

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 Ἑλισάβετ ἐπλήσθη ὁ χρόνος τοῦ τεκεῖν
G3588 **Now** **Elisabeth's** **came** G3588 **time** G3588 **should be delivered**
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αὐτήν καὶ ἐγέννησεν υἱόν
that she **and** **she brought forth** **a son**
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