to His word. The phrase emphasizes divine timing—not early, not late, but exactly as promised. The simple statement that 'she brought forth a son' marks the beginning of God's New Testament work after 400 years of prophetic silence. John's birth inaugurates the final chapter of Old Testament prophecy and introduces the New Covenant era. The certainty of this physical fulfillment confirms the reliability of spiritual promises yet to be fulfilled. God's timing in redemptive history is always perfect, neither delayed nor premature.

Historical Context

John's birth occurred approximately six months before Jesus's birth, maintaining the pattern Gabriel announced. After four centuries without prophetic voice, God's word was being fulfilled precisely, building expectation for the greater fulfillment in Messiah's coming.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does God's perfect timing in fulfilling promises build faith in promises yet unfulfilled?
2. What does the precision of prophetic fulfillment teach about Scripture's reliability?
3. How should God's faithfulness to past promises encourage trust in His future work?

Interlinear Text

Τῇ	δὲ	Ἐλισάβετ	ἐπλήσθη	ό	χρόνος	τοῦ	τεκεῖν
G3588	Now	Elisabeth's	came	G3588	time	G3588	should be delivered
G1161		G1665	G4130		G5550		G5088
αὐτῇν	καὶ	έγένηνησεν	υἱόν				
that she	and	she brought forth	a son				
G846		G2532	G1080		G5207		

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