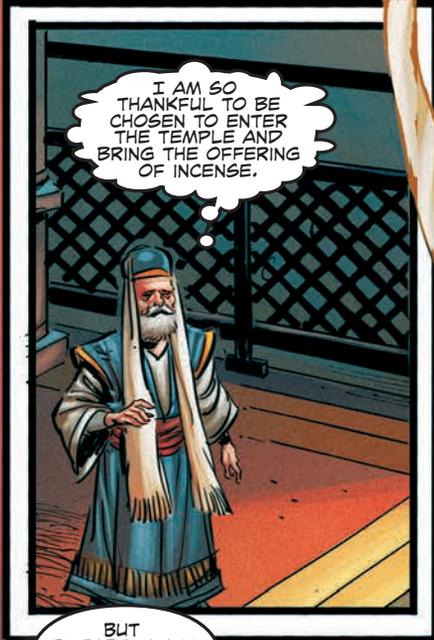


Angel Promises

BASED ON LUKE 1:5-56

AS IS THE TRADITION IN JERUSALEM, A PRIEST IS CHOSEN TO ENTER THE TEMPLE TO BURN INCENSE ON THE ALTAR. THE PRIEST ZECHARIAH ENTERS THE TEMPLE AS A CROWD OF BELIEVERS GATHERS OUTSIDE TO PRAY.



I AM SO THANKFUL TO BE CHOSEN TO ENTER THE TEMPLE AND BRING THE OFFERING OF INCENSE.

BUT ELIZABETH AND I ARE OLD. HOW CAN THIS BE TRUE?

DON'T BE SCARED. GOD HAS HEARD YOUR PRAYERS! YOU AND ELIZABETH WILL HAVE A SON. HE WILL BRING YOU JOY, AND YOU WILL NAME HIM JOHN. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BE WITH JOHN FROM THE MOMENT HE IS BORN. HE WILL PREPARE THE PEOPLE FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD.

BECAUSE YOU DOUBT, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SPEAK UNTIL THE BABY IS BORN.





WHERE IS ZECHARIAH?

DID HE FALL ASLEEP?

WHAT IS HE DOING IN THERE?

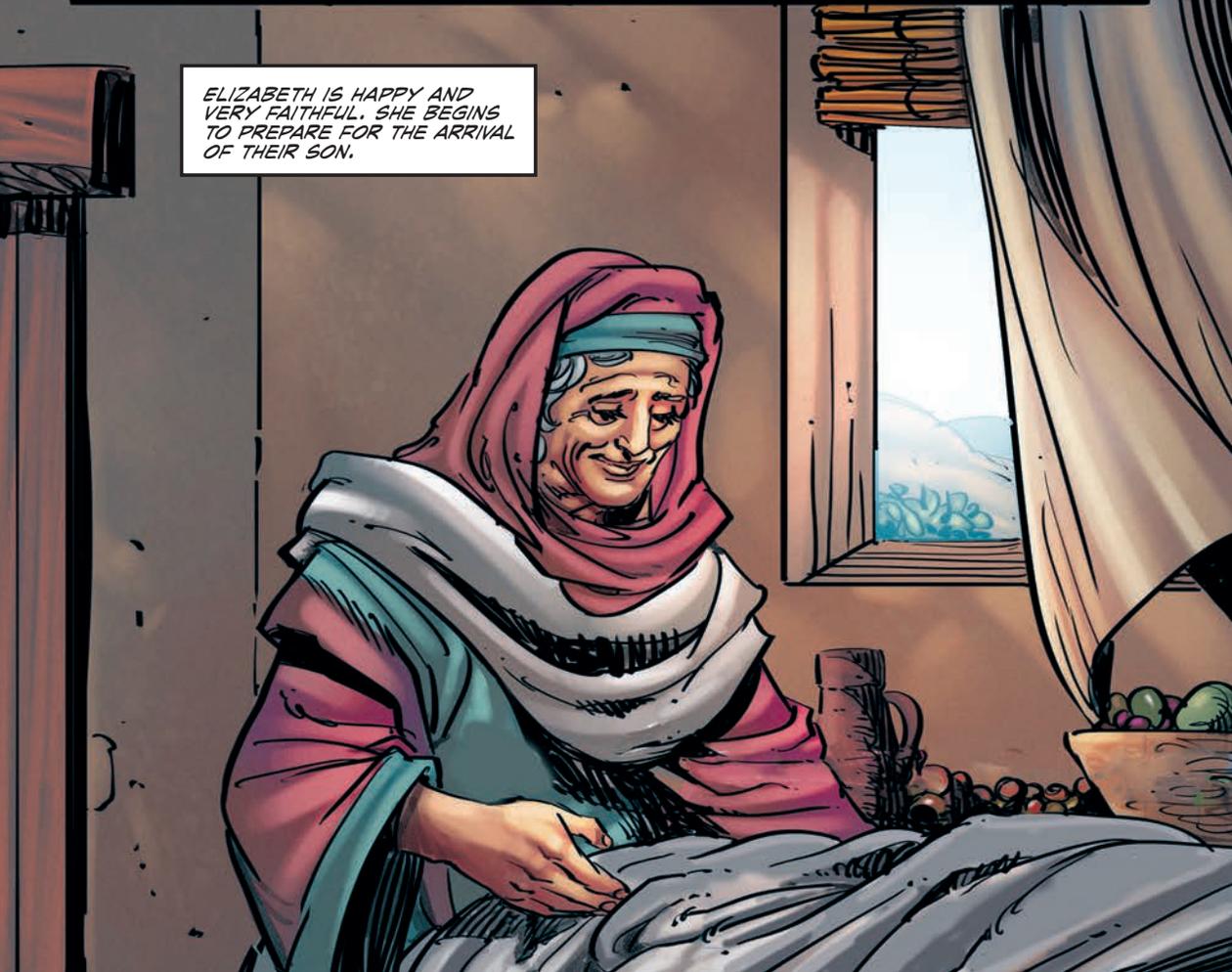
ZECHARIAH EXITS THE TEMPLE AND FACES THE CROWD, STILL UNABLE TO SPEAK, HE TRIES TO SHARE THAT HE SAW A VISION IN THE TEMPLE.



ZECHARIAH RETURNS HOME TO ELIZABETH. UNABLE TO SPEAK, ZECHARIAH WRITES OUT EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED AT THE TEMPLE.

WHY CAN'T YOU TALK, ZECHARIAH?

ELIZABETH IS HAPPY AND VERY FAITHFUL. SHE BEGINS TO PREPARE FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THEIR SON.



AT THIS TIME, GOD SENDS THE ANGEL GABRIEL TO VISIT ELIZABETH'S RELATIVE, MARY, WHO IS ENGAGED TO MARRY A CARPENTER NAMED JOSEPH.

GREETINGS!
YOU ARE HIGHLY
FAVORED AND
THE LORD IS
WITH YOU.

MARY, DO NOT BE
SCARED. GOD HAS CHOSEN
YOU TO BE THE MOTHER OF
HIS SON AND YOU WILL NAME
HIM JESUS. HE WILL RULE
A KINGDOM THAT WILL
NEVER END.

HOW CAN
THIS BE?

I AM
THE LORD'S
SERVANT AND
WILL DO
WHAT I AM
ASKED.

YOUR RELATIVE,
ELIZABETH, IS ALSO
GOING TO HAVE A BABY.
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE
WITH GOD!



MARY PREPARES TO GO AND VISIT ELIZABETH IMMEDIATELY.



ELIZABETH,
I AM SO GLAD
TO SEE YOU!



MARY! YOU
ARE BLESSED AND
SO IS YOUR CHILD,
YOU ARE THE MOTHER
OF OUR LORD!

